

Zachary High School Scheduling Fair

January 16, 2020



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Scheduling Fair 2020

- High School Diplomas
- TOPS and TOPS Tech
- Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment
- ACT
- STEM Pathways
- BRCC & Additional Course Offerings
- Scheduling Process



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Louisiana High School Diplomas

- During 9th & 10th grade, students will take *essentially* the same courses, regardless of pathway.
- By the end of 10th 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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TOPS University	TOPS Tech Jump Start
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)
24 units total	23 units total
	3 certifications are required



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ZHS Career Pathways

- Career 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, 2020 for class of 2021.
 - 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 content area has a blue banner that reads 'Get help paying for college' and 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. Below this is a collage of diverse students. At the bottom, there are 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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Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment

Honors courses

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

Advanced Placement

- Weighted on a 5 point scale
- Exam fee of \$95
- Minimum passing score is 3; however, 4 or 5 is more widely accepted
- Potential for college credit
- Grade earned only shows up on high school transcript
- No qualifying ACT score needed



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Dual Enrollment

- Students earn college credit
- May not be transferrable to all Universities
- Weighted on 5 point scale at ZHS
 - 4.5 point scale at ZHS for the class of 2020
 - 5 point scale at ZHS for class of 2021 & beyond
- Grade earned will be placed on high school AND college transcript
- Requires qualifying ACT scores



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ACT

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 17th**



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STEM Pathways

- 2 STEM Pathways in 2020-21:
 - Digital Design & Emergent Media
 - Pre-Engineering



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Additional Course Offerings

- BRCC
- SELU
- SCA
- Scheduling:
 - May 18 – May 29



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Scheduling Information

- Course selections should be driven by the student's career interest and postsecondary plans.
- Course Request Form – pg. 54 in packet
- Scheduling will begin next week
- **Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)** -- Please make any changes, sign and return the form to school.



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Electives Showcase

Where: ZHS Cafeteria

When: Immediately following this meeting

What: Elective courses offered next year



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