

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for graduating from high school shall include but not limited to the following:

- Pass the Graduation Exit Exam (GEE) and required End of Course Exams (EOC)
- Acquire 3 Carnegie units including required classes by the state department
- Settle all debts with the school
- Meet attendance requirements

Students who do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony or receive their diploma.

HIGH SCHOOL POLICY UPDATE

Incoming freshmen in 2008-09 and beyond will be enrolled in the LA Core 4 Curriculum. After two years, students may choose to opt-out of the LA 4 curriculum. However, students choosing to opt out must still complete a fourth math requirement to graduate. Thus the required number of credits for graduation is increased from 23 to 24 with the additional math requirements.

After finishing two years of high school, a student may request an exemption from completing the LA Core 4 Curriculum. The student and his/her parent or guardian must meet with the student's counselor or advisor to discuss the student's options. To receive the exemptions, both the student parent(s) must sign a form acknowledging that one of the consequences of not completing the LA Core 4 Curriculum may be ineligibility to enroll in Louisiana 4-Year College. The principal signifies approval of request with his/her signature.

Incoming freshmen for 2010-2011 also have the option of pursuing a diploma.

**Students interested in additional diploma are encouraged to meet with the high school guidance counselor.

LOUISIANA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Career Diploma **English – 4 Units**

- English I, II
- The remaining units shall come from the following:
 - Technical Reading and Writing
 - Business English
 - Business Communications
 - Using Research in Careers (1/2 Credit)
 - American Literature (1/2 Credit)
 - Film in America (1/2 Credit)
 - English III
 - English IV
 - Senior Applications in English
 - A course developed by the LEA and approved by BESE

MATH – 4 UNITS

- One unit of the following:
 - Algebra I (1 Unit) **OR**
 - Algebra I – Part 1 **AND** Algebra I Part 2 (2 Units) **OR**
 - Applied Algebra I (1 Unit)

The remaining units shall come from the following:

- Geometry or Applied Geometry, Technical Math, Medical Math, Applications in Statistics and Probability, Financial Math, Math Essentials, Algebra II, Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, or course(s) developed by the LEA and approved by BESE.

SCIENCE – 3 UNITS

- Biology
- **1 Unit from the following physical science cluster:**

Physical Science, Integrated Science, Chemistry I, ChemCom, Physics I, or Physics of Technology I

- **The remaining unit shall come from the following:**

Food Science, Forensic Science, Allied Health Science, Basic Body Structure and Function, Basic Physics with Applications, Aerospace Science, Earth Science, Agriscience II, Physics of Technology II, Environmental Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Animal Science, Biotechnology in Agriculture, Environmental Studies in Agriculture, Health Science II, EMT – Basic an additional course from the physical science cluster, or course(s) developed by the LEA and approved by BESE

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 UNITS

- ½ Unit of Civics
- ½ Unit of Free Enterprise
- American History
- **1 Unit from the following:**

Child Psychology and Parenthood Education, Law Studies, Psychology, Sociology, World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, Economics, American Government, African American Studies, Course developed by the LEA and approved by BESE

HEALTH – ½ UNIT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 1 ½ UNITS

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – 7 UNITS

- Education for Careers or Journey to Careers
- 6 credits required for a career Area of Concentration

TOTAL – 23 UNITS

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

A student is classified according to the number of credits he has earned by the beginning of the school year. Credits required for promotion are as follows:

- To enter 10th grade – 5 Units to 11.5 Units
- To enter 11th grade – 12 Units to 16.5 Units
- To enter 12th grade – at least 17

POLICY FOR GRADUATION RANKING

St. Landry Parish High Schools shall award commencement honors of valedictorian, salutatorian, and other ranking honors. In order to be eligible for these graduation honors, a student must complete the following prescribed curriculum:

1. Beginning with the 1999-2000 freshman class, all students vying for class honors must take and receive grades (A,B,C,D,F) in following courses:

ENGLISH – 4 CREDITS

- English I (1)
- English II (1)
- English III (1)
- English IV (1) or English IV-AP (1)

SCIENCE – 4 CREDITS

- Biology (1)
- Chemistry (1)

Two (2) credits from the following courses, if available:

- General Science (1)
- Physical Science (1)
- Environmental Science (1)
- Biology II (1)
- Physics (1)

MATHEMATICS – 4 CREDITS

- Algebra I (1)
- Algebra II (1)

Two (2) credits from the following courses, if available:

- Geometry (1)
- Advanced Math (1)
- Calculus (1)
- Comparable Advanced Math (1)

SOCIAL STUDIES – 4 CREDITS

- American History (1)
- Civics (1)
- Free Enterprise (1)

Two (2) credits from the following courses if available:

- World Geography (1)
- Western Civilization (1)
- Psychology (1) or (1/2)
- Sociology (1) or (1/2)
- Economics (1)
- World History (1)
- European History (1)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 2 CREDITS

- Credits must be in the same language

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM SUBJECTS OFFERED

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

- English I, II, III, & IV
- AP English IV
- Honors English I, II, & III
- Remedial English

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I & II
- Geometry
- Financial Math
- Advanced Mathematics
- Calculus
- Math Essentials

- Remedial Math

SCIENCE

- Physical Science
- Biology I & II
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

- Family & Consumer Science I
- Early Childhood Education
- Food & Nutrition
- Advanced Food & Nutrition
- Parenthood/Adult Responsibility

SOCIAL STUDIES

- World Geography
- Civics
- American History
- World History
- AP European History

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- French I & II

JOURNALISM

- Publications I & II

ELECTONICS/TECHNOGY

- Electricity I
- Electronics I & II
- Computer Electronics I & II

BUSINESS EDUCATION

- Intro To Business Computer Applications
- Principles of Business
- Business Law
- Accounting

- Journey to Careers
- Education for Careers

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AGRISCIENCE

- ***Science I, II, III***
- Welding/Ag. Construction
- Horticulture
- Veterinary Assistant
- MUSIC
- Beginning Band
- Advanced Band
- Intermediate Band
- Beginning Chorus
- Intermediate Chorus
- ARTS
- Fine Arts
- ACT Prep

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Health & Physical Education I, II, III, IV
- Comprehensive Health Education
- First Responder
- Sports Medicine I & II
- Medical Terminology

WASHINGTON CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

- Air Conditioning/Refrigeration
- Carpentry
- PROSTART
- Certified Nursing Asst. – Senior's Only
- Welding
- Electronics
- Cosmetology
- Oil Production (Senior's Only)
- Education for Careers
- English IV

LOUISIANA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: ENTERING 9TH GRADERS 2010-11 AND BEYOND

LOUISIANA CORE 4 CURRICULUM: ENGLISH – 4 UNITS

- English I, II, III, IV

MATH – 4 UNITS

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- **Remaining unit from the following:**

Financial Math, Math Essentials, Advanced Math, Calculus

SCIENCE – 4 UNITS

- Biology I
- Chemistry
- **2 units from the following:**

Physical Science, Physics, Biology II, Environmental Science, Agriscience II

SOCIAL STUDIES – 4 UNITS

- 1 unit of Civics (Free Enterprise embedded)
- American History

2 units from the following:

World Geography, World History, AP European History or Psychology

HEALTH – ½ UNIT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 1 ½ UNITS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 2 UNITS

- 2 units from the same foreign language

ARTS – 1 UNIT

- Fine Arts Survey or one unit of Art or Music

ELECTIVES – 3 UNITS

TOTAL – 24 UNITS

LOUISIANA BASIC CORE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH – 4 UNITS

- English I, II, III, IV or Senior Applications in English

MATH – 4 UNITS

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- **Remaining units from the following;**

Algebra II, Financial Math, Math Essentials
Advanced Math, Calculus

SCIENCE – 3 UNITS

- Biology I
- **1 unit from the Physical Science cluster:**

Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics

- **1 Unit from the following:**

Biology II, Environmental Science, Agriscience II

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 UNITS

- American History
- ½ unit of Civics (Free Enterprise embedded)
- **1 unit from:**

World Geography, World History or AP European History

HEALTH – ½ UNIT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 1 ½ UNITS

ELECTIVES – 8 UNITS

- Must include Education for Careers Course or Journey to Careers Course. Must complete the minimum courses required to complete a career/Technical Area of Concentration.

TOTAL – 24 UNITS

In addition to earning a minimum of 24 units, students must also pass **End-of-Course Testing.

JUMP START TOPS TECH (CAREER DIPLOMA) COURSE REQUIREMENTS

For students entering 9th grade in 2014-2015 and beyond

ENGLISH – 4 UNITS

- English I
- English II
- Two Units from the following: English III, English IV, or IB English courses, Business English, Technical Writing, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start

MATH – 4 UNITS

- Algebra I, Algebra I Part One and Algebra I Part Two or applied or hybrid Algebra course
- Three Units from the following: Geometry, Math Essentials, Financial Literacy (formerly Financial Math), Business Math, Algebra II, Algebra III, Advanced Math – Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or comparable Louisiana Technical College Course offered by Jump Start
- Substitutions: Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II for three mathematics credits

SCIENCE – 2 UNITS

- Biology I
- One Unit from the following: Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Agriscience I and II (one unit combined), or AP, or IB Science courses

SOCIAL STUDIES – 2 UNITS

(One credit of Civics may be substituted for any two of the one-half credit Social Studies courses specified.)

- One Unit from the following: US History, AP US History, IB History of the Americas I
- ½ Unit of the following: Government, AP US Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP US Government and Politics: United States
- ½ Unit from the following: Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 2 UNITS

(JROTC may be substituted for PE)

- Physical Education
- ½ Unit from the following: Physical Education II, Marching Band, Extracurricular Sports, Cheering, or Dance Team
- ½ Unit from the following: Health Education (JROTC I and II may be used to meet the Health Ed) requirement

JUMP START COURSES – 9 UNITS

- Nine Units from the following: Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials as approved by Jump Start proposals.

TOTAL UNITS – 23 UNITS

TOPS UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

For students entering 9th grade in 2014-2015 and beyond

ENGLISH – 4 UNITS

- English I
- English II
- One Unit from the following: English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition, IB Literature, IB Language & Literature, or IB Literature & Performance
- One Unit from the following: English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, IB Literature, IB Language & Literature, or IB Literature & Performance

MATH – 4 UNITS

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- One Unit – (Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematic II, and Integrated Mathematics III may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence)
- One Unit from the following: Math – Pre Calculus, Pre-Calculus, IB Math Studies (Math Methods, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Probability and Statistics, AP Statistics, IB Mathematics SI, or IB Mathematics IL

SCIENCE – 4 UNITS

- Biology
- Chemistry I
- Two Units from the following: Earth Science , Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems, Physical Science, Agiscience, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (the elective course AGI is a prerequisite for Ag II); one of the Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, IB Chemistry I, or IB Chemistry II; Physics I, or IB Physics I; one of the AP Physics Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or IB Physics II, AP Physics I, AP Physics II; one of Biology II, AP Biology I, or Biology I, or IB Biology II

SOCIAL STUDIES – 4 UNITS

- One Unit from the following: US History, AP US History, IB History of the Americas I
- One Unit from the following: Government and Politics: Comparative, AP US Government and Politics: United States, or Civics
- Two Units of the following: One of Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; one of World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography,, World History or AP World History; IB History of the Americas II

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 2 UNITS

- French I
- French II

ART – 1 UNIT

- Visual Arts courses, Music courses, Dance Courses, Theater courses, Speech III and IV (one unit combined), Fine Arts Survey, Drafting

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 2 UNITS

- Physical Education I
- ½ Unit from the following: Physical Education II, Marching Band, Extracurricular Sports, Cheering, or Dance Teams
- ½ Unit from the following: Health Education (JROTC I and II may be used to meet the Health Ed)

ELECTIVES – 3 UNITS

TOTAL UNITS – 24 UNITS

TOTAL OF 18 CREDITS for RANKING

*A student taking a proficiency exam and receiving a grade of “P” (passing), will be allowed to substitute a corresponding course from the prescribed courses in Math, Science, and Social Studies or comparable English IV class, if available. (Business English cannot be used as a substitute)

1. In determining averages, only final letter grades shall be used to award quality points. The courses with the highest quality points earned in the case of choices must be used. The total quality points divided by 18 determines ranking average (round off to 4 decimal places). Ties need only to be broken in order to determine valedictorian and salutatorian honors. In case of a tie, grades for each reporting period will be used to award quality points.
2. If a student repeats a subject, both the “F” grade and the repeated grade shall be used in computing the average.
3. Averages shall be determined at the end of the fifth marking period during the senior year, averaging the first five six-week grades.
4. Students taking Advance Placement (AP) courses will be awarded the following quality points: A (5); B(4); C(3); D(2); F(0). In order to qualify for Advanced Placement status, the teacher must be AP Certified and the AP Curriculum, as outline in the College Board, must be implemented.
5. All transfer students will follow the graduation ranking policy of the St. Landry Parish School Board. Weighted grades will only be allowed if the students in the graduating school have had the opportunity to receive them.
6. A student participating in college-sponsored programs during his/her senior year is eligible for school honors **provided he/she takes at least two courses at the student’s respective high school**. Averages for the first semester grades earned at college will be used in determining honors. The student will be allowed to substitute college level corresponding courses for the prescribed curriculum.
7. Students enrolled in the Early College Admissions Program full-time are eligible for **recognition** at graduation ceremonies. *Recognition means that the students will be accorded all honors at graduation with the **exception** of being named Valedictorian Salutatorian or Historian. These students will be allowed to substitute college level corresponding courses for the prescribed curriculum.

ACADEMIC LETTER

Port Barre High School, in conjunction with its A.P.B., (Academics at Port Barre) Program, is offering its students the opportunity to earn a letterman jacket in academics. In order to qualify for an academic letter, the student must:

1. Be enrolled in PBHS’s College-Preparatory Curriculum

2. Have completed at least 5 semesters of the A.P.B. Program (3 of which must be at PBHS)
3. Must have earned a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA in the Core Courses

A student, therefore, has four opportunities to earn an academic letterman jacket before him/her graduates: at the end of the fall or spring semester of his/her junior/senior year. The A.P.B. Program of academic lettering consists of following the following subjects:

- English I, II, III, IV, AP English
- Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Mathematics
- Physical Science/Biology I, Biology II, Chemistry, Physics
- World Geography, Civics, American History, World History or European History
- Foreign Language (2 Units)
- *Business Computer Applications may be substituted for any one of the above requirements.

Once a student letters in academics he/she is then required to maintain the following necessary academic requirements:

1. The student must continue to be enrolled in the A.P.B. Program.
2. Continue to meet the 3.5 cumulative GPA in the core course – **a probationary period of one semester is allowed.**

FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL CAUSE THE STUDENT TO LOSE HIS/HER LETTERMAN'S STATUS. PORT BARRE HIGH WILL PROVIDE THE ACADEMIC LETTER. THE STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THE JACKET/SWEATER.

SCHOLASTIC BANQUET REUIREMENTS

Students who maintain an overall 3.5 average, in grades 9-12, with no D's or failing grade for five six-week of school will be invited to the Scholastic Banquet. These students must also be taking at least five subjects to qualify.

Students with a 3.80 average in each full credit subject and a 3.66 for ½ credit subject for five six-weeks will receive scholarship keys at the banquet in May. Students must be taking at least five classes to qualify.

The Principal's Cup Award is also presented at the Scholastic Banquet. The recipient will be selected on the basis of scholastic merit from the students who, by the end of the current school session have completed four units in college preparatory English, four units in college preparatory mathematics, three units in science (provided general science or physical science is the course omitted), and three units in social studies. In determining grade averages for the current school session, five marking periods will be used. In the event of a tie the following criteria will be used:

1. Strength of student's schedule
2. Term paper written for senior English
3. Committee of teacher and administrators