

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* or Government*

**The State has approved Religion III
Church History for Graduation
requirements and TOPS.**

2 Units of P.E.

½ unit of Health, 1 ½ units of
Physical Education (band can count at most
for 1/2 unit of PE)

2 Units of Foreign Language

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

1 Unit of Art

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

4 Units of Religion

VCHS Requirement

Students need 26 credits to receive a
Vandebilt diploma
(27 credits for a VCHS Honors diploma
please see handbook for details)

TOPS OPPORTUNITY CORE CURRICULUM 4 Year Scholarship Program

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Chemistry II, Physics, Environmental Science

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Tech Award: GPA 2.50 ACT 17
Opportunity Award: GPA 2.50 ACT 20
Performance Award: GPA 3.00 ACT 23
Honors Award: GPA 3.00 ACT 27

*These courses must be taken and cannot be replaced with
another course.



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12th Grade Parent Information

2018-2019

Important Dates

ACT DATES:

October 27 register by September 28
December 8 register by November 2
February 9 register by January 11
April 13 register by March 8
June 8 register by May 3

TOPS Performance and Honors qualifying ACT score is needed by the April 2019 test date. The student can use the June 2019 ACT test to qualify for the Opportunity Award but will forfeit one semester of the eight.

Popular ACT Codes:

LOSFA (TOPS)-1595
Nicholls-1580; LSU-1590; UL-1612;
LA Tech-1588; Southeastern-1608;
ULM-1598; L.E.Fletcher-5033; NCAA-9999

College Night is Wednesday, September 26 @ VCHS this year from 6:30-8:00pm in the Kolb Center.

Career Night: Monday, October 29 hosted by EDW at 6:30pm in their main building.

Popular Websites

www.fafsa.ed.gov
-Student and one parent apply for FSA ID# before filing FAFSA
-Begin FAFSA after **October 1** of your child's **SENIOR** year.

www.osfa.la.gov (800/259-5626 ext. 1012 or 800/433-3243) for :
TOPS questions; student hub, Louisiana Awards System
(For the student hub please use child's social security # for LA secure ID)

www.actstudent.org
VCH School Code:
191230
VCH Test Center
Code: 177020



Transcripts

Include grades from 9th –12th.

Seniors are to request a transcript to be mailed to the university once their application has been completed and sent. This can be done by sending Mrs. Voss (jvoss@htdiocese.org) an email or by signing the notebook with name and university name near Mrs. Matherne's office. An appointment is not necessary.

The counseling center is not allowed to hand a transcript to a student and/or parent.

Any transcript that is needed for an out of state university, the counseling center is asking that the address accompanies the request to assure that the transcript is mailed to the correct address.

Letter of Recommendation

At least 2-3 weeks notice is to be given to the person asked to write the letter. Along with the request, an informal resume is helpful, especially listing service hour activities or activities that may not be known. Also describe what the letter is intended for and the deadline for the needed letter.

Appointments

Appointments to see the counselor are made by personal request. A student can leave their name on the notebook near the office, email, or stop by. We do request that the student does not miss a class that they are struggling academically.

College Visits

Seniors are allowed two excused college visit days during the school year. An excuse on the college's letterhead must be brought back to school upon return. Students are requested to inform their teachers and the attendance office prior to the day of the visit.

ACT Suggestions:

Students should take the ACT at least three times. Most universities will take the highest subtest on individual ACT results for placement but do not "super score" for a composite.

Students can and should study for the ACT. Students should NOT take the ACT without knowing how the test is organized.



Students can find practice tests in guidance, ACT prep books purchased at bookstores, free practice on ACT website, etc.

Students should check the ACT requirements of the universities of interest to know the qualifications for academic/merit scholarships.

Scholarships

Available scholarship opportunities will be announced and located at the bottom of announcements until deadline.

Places of employment, insurance companies, credit unions, organizations supported by companies, etc. are valuable places to ask about scholarships opportunities.

Merit based scholarships are offered by the universities. Please be aware of deadlines!

Check with the individual university financial aid office.

Career

www.bls.gov is a website that describes educational requirements, potential job growth, salary predictions, on the job training requirements, etc.