

Louisiana Believes

Graduation Cohort Updates

Financial Aid Policy

In December 2015, the Board approved a revision to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, which requires that public school students graduating spring 2018 and beyond have taken one of the following steps as part of their Individual Graduation Plan:

- Submit the [FAFSA](#)
- Complete the [Louisiana TOPS form](#)
- Submit an opt-out [non-participation form](#)
- Receive a [waiver](#) through school system

Several resources are available on the [Financial Aid webpage](#) to support schools in ensuring students meet this graduation requirement.

LOSFA's [Complete to Compete](#) tool is a way to track school *completion* rates. Please email LDEFinancialAid@la.gov with questions.

FAFSA Submission Data

East Carroll Parish 84%	Madison Parish 55%	City of Monroe Dist. 47%
Iberville Parish 76%	Plaquemines Parish 55%	Concordia Parish 47%
St. Charles Parish 68%	Sabine Parish 55%	DeSoto Parish 47%
Washington Parish 65%	St. Mary Parish 55%	Livingston Parish 47%
St. Tammany Parish 64%	Assumption Parish 54%	Red River Parish 47%
Winn Parish 64%	Caldwell Parish 54%	Bossier Parish 46%
St. Bernard Parish 63%	West Feliciana Parish 54%	Calcasieu Parish 46%
West Baton Rouge Parish 63%	East Baton Rouge Parish 53%	Morehouse Parish 46%
Beauregard Parish 61%	Rapides Parish 53%	Natchitoches Parish 45%
Orleans Parish 60%	Bienville Parish 52%	Cameron Parish 44%
St. John Parish 60%	Grant Parish 52%	Tensas Parish 44%
City of Bogalusa 59%	Ascension Parish 51%	East Feliciana Parish 43%
Jefferson Davis Parish 59%	Union Parish 51%	Iberia Parish 43%
Allen Parish 58%	Vermillion Parish 51%	St. Landry Parish 43%
City of Baker 58%	Zachary Community Dist. 51%	St. Martin Parish 43%
Lafourche Parish 57%	Lafayette Parish 50%	Terrebonne Parish 43%
Pointe Coupee Parish 57%	St. James Parish 50%	Evangeline Parish 42%
Caddo Parish 56%	Jackson Parish 49%	Franklin Parish 42%
Ouachita Parish 56%	Jefferson Parish 49%	Richland Parish 40%
Vernon Parish 56%	LaSalle Parish 49%	Webster Parish 40%
Avoyelles Parish 55%	St. Helena Parish 49%	West Carroll Parish 40%
Catahoula Parish 55%	Tangipahoa Parish 49%	Lincoln Parish 36%
Central Community Dist. 55%	Acadia Parish 47%	Claiborne Parish 35%

Planning with the IGP

The Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)

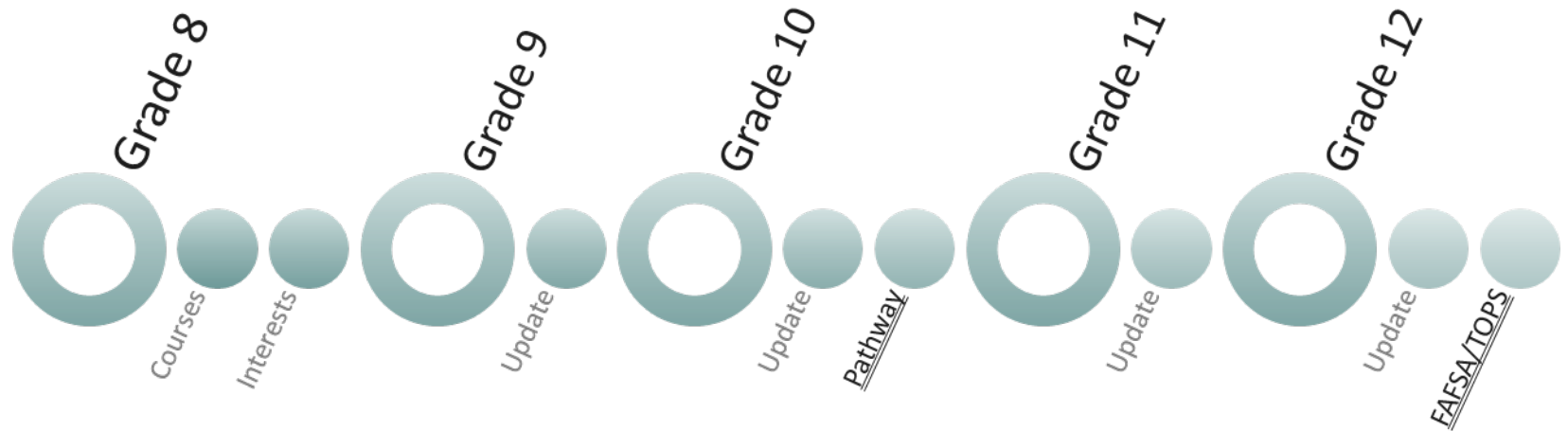
- connects student's academic and career goals with postsecondary and/or workforce plans,
- tracks high school graduation requirements,
- **indicates completion of financial aid planning**, and
- includes signatures from legal guardian and student.

Students can download the LDOE [fillable form](#) and save/upload that document to the school system's platform for hosting IGP's, which can include

- school system-identified career planning system,
- student cumulative folder, or
- LOSFA [Student Hub](#).

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Planning with the IGP



Jump Start Updates

Students graduating with a Jump Start TOPS Tech diploma must earn one or more industry-based credentials (IBCs) to meet graduation requirements.

Accountability implications of IBCs

- Regional Credential: **100** index points
- Statewide Basic Credential: **110** index points
- Statewide Basic Credential *and* one passing course grade in AP, college credit, or IB: **115** index points
- Statewide Advanced Credential: **150** index points

Jump Start Summers provide students with IBCs, internships/work-based learning, and a stipend.

Please email JumpStart@la.gov with questions and follow on Twitter @JumpStart4La for updates.