

FAST FORWARD



**Fast Forward 101
Jump Start Convention
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College Credit Goals and Recommendations

The Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education have a joint goal that beginning with the freshman class of 2025 all Louisiana public high school graduates will complete high school with college credit (academic and/or career-technical), a postsecondary credential of value or both.

The Dual Enrollment Task Force recommended each high school student have the opportunity to enroll in at least four dual enrollment courses before graduation, and that the accountability system provide corresponding incentives that reflect the need for career and college readiness.

The Louisiana Legislature stressed through ACT 204 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session that “the availability of dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate courses, or any combination thereof, in core academic areas in all high schools is critical.”

Dual Diploma Attainment/Apprenticeships

Associate's degree opportunities for high school students have been underutilized in Louisiana. While the number of school systems offering an associate's degree program in high school has increased, the number of students taking advantage of this opportunity remains small. Apprenticeship opportunities for students have been scarce.

- 2019 cohort 159 earned an associate degree
- 2020 cohort 210 earned an associate degree

With the appropriate collaboration, structures, incentives and frameworks in place, we believe there is room to increase this opportunity for all Louisiana students.

Believe to Achieve

The Louisiana Department of Education created the [Believe to Achieve](#) Educational Priorities as the Department's roadmap to improving outcomes for all Louisiana children.

- Ensure every student is on track to a professional career, college degree or service

Critical Goal

- Graduates will graduate with a college and/or career credential

Focus Areas: Associate's degrees, high-demand apprenticeships

What is Fast Forward?

Fast Forward is a program which will allow students to earn either a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma or a TOPS University Diploma while dually earning an associate degree or participating in a [Louisiana Workforce Commission registered pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship](#) that either prepares graduates for career or continuing postsecondary education.

In this program, students spend the majority of grades 9 and 10 on the high school campus earning core graduation requirements. In grades 11 and 12 they spend the majority of time on the postsecondary campus or Board of Regents approved satellite site dually enrolled in courses to complete graduation requirements as well as earning an associate degree or participating in a pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship opportunity.

Fast Forward Pathways

- Jump Start 2.0 Associate's Degree Pathway
 - Dually earn a terminal technical associate's degree and Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma including the 9 courses required (approved by Grad Review Panel and BESE)
- TOPS University Associate's Degree Pathway
 - Dually earn a Louisiana Transfer Degree or terminal technical associate's degree and a TOPS University Diploma
 - Transferable hours depend on the degree type
- High-Demand Apprenticeship Pathway
 - Dually participate in an LWC registered pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship and earn a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma including the 9 courses required (approved by Grad Review Panel and BESE) or TOPS University Diploma

Planning Grants

Grants were awarded in each Regional Labor Market Area (RLMA) to kick start this initiative. Lead school systems met with other interested school systems, economic development organizations, business and industry partners and postsecondary institutions in the region to develop pathway frameworks approved by BESE in June. 39 pathways were developed in the 8 RLMAs based on future job forecasting for each region. These pathways are approved for statewide use with the approved postsecondary and apprenticeship organizations.

Approved Pathways

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
<p>Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeship Nursing Jump Start Ochsner Health Apprenticeship Nursing TOPS University Ochsner Health <p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Delgado Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Cloud Computing <p>Northshore Technical College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Machine Tool Technology <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Delgado Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Business Administration Applied Science Cloud Computing <p>Nunez Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Coastal Studies and GIS Technology Applied Science Process Technology Applied Science Aerospace Manufacturing 	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Northshore Technical College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Technical Studies <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Baton Rouge Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Computing and Information Systems <p>Southeastern Louisiana University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Industrial Technology <p>Northshore Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisiana Transfer Degree General Business (Logistics & Supply Chain) 	<p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Fletcher Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisiana Transfer Degree Associate of Arts (Humanities)

Approved Pathways

Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0 Louisiana State University-Eunice and South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Information Technology <p>South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Culinary Arts and Occupations Applied Science Technical Studies (Industrial Marine Electronics Technology) Applied Science Technical Studies (Welding) Applied Science Information Technology <p>Associate - TOPS University Louisiana State University-Eunice and South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Information Technology <p>South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Culinary Arts and Occupations Applied Science Technical Studies (Industrial Marine Electronics Technology) Applied Science Technical Studies (Welding) Applied Science Information Technology 	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0 SOWELA Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Business Administration (Hospitality Management) <p>Associate - TOPS University Northwestern State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisiana Transfer Degree Applied Science General Studies (options of concentration in Biology, Nursing, Business Administration, Education, Psychology) 	<p>Under Construction</p>

Approved Pathways

Region 7	Region 8
<p>Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical Jump Start Electrical Training Alliance <p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Central Louisiana Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Business Office Administration Southern University-Shreveport• Science Computer Science <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Northwestern State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science General Studies Southern University-Shreveport• Applied Science Engineering Technology	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Louisiana Delta Community College, Gen. Ed. courses can be taken at Grambling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Electrician• Applied Science Welding <p>Louisiana Delta Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Business Office Administration• Applied Science Industrial Instrumentation Technology <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Louisiana Delta Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Teaching• Louisiana Transfer Degree Biological Sciences Louisiana Delta Community College• Louisiana Transfer General Studies (Arts and Humanities)

Adopting Approved Pathways

- Review the pathways created in your region and **approved postsecondary institutions** or apprenticeship organizations to decide which pathways are best suited for the student population and the institutions to which students will have access
- Access the pathway frameworks on the Fast Forward website or booklets to see the coursework progressions required to earn the associate degree or participate in an apprenticeship
- Contact the postsecondary institution or apprenticeship organization to ensure there are no changes in the course catalog/apprenticeship requirements that might require a tweaking of the framework
- Note that these are only “frameworks” and course sequencing may be shifted to meet individual school and/or postsecondary scheduling requirements
- Courses taken at a non-approved postsecondary institution must be mapped to determine equivalency and may require Graduation Review Panel and BESE approval
- Contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov for assistance

Creating New Pathways

- Begin conversations with postsecondary institutions, economic development organizations, neighboring school systems and business and industry
- Contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov to set up technical assistance (in person and online options available)
- New pathways are due April 1 and approved by the Graduation Review Panel in April and BESE in June

Breaking Down the Barriers

- Identifying the students ready for these pathways
- Postsecondary admission requirements
- Identifying the appropriate pathways based on student future aspirations
- Meeting all current high school diploma and postsecondary associate degree or apprenticeship requirements
- Thoughtful scheduling (especially in grades 9 and 10)
- Shifts in course choices (especially for Jump Start students)
- Funding

Fast Forward Technical Assistance

- More information or questions about Fast Forward
- Help with implementing currently approved pathways
- Technical assistance in developing new pathways
- Introductions to school systems that have successfully developed pathways

For assistance with anything related to Fast Forward, please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov.

Visit the [Fast Forward](#) website.

