

Welcome Classes of 2016 & 2017



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Graduation

- Students must earn 24 credits

AND

- Students must pass 3 end-of-course (EOC) tests in the following categories:
 - English II or English III
 - Algebra I or Geometry
 - Biology or American History



LA Core 4

- 21 required units
 - 4 English
 - 4 Math
 - 4 Science
 - 4 Social Studies
 - 2 Foreign Language
 - 1 Art
 - 1 ½ Physical Education or JROTC
 - ½ Health
- 3 Electives
- Total = 24 units to graduate
- All incoming freshmen from the year 2008 – 2017 will be required to follow the Core 4 curriculum for at least the first two years.

LA Basic Core

- 21 required units

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 ½ Physical Education or JROTC
- ½ Health

- 8 Electives (must complete a career area of concentration)
- Total = 24 units to graduate

- Can not choose this option until student has attended high school for a minimum of 2 years
- Must have meeting and written permission from parent to choose this option
- Will **not** meet current 4 year college automatic admissions policies or TOPS

The Basic Core diploma does not require:

- a 4th Science or Social Studies credit
- foreign language or speech
- art

Credits

- Should a senior fail a first semester class required for graduation, the alternatives are:
 - attempt to pass the course through Independent Study or on-line provider (costs approximately \$150-\$200 per .5 credit)
 - possibly reschedule class for second semester 2016 (not all courses are available; fees may apply)
 - repeat course in summer school and graduate at end of summer school (will not be allowed to participate in 2016 graduation ceremony)
 - repeat course next school year and graduate in May 2017
- Should a senior fail a second semester class required for graduation, the alternatives are:
 - repeat the course in summer school (cost approximately \$150 per .5 credit). The student will be considered a 2016 graduate but will not participate in the graduation ceremony.
 - repeat the course next school year and graduate in May 2017

Dual Enrollment & Advanced Placement

- **Advanced Placement (AP)** – AP courses are rigorous, college-level courses designed to prepare high school students to sit for the AP exam (in that subject area) with hopes of achieving a passing score. This score then transfers to college as credit earned. All students enrolled in AP classes must take the AP exam.
- **Dual Enrollment (DE):** Through local partnerships with SLU & Northshore Technical College, students are able to earn college credit as well as high school credit at a significantly reduced cost. Grades earned in DE courses are included in the calculation of your cumulative college GPA and will affect your TOPS continuation eligibility. **Student must send transcript from college granting credit to college they plan to attend.**
- Students enrolled in AP or DE must pay appropriate fees and take required exams. DE fees are due **9/18/15** and AP fees are due **10/8/15**.

College Entrance Tests

- **ACT or SAT**
- **Fee waivers for 11th or 12th students on free/reduced lunch**
- **Send scores**
www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.org
- **High School Code- 191657**
- **TOPS Code for ACT -1595**
- **TOPS Code for SAT – 9019**
- **Code for NCAA - 9999**

ACT

- **Approximate Cost:** \$40.00 or \$56.50 for writing (fee waivers are available to 11th or 12th on free/reduced lunch see Mrs. Canas)
- **Accommodations:** Must be requested and approved through ACT (see Mrs. Canas or Mrs. Schubert)
- **Registration:** Visit www.actsudent.org for more details and to register.
- **Free ACT Prep Workshops:**
- 9/19/15 Madisonville Library- www.princetonreview.com
- 10/17/15 Slidell Library- www.princetonreview.com
- 10/18/15 UNO-pec@uno.edu
- **All Juniors will take the ACT at LHS on 3/1/16 at no cost**

SAT

- **Approximate Cost:** \$50 (fee waivers are available to 11th or 12th on free/reduced lunch see Mrs. Canas)
- **Accommodations:** Must be requested and approved through SAT (See Mrs. Canas).
- **Registration:** <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register>
- Redesigned SAT March 2016
- Free On-Line Test Prep: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

PSAT/National Merit Scholarship

PSAT / NMSQT 2015

- Enter scholarship and recognition programs
- Prepare for the SAT
- Plan for College and Careers
- Receive free admissions and financial aid information for colleges, universities and scholarship programs
- **Qualify for National Merit Semifinalist Status**
(This is the only test given to determine National Merit Semifinalists for the **class of 2017**)

The PSAT will be given on
Wednesday October 14, 2015 @ 7:45 AM
Lakeshore High School
Cost: \$30.00

Registration: September 10, 2015 - September 24, 2015
(The first 75 students to register will receive a student guide and full length practice test)

Practice Sites:

- www.collegeboard.org/psat
- www.collegeboard.org/psatskills
- <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/free-psat-practice-test.aspx>
- <http://www.kaptest.com/psat/enroll?tab=events>

College, College, College!

- During your junior & senior years, students should continue exploring & narrowing down options for college.
- A great way to meet recruiters and gain more insight on a particular school/program is to attend college fairs and possibly begin campus visits.

Northshore College and Career Fair

Southeastern LA University Pennington Activity Center

9/29/15

6pm-8pm

New Orleans National College Fair

Pontchartrain Convention Center

10/20/15

9-12 and 6-8

College, College, College!

- Each **senior** is granted **two excused** absences for college visits.
- College visits count as field trips.
- Letter from the university on their school letterhead including your name and the dates you visited. Bring to student services upon returning to school.
- On-line Virtual Tours
- St. Tammany College Counseling <http://college.stpsb.org/>
- College Search Engines (www.collegeboard.org)

Selecting a College

- Type of college
- Admissions criteria
- College/career major
- Sports
- Financial Aid
- Campus Visit

College Application Process

The Application

- Complete admission application online
- Fees for application (fee waivers for students on free/reduced lunch contact the admissions department)
- Be aware of deadlines (Early Decision and Early Action)
- Secondary School Report/Letters of Recommendation
- Always print a copy before sending
- Send ACT/SAT score
- Send Transcript
- Housing may be limited so apply early
- Follow up in 2-3 weeks

Transcripts

- Go to student services for a transcript request form.
- Fill out the transcript request form and pay the appropriate fee.
- \$1.00 for the first copy and .25 for each additional copy. Add .50 for each mailed copy.
- Louisiana Public Universities have direct access to the high school transcript.

Collegiate Athletics- NCAA/NAIA

- All high school student-athletes wishing to compete in college must register with an Eligibility Center
- Register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Register online with the NAIA Clearinghouse at PlayNAIA.org
- You must arrange for ACT/SAT to send your scores directly to the Clearinghouse. NCAA Clearinghouse code is 9999 NAIA code is 9876
- Complete a transcript request form in guidance to have your transcript sent to the Clearinghouse
- Transcripts cannot be faxed to NCAA/NAIA
- Fee waivers may be available for students on free/reduced lunch

Check List

- Attend College Fairs/Visit Colleges
- Select a College
- Apply for Admission
- Send your Test Scores
- Send your Transcript
- Apply for Housing
- Athletes: Register with NCAA/NAIA

Scholarships

- College/University-Academic
- Employers
- TOPS
- Church
- Civic Organizations
- Scholarship Search Engines (www.scholarships.com)
- Local - (See scholarship list)
 - Listen to announcements
 - Go to LHS website
 - See information on scholarship table by student services

TOPS

Louisiana's Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative and progressive student assistance programs in the nation. TOPS pays the amount equal to base tuition at any Louisiana public college or university.

TOPS

- The courses and requirements are listed in the TOPS Program rules, which can be viewed at: www.osfa.state.la.us
- Student must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA in TOPS core curriculum and at least a 20 on ACT
- GPA is not rounded up
- TOPS calculator is on Lakeshore website
- <http://lakeshorehigh.stpsb.org/guidance.html>

How to Apply for TOPS and Financial Aid

- Complete the FAFSA
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - January 1, 2016 is the earliest that a student can apply
 - Submit by May 15th for priority deadline
 - Some private and out of state schools require the CSS profile as well as the FAFSA
- Must achieve qualifying ACT/SAT test score on or before April 30, 2016 to qualify for full TOPS
- Send test scores to TOPS
 - ACT code 1595
 - SAT code 9019

TOPS/FAFSA

- Missing or incorrect information can delay your award.
 - High School Code 191-657
 - Month and Year of LHS Graduation
 - Full Legal Name
 - Date of Birth

TOPS/FAFSA Parent Meeting

October 21, 2015

6:00 PM

LHS Cafeteria

Links

- **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

- www.osfa.state.la.us
- Scholarship.com
- Fastweb.com
- Scholarshipproviders.org
- <http://spirit.prudential.com>
- www.rodriuefoundation.org
- www.coca-colascholars.org
- <http://www.hsf.net/default.aspx>
- <https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.cfm>
- <http://www.finaid.org>
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
- <http://asa.regents.state.la.us/ACMU>
- www.collegeboard.org?profile
- www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

LA Office of Student Financial Assistance

Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search

Spirit of Prudential Scholarship

Scholarship Search

Coca-Cola Scholarship

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Horatio Alger Scholarship

Financial Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Information on Federal Student Aid

FAFSA 4caster

Academic Common Market

CSS Profile

Scholarship Scams

Links

- **College Information**

- www.osfa.la.gov/collegeknowledge
- www.college.gov
- www.knowhow2go.org
- www.allaboutcollege.com
- www.gocollege.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.collegedata.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.collegequest.com
- www.collegeview.com
- www.catholiccollegesonline.org
- www.embark.com
- www.hacu.net
- www.edonline.com/cq/hbcu
- <http://LATransferDegree.org>
- www.mappingyourfuture.org

LOSFA-College Knowledge

LOSFA- Are you going?

Know how to go

All about college

Go College

College Board

College Data

College Net

College Quest

College View

Catholic Colleges

Embark

Hispanic Colleges

Historically Black Colleges

LA Transfer Degree

Mapping Your Future

Links

College Entrance Test and Test Prep:

www.actstudent.org

ACT

www.collegeboard.com

SAT

www.kaplan.com

Test Prep

www.princetonreview.com

Test Prep

www.march2success.com

Test Prep

Career Information:

www.bls.gov

Bureau of Labor and Statistics

<http://collegemajors101.com>

Majors Search

www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors

Majors Search

www.monstertrak.com

Career Focus

www.personalitypage.com

Personality Test

www.onetcenter.org/CIP.html

Interest Profiler