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LFOS/Louisiana GEAR UP TRAINING WORKSHOP

JANUARY 23-24, 2020 ■ 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

C.B. Pennington Jr. Building Conference Center ■ Baton Rouge, LA

Bridging Transition Gaps for High School Students

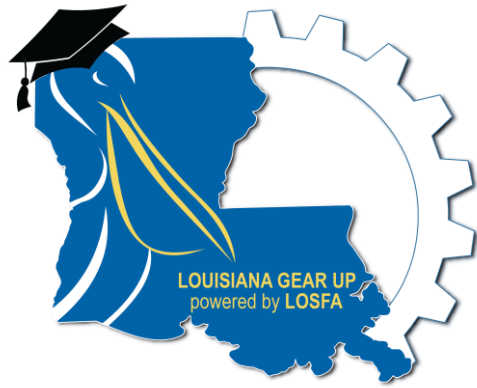


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At the conclusion of this session, attendees will add to their toolbox of resources in support of high school students in transition to post-secondary plans

Topics to be discussed:

- Dual enrollment
- TOPS Tech
- LIL CAAM
- After the FAFSA -- Scholarships, GeauxFAFSA
- Student Support Services
- Signal Vine
- Community College Week (get involved)



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Dual Enrollment

What is Dual Enrollment?

- High school student enrollment in college course(s) for which a student earns both high school and college credit. Participation in dual enrollment allows students to experience what college level coursework is like.
- Enrollment marks the beginning of the student's permanent college transcript.



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Benefits of Dual Enrollment:

- Access to advanced courses taught by qualified instructors
- Possibility of earning BOTH High School and College Credit at the same time
- Can significantly reduce the cost of 2 or 4 year degree
- Provides a gradual introduction to Post-secondary life and culture
- Job Skill Acquisition
- Expanded course offerings
- College/Career Preparation



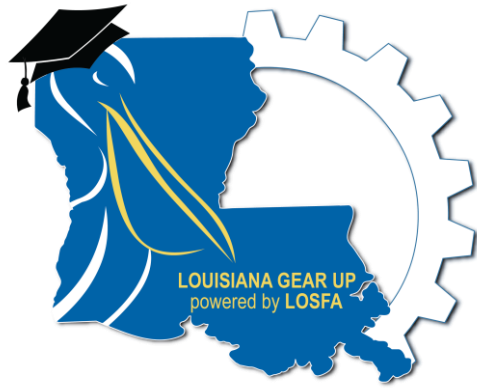
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Louisiana Board of Regents Academic Affairs

Policy 2.22

Student Eligibility Requirements for Dual Enrollment:

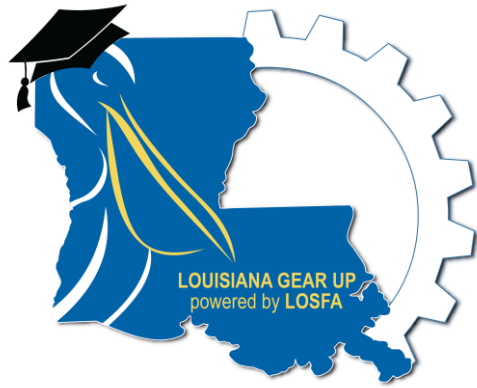
- General Education Courses (Courses Listed on the Board of Regents Master Course Articulation Matrix)
 - Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average : 2.5
 - ACT Score
 - Composite Score: 19
 - English Subscore: 18
 - Math Subscore: 19
 - Meet the course(s) of interest prerequisite and/or corequisite requirements
- Technical Courses/Courses not listed on the Board of Regents Master Course Articulation Matrix
 - Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average : 2.0
 - High School Approval



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Dual Enrollment Funding Sources:

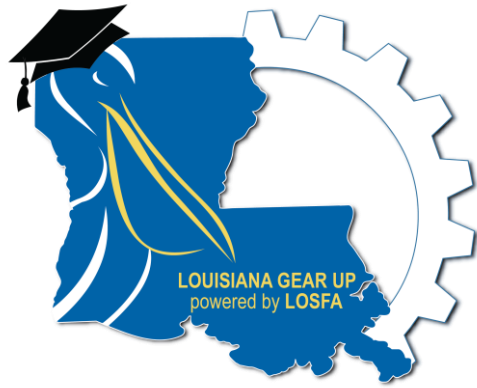
- TOPS Tech Early Start
- Supplemental Course Academy (SCA)
- Self Pay
- Other



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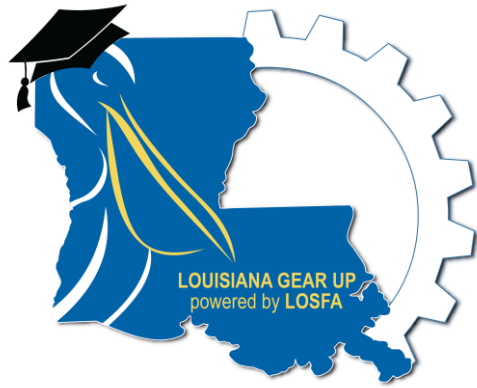
- TOPS Tech Early Start
 - To receive TOPS Tech Early Start funding, students must:
 - - Be in "Good Standing" as an 11th or 12th grade student in a Louisiana PUBLIC high school. ("Good Standing" is defined by the student's high school)
 - - Have an approved 5-Year Education and Career Plan
 - - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale on all courses attempted
 - - Score a 15 or above on the Mathematics AND English portions of the Pre- ACT or the ASPIRE, or on the ACT, or the equivalent concordant value on the SAT, or a Silver Level score on the ACT WorkKeys assessment
 - - Enroll in a course in an Industry-Based Occupational or Vocational Education Credential Program in a top demand occupation (Eligible Program)



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Dual Enrollment Funding Sources:

- Supplemental Course Academy
 - Funds designated by the Louisiana Legislature for usage with students in grades 7th – 12th
 - Funds are distributed to each Local Education Agency (LEA).



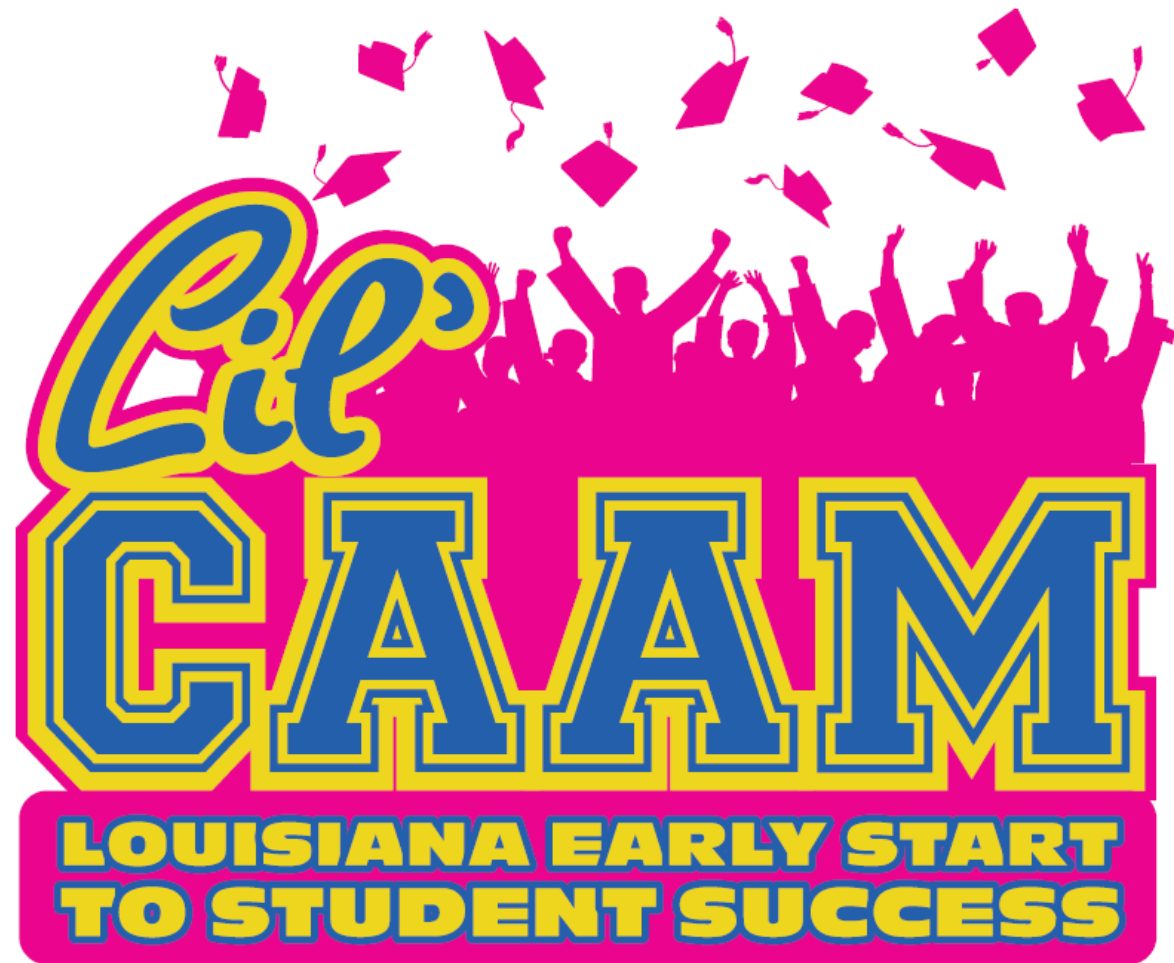
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Dual Enrollment Courses:

- Students can take courses on a post-secondary campus.
- Can be taught at the High School by a credentialed High School Teacher. (Credentialed High school instructor must meet minimum standards defined by the college/university and SACSCOC)
- Can be taught by a College/University Instructor, depending on availability, at the High School.



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Purpose

Purpose of Lil' CAAM – Louisiana Early Start to Student Success

- To promote a college-going culture within the school.
- To prepare 6-11th grade students in the college/career going process.
- To provide information to students to help make the best decisions for their future and the college-going process.

Plan

Aptitude, Skills, and Interests Match

Looks at personal skills, interests, potential career paths, and the education required.

Academic Match

- What is the student's current GPA, ACT/ACT WorkKeys score?
- What career and/or postsecondary program is the student eligible for?
- Does this school have the student's intended major based upon career choice?

Cost of Choice Match

- What is the tuition and cost of attendance?
- Scholarships, grants, student loans and grant opportunities.
- FAFSA Completion.
- TOPS Tech, Opportunity, Performance & Honors.
- Pell Grant, Go Grant, Teach Grant.
- Institutional Aid.
- Freshman Scholarships.
- Pelican Promise (LSU).
- Legacy Scholarships.
- Which program will have the lowest debt?

Social and Emotional Match

- Small Campus (5,000 or less), Medium Campus (5,001-14,999), or Large Campus (15,000+).
- Student-Teacher Ratio.
- Urban, Suburban, or Rural area?
- Distance from home.
- Things to do on campus and in the area.
- Student Organizations.

Retention

- Graduation Rate.
- Student Success.
- Student Support Services.



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TOPS

Important **INFO** *for Your Future*

WHEN SHOULD I START FILLING OUT THE FAFSA?

You can start filling out the FAFSA as early as **October 1** during your senior year in high school. **The deadline to submit the FAFSA is July 1.** To maximize your opportunity to receive gift aid, complete your FAFSA early!

FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

How to log into the Student Hub:

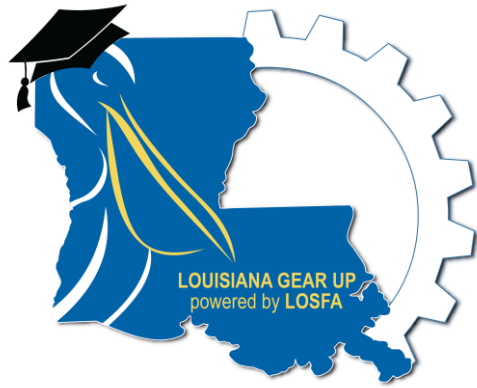
- Go to LOSFA's website: www.osfa.la.gov and click on "Student Hub"
- Use your assigned LOSFA ID or LAsecureID to start the account set-up process
- Log into your account and check your TOPS status, ACT Score, notifications, etc.
- Once you are logged in, you can opt to grant your parent(s) permission to have access to your information via the "Parent Hub"

WHAT ARE THE TOPS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent Resident
- Meet TOPS Louisiana residency requirements
- Complete all required units on the TOPS Core or TOPS Tech/Jumpstart curriculums
- Meet minimum Core GPA requirements prior to high school graduation:
 - TOPS Tech – 2.5
 - TOPS Opportunity – 2.5
 - TOPS Performance – 3.0 (Class of 2021 and thereafter – 3.25)
 - TOPS Honors – 3.0 (Class of 2021 and thereafter – 3.5)
- Meet minimum ACT score requirements:
 - TOPS Tech – 17-19
 - TOPS Opportunity – 20
 - TOPS Performance – 23
 - TOPS Honors – 27

WHAT'S THE ACT DEADLINE?

You must achieve a qualifying score on or before the ACT national test date in April in the academic year you graduate from high school. If you have not previously achieved a qualifying score, you may qualify after the ACT national test date in April in the academic year you graduate from high school, but **prior to July 1**, by using May and/or June test scores, including scores from a special ACT or SAT, but your period of eligibility for the award will be reduced by one semester or two quarters.



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TOPS TECH

Standard Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum High School GPA of 2.50 (GPA computed on core courses only)
- 21 units that comprise the TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curriculum
- Minimum ACT Score (or SAT Equivalent) of 17, or workkeys minimum silver
- Must enroll full time as a first time freshman, by the first semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Meet TOPS Louisiana Residency requirements

*BESE-Approved Home Study Eligibility – ACT/SAT Score of 19 (2 points above standard in lieu of core units and GPA)

*Louisiana Residents graduating from an eligible out-of-state high school – ACT/SAT Score 20 (3 points above standard in lieu of core units and GPA)



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Where Can I Use My TOPS Tech Award? (Approved Academic Programs)

- Louisiana Tech University Nursing (ASN)
- McNeese State University Paralegal Studies (AA)
- Nicholls State University Care & Dvlpt of Young Children (AS) Culinary Arts (AS)
Petroleum Services (AS) Safety Technology (AS)
- Northwestern State University Engineering Technology (AS) Nursing (ASN) Veterinary
Technology (AD)
- Southeastern Louisiana University Industrial Technology (AAS)
- University of Louisiana – Monroe Occupational Therapy Assisting (AS)
- Louisiana State University – Alexandria Nursing (ASN) Medical Laboratory Science
(AS), Radiologic Technology (AS)
- Louisiana State University – Eunice Care & Dvlpt of Young Children (AS), Criminal
Justice (ASCJ), Nursing (ASN), Radiologic Technology (AS), Respiratory Care (AS)



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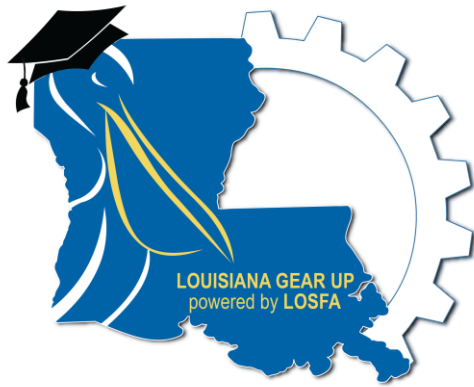
- LSUHSC – New Orleans Dental Laboratory Technology (AS) Southern University – New Orleans Addictv Bhvrs Counslng & Prevention (AA)
- Southern University – Shreveport Accounting (AS) Business Management (AS) Computer Science (AS) Human Services (AS) Nursing (ASN)
- Bossier Parish Community College Healthcare Management (AS) Nursing (ASN) Visual & Performing Arts (AA)
- Baton Rouge Community College Business (AS) Computer Science (AS) Criminal Justice (AS) Nursing (ASN) Pre-Engineering (AS) Surgical Technology (AS)
- Delgado Community College Accounting (AS) No new enrollees AY 2019-20 American Sign Language Interpreting (AA) Business Administration (AS) Criminal Justice (AA) Electrical-Elect. Engineer Tech (AS) Nursing (ASN)
- L.E.. Fletcher Technical Community College Cardiopulmonary Care Science (AS) Criminal Justice (AS) Nursing (ASN)
- Louisiana Delta Community College Computer Science (AS) Nursing (ASN)



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- Nunez Community College Paralegal Studies (AA)
- South Louisiana Community College Business (AS) Criminal Justice (AS) Industrial Technology (AS) Nursing (ASN)
- SOWELA Technical Community College Nursing (ASN)
- Unitech Training Academy – Lafayette, Alexandria, Houma, West Monroe, Lake Charles, Metairie



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Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance
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Student Support Services

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



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Student Support Services (SSS) is a comprehensive, federally-funded TRIO program that offers assistance to a small, select number of undergraduate students. SSS provides assistance at every stage of undergraduate education, whether students are deciding what courses to take in their first semester or wondering how to prepare for that first job interview. SSS provides intensive, academic, personal, and career counseling to help students reach their goals.



Reach out to the Student Support Services at any of the schools listed here:

Student Support Services (SSS)

Contact Information

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| Delgado Community College | (504) 671-6437 |
| Dillard University | (504) 816-4715 |
| Louisiana State University and A&M College | (225) 578-8819 |
| Northwestern State University | (318) 357-6293 |
| River Parishes Community College | (225) 743-8515 |
| Southeastern Louisiana University | (985) 549-2122 |
| Southern University at New Orleans | (504) 286-5106 |
| Southern University at Shreveport | (318) 670-9324 |
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette (STEM) | (337) 482-5689 |
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Disabled) | (337) 482-1910 |
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Regular) | (337) 482-6828 |



Student & Family Engagement



SAVE THE DATE:
MARCH 23-27, 2020



GET INVOLVED:

Post pictures of your students exploring programs at community colleges and/or applying on your schools social media and tag us! Invite the students to post and use hashtags. All grade levels are welcome. Email LCAAM@la.gov for more information.



Facebook: LOSFA
Instagram: @LOSFA001
Twitter: LOSFA



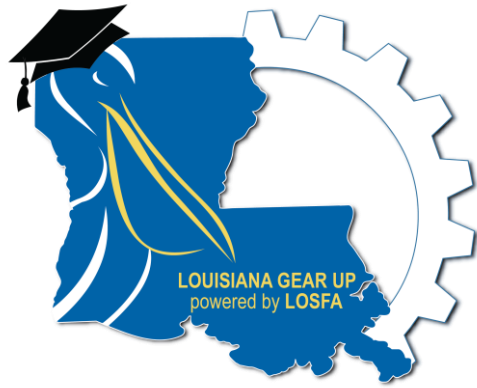
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Signal Vine

LOSFA uses the signal vine texting platform to engage students and provide additional support. We engage the students through:

- Mentoring (A2I)
- TOPS notifications
- 7th year services
- Addressing Summer Melt/transition support – guidance as needed and reminders of scheduling orientation, FAFSA verification, direction to resources on campus, and more

This service is free to students, simply have them sign up by texting 50065 and following the prompts to be placed into the correct student group



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Financial Aid

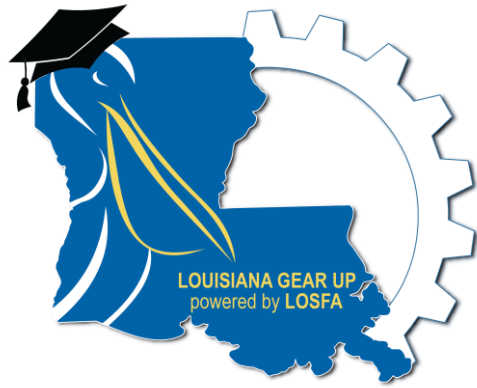
Scholarships

Regardless of grade students can/should apply for scholarships based on:

- Merit
- Athletic
- Community service
- Company

Resources

- LOSFA Facebook
- Collegeboard
- Institution website
- Community Organizations
- Etc.



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Financial Aid

Before, After, & During – FAFSA Questions

Email Brittani at GeauxFAFSA@la.gov