

# **Zachary High School Scheduling Fair**

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# Scheduling Fair 2021

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# Louisiana High School Diplomas

- During 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students will take *essentially* the same courses, regardless of pathway.
- By the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students will have to declare a Diploma Path:
  - **TOPS University** – students pursuing a four year degree program (Bachelor's degree)
  - **TOPS Tech Jump Start** – students pursuing community college, technical college, or workforce



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<b>TOPS University</b>	<b>TOPS Tech Jump Start</b>
4 units of English	4 units of English (Business English & Technical Writing)
4 units of Math	4 units of Math (Algebra I, Business Math, Math Ess & Financial Lit)
4 units of Science	2 units of Science (Biology & other)
4 units of Social Studies	2 units of Social Studies (Civics & US History)
1.5 units of PE	1.5 units of PE
0.5 units of Health Education	0.5 units of Health Education
2 units of Foreign Language	No Foreign Language requirement
1 unit of Art	No Art requirement
3 units of electives	9 units of electives (1 must be a Career course)
<b>24 units total</b>	<b>23 units total</b>
	3 certifications are required



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# ZHS Career Pathways

- Jump Start Pathways are for **ALL** students
- 12 pathways at ZHS
- 35 certifications
  - These are nationally recognized certifications, which can lead to employment, a pay raise, or pave the way for further training
- Students are encouraged to earn one of many Industry Based Certifications (IBC) available at ZHS



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# TOPS Scholarship

- TOPS is:
  - a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative and progressive student assistance programs in the nation.
  - a student assistance program that offers a variety of financial assistance or scholarship awards to high school students of Louisiana.

## TOPS has three award components:

**Opportunity**

**Performance**

**Honors**



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# TOPS Tech Scholarship

- 2 year scholarship to be used at a community college, trade or technical school.
  - Minimum High School GPA of 2.50
  - Minimum ACT Score (or SAT Equivalent) of 17  
**OR** a Silver on the ACT WorkKeys Exam



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# LOSFA & FAFSA

- LOSFA consent form is **REQUIRED** to release info to TOPS
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Now **REQUIRED** for all seniors to complete by graduation.
  - Available starting October 1, 2021 for class of 2022.
  - Request FAS ID (both parent and student)
  - <https://fafsa.ed.gov>



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the tagline 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. To the right, it says 'FAFSA® Free Application for Federal Student Aid'. Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help, along with a search bar and language options for English and Español. The main heading reads 'Get help paying for college' with the subtext 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. Below this is a banner image of diverse students. The page is divided into two columns: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a list of options (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a 'Login' button.

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# ACT

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- Required for 4 year colleges & universities
- Cost \$50.50
- Minimum Requirement for **most** colleges:  
ACT Composite 20
- ACT Boot camps
- Offered up to seven times a year
- Take it multiple times
- ACT recommends students to take the ACT test during their Junior year
- **March 9<sup>th</sup>**



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# College Opportunities

## Honors courses

- Independent learning
- Faster pace than standard courses
- Weighted on a 4.5 scale

## AP & DE courses

- Weighted on a 5 point scale
- Potential for college credit
- AP Exam fee of \$95; Minimum passing score is 3; however, 4 or 5 is more widely accepted
- AP: Grade earned only shows up on high school transcript & no qualifying ACT score needed
- DE: Grade shows on your high school transcript **AND** college transcript & qualifying GPA and/or ACT score



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# STEM Pathways

- 2 STEM Pathways in 2021-22:
  - Digital Design & Emergent Media
  - Pre-Engineering



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# Scheduling Process

- Course selections should be driven by the student's career interest and postsecondary plans.
- Course Request Form – pg. 58 in packet
- Scheduling will begin tomorrow
- **Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)** -- Please make any changes, sign and return the form to school.



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# Electives Showcase

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