



**Teurlings Catholic High School
Senior Parent Night**

Class of 2019

Agenda

- Sign in and Diploma name corrections
- BeBe Productions video orders
- TCH Transcripts / DE Transcripts
- www.tchs.net –Senior Section
- College Admissions
- Financial Aid-FAFSA
- TOPS
- Scholarships
- Tips and dates to remember

Graduation Requirements

- **TCHS Graduation Requirements and TOPS University Diploma Curriculum**

- Religious Studies I, II, III, IV
- English I, II, III, IV
- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and 1 Sr. Math Course (Advanced Math I, II, or Calculus)
- World Geography, Civics, United States History, World History
- Physical Science, Biology I, Chemistry, and 1 Sr. Science (Biology II, Physics, Human Anatomy, Envir. Science)
- HPE I and PE II
- Foreign Language (2) credits
- Art elective (1) credit
- Electives (3)
- Total of 28 Credits completed

TOPS Curriculum

- Students must complete the following courses, maintain a 2.5 GPA on the TOPS Core Curriculum, and earn a minimum of a 20 on the ACT to qualify for a TOPS Award. The GPA and ACT requirement are subject to change by the state.
- Required courses
 - English I, II, III, IV
 - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and 1 credit from either Adv. Math I, II, or Calculus
 - Physical Science, Biology I, Chemistry, and 1 credit from either Biology II, Physics, or Environmental Science
 - World Geography, Civics, U.S. History, and World History
 - Fine Arts Survey or 1 credit in Art or Theatre
 - 2 years of the same foreign language
 - 19 credits

TOPS Calculator CORE GPA

www.tchs.net

- Click on the Academics tab
- Scroll down to Guidance tab
- *Senior Section (or go to quick links)*
- *Each senior has a **TOPS transcript progress** report in their packet.*

College Admission Requirements

UL Lafayette

TOPS University Diploma Curriculum

2.5 Core GPA (TOPS GPA)

Or

23 ACT Composite

and

ACT English (18)

ACT Math (19)

No student will be admitted with less than a 2.0 GPA

College Admission Requirements

LSU

(Holistic Approach)

Suggested requirements

3.0 Core GPA

TOPS University Diploma Curriculum

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What is Selective Admissions?

Admissions officers review and make decisions on hundreds, sometimes thousands, of applications in a short period of time. They are under enormous pressure to assess the applicant pool in order to produce the best class and the best campus community possible. How you apply, when you apply, and what you say can all impact whether you receive an acceptance or a denial. What factors in to the increasingly selective college application process?

What Matters Most

A student's record in and outside the high school classroom demonstrates to an admissions officer the kind of contributions he or she will make at the college level. Colleges are looking for candidates who perform consistently well or show a record of improvement in rigorous or college-prep courses. This means the right coursework, good grades, and activities that have a positive impact should be a continuous focus throughout high school.

Attention to Detail in the College Application

Attention to detail counts! The benefits of a well-written essay or a stellar interview can easily be negated by careless application mistakes such as exceeding word counts, overlooking required questions, or not answering the question. Bottom line? Pay attention. For students applying to multiple schools, use the Common Application!

Know what admission *terms* mean!

Watch your *deadlines*!

Early Action (EA)- Many colleges enable you to apply Early Action in November-December, and you receive a decision by mid-December (or January). Early Action is **NOT binding**. You can apply to as many Early Action schools as you like. You have until May 1 to accept.

Early Decision (ED)- Many private colleges offer Early Decision which is an early **BINDING** route to college admissions. You apply in early to mid November to ONE college, and you find out by mid-December. You must attend if you get accepted. Can only apply to one selective college under these terms.

Other terms: Regular Decision, Priority Admissions, Priority Deadlines

Recommendations and Resumes

- Students applying to selective colleges and or applying for scholarships will need letters of recommendations from their counselors and teachers.
- A **Student Resumé** helps recommenders get a bigger picture of your accomplishments, interest, and future plans.
- To request a **Letter of Recommendations**, seniors must complete a Request Form (located in Senior Section). They can hand deliver it to the teacher or counselor with their Student Resumé and or scan and email it with an attached Resumé.
- To assist you, a Student Resumé guide is available on the Senior Section of the TCH website.

College Fair

St. Thomas More H. S.

Thursday, October 4, 2018
6:00 pm

STM will be hosting a **College Fair** this year from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Other catholic schools in the Diocese will be invited.

Register at www.gotocollegefairs.com and enhance your visit by registering and printing your personal barcode. Mrs. Proctor will guide seniors and juniors through this process. Barcodes can be presented on cell phones the day of the fair.

Visiting Colleges

- It is a good idea to visit each college that you are considering. Tour the campus, attend an activity, but most importantly, talk with students.
- The admissions office at most universities can arrange a visit for you. Remember, you are not only choosing a place to go to school, but a home for the next four years.
- Several colleges host “Senior Day” on their campus. Visit their websites to learn more about these activities
- Students will receive 3 excused absences for visiting colleges. Forms available in the front office.

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TOPS

- **TOPS Opportunity** 2.5/20 tuition
- **TOPS Performance** 3.0/23 tuition +\$400
- **TOPS Honors** 3.0/27 tuition +\$800
- **TOPS Tech Award** 2.5/17, 18, 19

(Technical school tuition)

How to apply for TOPS

Complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA form should be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Do not begin your FAFSA application until October 1, 2018. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2019. I will send an email reminder in January.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Do not google FAFSA!!
- Why complete the FAFSA?
 - Grants (free money based on need)
 - Loan (low interest loan-government)
 - TOPS (Federal government forwards your application to Louisiana Government (LOSFA) Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance processes for any aid they offer. This is when TOPS kicks in if students have met CORE GPA and ACT requirements.

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Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New
FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

College Scorecard

Information on college costs, graduation, and post-college earnings.

Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search

Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options

Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA

Announcements

- The IRS Data Retrieval Tool is unavailable at this time and will remain unavailable until the start of the next FAFSA season. We regret any inconvenience.

Thinking About College?



Use FAFSA4caster to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!

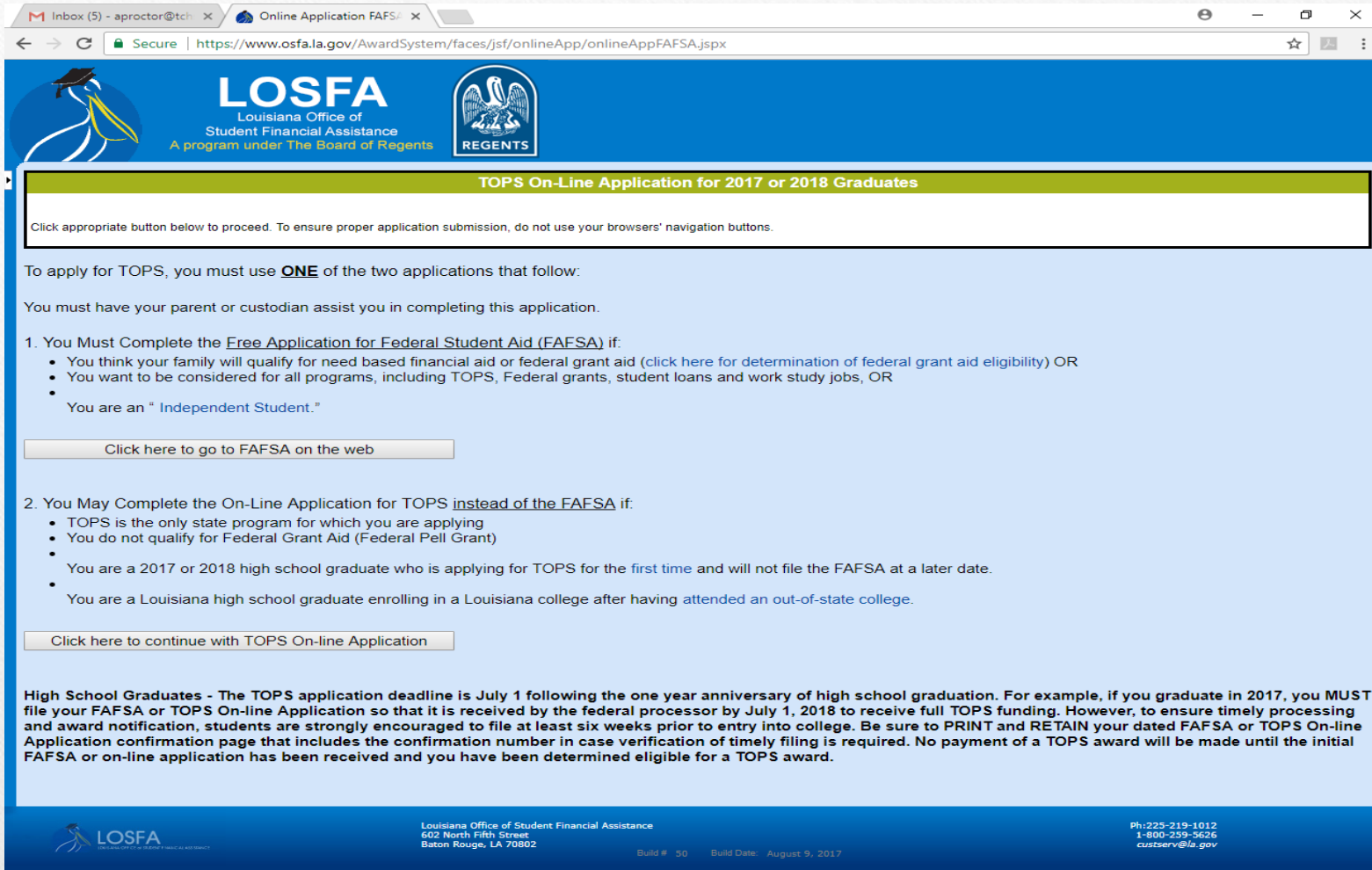


Check out how Federal Student

FAFSA Tips

- Student will create an FSA ID (electronic signature) you will also provide an email for future notifications. Use a personal email that you will use after graduation. **Do not** use your TCH email.
- Parents will create an FSA ID (electronic signature). If you have other college students, you can use the same FSA ID.
- Record your FSA ID. If you try to recover it, you will be locked out.
- Seniors of 2019 are completing the 2019-2020 FAFSA.
- You will use your 2017 taxes.
- During the FAFSA application you will be given an opportunity to select each college you are applying to. The college will receive your SAR (Student Aid Report).
- Once you begin your FAFSA, you have 45 days to complete or it is deleted and you will have to begin a new application.

TOPS Application vs FAFSA



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/faces/jsf/onlineApp/onlineAppFAFSA.jspx>. The page header features the LOSFA logo (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, A program under The Board of Regents) and the Board of Regents logo. The main heading is "TOPS On-Line Application for 2017 or 2018 Graduates". Below this, a green box contains the instruction: "Click appropriate button below to proceed. To ensure proper application submission, do not use your browsers' navigation buttons." The text states: "To apply for TOPS, you must use **ONE** of the two applications that follow: You must have your parent or custodian assist you in completing this application." Two options are listed: 1. "You Must Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) if:" followed by bullet points: "You think your family will qualify for need based financial aid or federal grant aid (click here for determination of federal grant aid eligibility) OR You want to be considered for all programs, including TOPS, Federal grants, student loans and work study jobs, OR You are an 'Independent Student.'" A button labeled "Click here to go to FAFSA on the web" is provided. 2. "You May Complete the On-Line Application for TOPS [instead of the FAFSA](#) if:" followed by bullet points: "TOPS is the only state program for which you are applying You do not qualify for Federal Grant Aid (Federal Pell Grant) You are a 2017 or 2018 high school graduate who is applying for TOPS for the first time and will not file the FAFSA at a later date. You are a Louisiana high school graduate enrolling in a Louisiana college after having attended an out-of-state college." A button labeled "Click here to continue with TOPS On-line Application" is provided. A final paragraph states: "High School Graduates - The TOPS application deadline is July 1 following the one year anniversary of high school graduation. For example, if you graduate in 2017, you MUST file your FAFSA or TOPS On-line Application so that it is received by the federal processor by July 1, 2018 to receive full TOPS funding. However, to ensure timely processing and award notification, students are strongly encouraged to file at least six weeks prior to entry into college. Be sure to PRINT and RETAIN your dated FAFSA or TOPS On-line Application confirmation page that includes the confirmation number in case verification of timely filing is required. No payment of a TOPS award will be made until the initial FAFSA or on-line application has been received and you have been determined eligible for a TOPS award." The footer contains the LOSFA logo, contact information (602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802), phone numbers (225-219-1012, 1-800-259-3626), and email (custserv@la.gov). It also includes "Build # 50" and "Build Date: August 9, 2017".

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1. You Must Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) if:

- You think your family will qualify for need based financial aid or federal grant aid (click here for determination of federal grant aid eligibility) OR
- You want to be considered for all programs, including TOPS, Federal grants, student loans and work study jobs, OR
- You are an "Independent Student."

Click here to go to FAFSA on the web

2. You May Complete the On-Line Application for TOPS [instead of the FAFSA](#) if:

- TOPS is the only state program for which you are applying
- You do not qualify for Federal Grant Aid (Federal Pell Grant)
- You are a 2017 or 2018 high school graduate who is applying for TOPS for the first time and will not file the FAFSA at a later date.
- You are a Louisiana high school graduate enrolling in a Louisiana college after having attended an out-of-state college.

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Standardized Testing

ACT

Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Deadline
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 26, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	October 14, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 9, 2018
February 9, 2019*	January 11, 2019	January 18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20, 2019
July 13, 2019*	June 14, 2019	June 24, 2019

ACT Score Reports

- When registering for the ACT, select colleges that you are applying to.
- Login into your ACT account and select “Send Scores” (fees apply)
- Send your scores to LOSFA/TOPS Office code: 1595

Scholarships

- Colleges and Universities (example)
 - **UL Lafayette:** 3.0 cum gpa, 24 ACT; no application; apply for admission; must have earned the ACT 24 and the 3.0 gpa by January 31; priority consideration November 15th
 - **LSU:** no application; apply for admission by Dec. 15th. To be considered for a scholarship in the first selection round, apply by September 24th. (Common Application)
- Check announcements posted on the Senior Section of the TCHS Website.
- Check emails daily.
- Several Scholarships opportunities are posted in the **Senior Handbook** scholarship page located on the Senior Section of the TCHS Website.
- Scholarship search engines!

Senior Day

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

- An email will be sent in regards to details and dress attire.

Counselor's TIPS

- Check emails daily for important announcements and correspondence with Mrs. Proctor. (one on one meetings)
- Use the Senior Section of the TCH website: www.tchs.net to check for scholarship announcements, important dates, handbook, etc...
- Don't let your GPA slip away!!! Graduation will be here before you know it. Use the GPA calculator to figure out exactly what you need for college admissions, TOPS, etc..
- Stop by the Guidance Office or email Mrs. Proctor with any questions or needs you may have.
- Set aside one day a week to work on scholarship applications, admissions deadlines, etc...