

TOPS University Diploma Graduation Requirements

4 Units of English

English I, English II, English III, English IV

4 Units of Math

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math I, Advanced Math II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

4 Units of Science

Physical Science, Biology I, Chemistry I
Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics,
Environmental Science

4 Units of Social Studies

World Geography, World History,
US History, Civics, Government, Religion
III (Church History)

2 Units of P.E.

½ unit of Health, 1 ½ units of
Physical Education

2 Units of Foreign Language

Spanish I & II, French I & II, Latin I & II,
Am. Sign Language I & II

1 Unit of Art

Art, Band, Choir, Fine Arts Survey (Art
History/Music Appreciation)

4 Units of Religion

VCHS Requirement

Students need 26 credits to receive a
Vanderbilt Diploma
(27 credits for a VCHS Honors diploma;
Please see handbook for details)

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Chemistry II, Physics, Environmental Science

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World Geography, World History, US History, Civics,
Government, Religion III (Church History)

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TOPS Requirements

Honors Award: GPA 3.0 ACT 27

Performance Award: GPA 3.0 ACT 23

Opportunity Award: GPA 2.5 ACT 20

TOPS Tech Award: GPA 2.5 ACT 17

More information can be found at Ofsa.la.gov.

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11th Grade Academic Information

Calculating Semester Grades

1st Quarter—exam averaged in (49%)
2nd Quarter— exam averaged in (51%)
=1st Semester Grade

3rd Quarter—exam averaged in (49%)
4th Quarter—exam averaged in (51%)
=2nd Semester Grade

There is no final grade in each course. Both grades will be calculated in the g.p.a.

**An “F” 1st semester requires a student to make a “C” 2nd semester to pass the course.

**An “F” 2nd semester results in failing that course regardless of the 1st semester grade.

Credit Recovery

Credit Recovery will be offered at Vandebilt to any student failing a course. If not attended, the course will be repeated.

Specific dates are to be determined. Credit recovery usually takes place during the month of June.

LVI Students

Students must finish the year with at least a “C” average in LVI math and science courses and at least a “B” average in LVI English and reading courses in order to remain in LVI classes the following school year.

Students who do not finish with the required average will automatically be removed from that LVI class for the following school year. If a student places out of LVI math, they will also be removed from LVI science.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2020, tie-breakers for valedictorian will include quarter grades.



Scheduling

Scheduling will take place through you and your student’s PlusPortal account during the month of February. Parents must have an active account in order to approve their student’s schedule. Any student who submits their course selections after the deadline on **February 22nd, 2019**, may not get into their preferred courses.

It is highly recommended that students schedule electives they need in order to meet graduation and TOPS requirements before those electives that do not meet such requirements.

Students interested in taking LVI classes next year should obtain a LVI request form from their counselor upon submitting their schedule. Students must earn an A in each quarter of the requested course to be considered for LVI placement.

All student athletes must schedule their sport’s Athletic PE. Students will be enrolled in Athletic PE for the entire year unless written permission is given from the coach to the counselor. This course does count for a full PE credit.

Students are encouraged to meet with their counselor to discuss any questions or concerns regarding scheduling for their senior year.

Important Dates

College Night—September 26th at 6:30 pm
PSAT—October 13th from 8:00-12:00 am
Career Night—October 29th at 6:30 pm at EDW
District ACT—Spring (Mandatory)

Resources

- TOPS Calculator located at vandebilt-catholic.org/academics/guidance/
- College Corner in counseling center
- Parent/Student Handbook
- ACT Prep Course
- Teacher’s Office Hours

College and Career Exploration

Junior year is the time to start encouraging your child to explore their options for life after high school. You may want to consider assisting them with a few of the following:

- Creating an academic resume’
- Attending College and Career Night
- Touring a college campus
- Job shadowing
- ACT Prep
- Meeting with high school counselor



ACT

Register at actstudent.org.

2018-2019 Test Dates:

September 8th
October 27th
December 8th
February 9th
April 13th
June 8th
July 13th

School Code: 191230
Test Center: 177020

ACT Codes: LOSFA-1595, Nicholls-1580, LSU-1590, UL-1612, LA Tech-1588, BRCC-1603, Fletcher-5033, NCAA-9999

Cost of ACT is \$50.50. There is an additional cost for the writing test.

Students are encouraged to take the ACT at least twice before senior year.

Preparation is key!

District ACT—All students are required to participate in the District ACT which will take place in the spring at VCH.