

Louisiana High School Diploma Endorsements

Career/Technical Endorsement		Academic Endorsement			
<i>Core Courses</i>					
Current		2011-2012	Current		2011-2012
TOPS Opportunity 4 Units of English 3 Units of Math 3 Units of Science 3 Social Studies 1 additional Math or Science ½ Unit Health 1½ Units PE 1 Unit of Fine Arts 2 Units of Foreign Language 1 Unit of Computer-related course 4 Optional Electives	TOPS TECH 4 Units of English 3 Units of Math 3 Units of Science 3 Units of Social Studies ½ Unit Health 1½ Units PE Option 1 (4 credits) OR Option 2 (6 credits)	LA Core 4 4 Units of English 4 Units of Math 4 Units of Science 4 Units of Social Studies ½ Unit of Health 1½ Units of PE 1 Unit of Art 2 Units of Speech or Foreign Language 3 Electives including computer-related course	TOPS Opportunity 4 Units of English 3 Units of Math 3 Units of Science 3 Social Studies 1 additional unit Math or Science ½ Unit Health 1½ Units PE 1 Unit of Fine Arts 2 Units of Foreign Language ½ Unit of Computer-related course 3½ Optional Electives	LA Core 4 + 4 Units of English 4 Units of Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one of: Advanced Math I or II, Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Probability & Statistics, or Discrete Math) 4 Units of Science (Biology, Chemistry, one advanced science, and one other science) 4 Units of Social Studies ½ Unit Health 1½ Units PE 1 Unit of Fine Arts 2 Units of Foreign Language 3 Units of Electives	
<i>High School Area of Concentration</i>					
Student must complete four elective credits in an area of concentration and two related elective credits. The areas of concentration shall be developed locally by a district Curriculum-Design Team and approved by BESE			Students satisfy this requirement by completing the Core Courses listed above.		
<i>GEE</i>					
Pass all four components with a score of Basic or above OR one of the following combinations with the English Language Arts score at Basic or above: 1 Approaching Basic , 1 Mastery or Advanced , Basic or above in the remaining two 2 Approaching Basic , 2 Mastery or above			Pass all four components with a score of Basic or above OR one of the following combinations with the English Language Arts score at Basic or above: 1 Approaching Basic , 1 Mastery or Advanced , Basic or above in the remaining two 2 Approaching Basic , 2 Mastery or above		
<i>GPA/ACT</i>					
TOPS Opportunity GPA ACT of 20 (or state average) or Silver Level on WorkKeys			TOPS Opportunity GPA ACT of 23		
<i>Other Performance Indicators</i>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BESE-approved Industry-based certification; OR completion of all course work required to sit for the IBC exam, post graduation; OR 3 college hours in a Career Technical area that articulate to a postsecondary institution, either by actually obtaining the credits and/or being waived from having to take such hours; AND • A minimum of 90 work hours of work-based learning experience OR a Senior Project related to students area of concentration with 20 hours of related work-based learning and mentoring 			Senior Project OR 1 Carnegie unit in an AP course with a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam OR 1 Carnegie unit in an IB course with a score of 4 or higher on the exam OR 3 college hours of non- remedial, articulated credit in core area (Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language, or English Language Arts)		

