

Quick Reference Guide for Students Transferring from T.M. Landry College Preparatory School

TOPS High School Graduation Requirements: To be eligible for TOPS, students must have graduated from a Louisiana public high school or from a **BESE-approved non-public school**.

T.M. Landry College Preparatory School Status: Per Louisiana Department of Education, T.M. Landry College Preparatory School was a **registered non-public school not seeking state approval and not an approved BESE school for the 2017-2018 school year**. T. M. Landry College Preparatory School is not registered with the Louisiana Department of Education for the 2018-19 school year. Since the school is not a public school, is not a BESE-approved school, and is not an approved home study program, students who graduate from it are not eligible for TOPS.

Can I qualify for TOPS if I graduate from T.M. Landry?

No, you cannot because T.M. Landry is not a Louisiana public high school, a BESE-approved nonpublic high school, or an approved home study program.

Can a student who has been attending T.M. Landry qualify for TOPS by earning a passing score on the GED/HiSet in lieu of graduating from a qualified high school?

Under the current law, students who earn a GED are not eligible for TOPS. However, students may be able to qualify for TOPS by transferring to a BESE approved public or nonpublic high school OR by completing an approved home study program. The following list provides some scenarios under which you can attempt to qualify for TOPS if you have attended T.M. Landry:

Can I qualify for TOPS If I attended an approved BESE school in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade, and transferred to T.M. Landry in 12th grade?

You can only qualify for TOPS if you transfer back to an approved BESE school immediately and meet the following:

- 19 TOPS core units
- 2.5 grade point average
- ACT – 20 Opportunity, 23 Performance, 27 TOPS Honors

You **cannot** qualify as a home study student in this scenario.



Can I qualify for TOPS if attended T.M. Landry in 9th, 10th, 11th, and now part of 12th grade?

You may qualify for TOPS in one of two ways:

- 1) Transfer to any state-approved school and meet the following TOPS requirements:
 - 19 TOPS core units
 - 2.5 grade point average
 - ACT - 20 Opportunity, 23 Performance, 27 Honors
- 2) Submit and receive an approved 12th grade home study application (<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/home-study>) with the Louisiana Department of Education –BESE and meet the ACT requirements, 19 TECH, 22 Opportunity, 24 Performance, 28 Honors.

I attended a public high school and transferred to T.M. Landry College Preparatory School as a junior this year. What must I do to qualify for TOPS?

You may qualify for TOPS in one of two ways:

- 1) Transfer to any state-approved school and meet the following TOPS requirements:
 - 19 TOPS core units
 - 2.5 grade point average
 - ACT – 20 Opportunity, 23 Performance, 27 TOPS Honors
- 2) Submit an 11th grade home study application (<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/home-study>) with the Louisiana Department of Education –BESE. At the beginning of your senior year, submit a 12th grade home study application with the Louisiana Department of Education-BESE and meet the ACT requirements, 19 TECH, 22 Opportunity, 24 Performance, 28 Honors.

NOTE: You will also be required to provide a letter from the public school you attended certifying that you were in good standing when you left the school.

If I transfer from T.M. Landry College Preparatory School to a state-approved school, what can I expect?

Per Louisiana Department of Education Bulletin 741:

- 1) Transfer of Student Records from Schools that are not State Approved

Nonpublic school principals from any state-approved school receiving a student from an unapproved school, in- or out-of-state, shall determine the placement and/or credits for the student. The principal and/or superintendent **may require the student to take an entrance examination on any subject matter for which credit is claimed.** The school issuing the high school diploma shall account for all the credit required for graduation, and its records will show when and where the credit was earned.

- 2) Students Transferring from Home Study

The school shall adhere to the policies and procedures established by the school system/school for students entering the system from an approved home study program.

