

Jump Start TOPS Tech (Career Diploma) Course Requirements

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

Act 403 of the 2015 Louisiana Legislative Session takes effect with students entering 9th grade in 2014-2015 and beyond. The legislation ensures students planning and preparing for an industry based career have taken a preparatory core curriculum while in high school and have every chance possible to receive TOPS Tech.

Units	Courses
ENGLISH = 4 Units	
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
2 Units from the following:	English III, English IV, AP® or IB® English courses, Business English, Technical Writing, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
MATH = 4 Units	
1 Unit	Algebra I, Algebra I Part One and Algebra I Part Two, or an applied or hybrid Algebra course
3 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 courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Substitutions	Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II for three mathematics credits
SCIENCE = 2 Units	
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit from the following:	Chemistry I, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined), or AP® or IB® Science courses
SOCIAL STUDIES = 2 Units	
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP® U.S. History, IB® History of the Americas I
1 Unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP® U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP® U.S. Government and Politics: United States
Health/Physical Education = 2 Units (JROTC may be substituted for PE)	
1 Unit from the following:	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 requirement)
Jump Start = 9 Units	
9 Units from the following:	Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials as approved in Regional Jump Start proposals.
TOTAL = 23 Units	

A student shall complete a regionally-designed, district-implemented series of Career and Technical Education Jump Start coursework and workplace-based learning experiences leading to a statewide or regional Jump Start credential. Each student's Jump Start graduation pathway shall include courses and workplace experiences specific to the credential, courses related to foundational career skills requirements, and other courses (including career electives) the Jump Start regional team determines are appropriate for the career pathway.