



Teurlings Catholic High School

Senior Parent

College Seminar

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Graduation Requirements

TCHS Graduation Requirements and TOPS University Diploma Curriculum *Cumulative GPA

- 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, Environmental Science)
- Health $\frac{1}{2}$ credit; PE I $\frac{1}{2}$ credit and PE II 1 credit
- Foreign Language (2) credits
- Art elective (1) credit
- Electives (3)

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. *Core GPA
- 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

College Admission Requirements

UL-LAFAYETTE

- TOPS University Diploma Curriculum
- 2.5 GPA (TOPS Core GPA)
- Or
- 23 ACT Composite
- and
- ACT English (18)
- ACT Math (19)

** No student will be admitted with less than a 2.0 GPA

** Students with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA are guaranteed admissions regardless of their ACT scores.

** Any student not meeting these requirements may be



College Admission Requirements

LSU

(Holistic Approach)

Suggested requirements

- TOPS University Diploma Curriculum
- Test Optional
- (Average ACT score of admitted students was a 23-29)
- ACT English (18)
- ACT Math (19)

**Student's applying to LSU must use the Common



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?

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

SCOIR

- Scoir is used to research colleges, and communicate with your counselor.
- Each senior created their account during 11th grade.
- Create a Profile to build a resume. (Junior Year)
- Add colleges to “Following” (Junior Year)
- Move colleges to “Applying”
- If required, request teacher recommendation in Scoir.
- Move colleges to “Applied” (Alert sent to counselor)
- Counselor sends required documents to college.
- Once accepted, update your outcome in Scoir.
- Once a final decision is made, update outcome to Enrolling.

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. Students will build their resume in Scoir.
- To request a Letter of Recommendations, for college admissions, the student will request it through their Scoir account for each college.
- To request a Letter of Recommendation for a scholarship or any other reason, the student must



TRANSCRIPTS

- Need a transcript for college?
 - In Scoir, move the college to “Applied”. This alerts the Guidance Office to send your official transcript.
- Need a transcript for a scholarship?
 - Email Mrs. Proctor who will prepare your transcript. Some transcripts may need to be unofficial, some digitally uploaded, or official which will be sealed and placed in a TCHS envelope.

DE TRANSCRIPTS

- Seniors enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses have college transcripts. (NSU, LA Tech, LSU, UL Lafayette)
- You will need to access your college transcript for orientation. Links to these request will be provided in your Scoir Drive.
- After graduation, you will need to request official college transcripts be sent to your college.
- The Guidance Office does not have access to





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
- Let the front office and teachers know ahead of time when you will be out on a college visit.
- You are responsible for making up any missed work and/or test.

College Fair Teurlings Catholic High School

Wednesday,
OCTOBER 24, 2024
6:00 PM

TCHS 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.

Please join us, parents are invited! Location:
Cafetorium



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

FSA ID

- Before you can begin your FAFSA in December, you must create a FSA ID.
- Create your FSA ID now, document your username, password, and recovery code.
- Who needs an FSA ID?
 - Senior
 - Parent (contributor)

FAFSA. GOV

The screenshot shows the FAFSA.gov website interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays "studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa". The website header includes the "Federal Student Aid" logo and navigation links for "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". A search icon is also present. The main content area features a large banner with the heading "Complete the FAFSA® Form" and the subtext "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." To the right of this text, there are two main sections: "New to the FAFSA® Process?" with a "Start Here" button, and "Returning User?" with links for "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR)", along with a "Log in" button. Below the banner, a small notice states: "The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 2-11 a.m. Eastern time." The bottom section is titled "FAFSA® Deadlines" and explains that many states and colleges set priority deadlines, and there is also a federal deadline each academic year. It prompts users to "Select your state of legal residence and the school year for which you're applying for federal student aid." A small owl logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

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 TCHS email.**
- Parents will create an FSA ID (electronic signature). If you have other college students, you can use the same FSA ID, however you need to login and complete a new verification.
- Record your FSA ID. If you try to recover it, you will be locked out.
- Seniors of 2024 are completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA.
- You will use your 2022 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).
- The Guidance Office will notify you when the FAFSA opens in December. Until then, create

TOPS

**TOPS
OPPORTUNITY**

2.5 CORE

20 ACT

TUITION

**TOPS
PERFORMANCE**

3.25 CORE

23 ACT

TUITION+\$400

**TOPS
HONORS**

3.5 CORE

27 ACT

TUITION+\$800

**TOPS
TECH AWARD**

2.5 CORE

17,18,19 ACT

(TECHNICAL)

TOPS WILL NOT USE A SUPERSCORE!

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

December 2023. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2024.

TOPS TRACKER

WWW.OSFA.LA.GOV



STANDARDIZED TESTING



Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

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



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Colleges and Universities (example)

- UL-Lafayette: 3.0 cum gpa, 23 ACT; no application; apply for admission; must have earned the ACT 23 and the 3.0 gpa by May 31
 - LSU: no application; apply for admission by Dec. 15th. To be considered for a scholarship. LSU will consider ACT scores up until May 31.
 - Other colleges: Each college is different. Inquire or research their scholarship section.
- Scholarship opportunities will be emailed to students through Scoir. Students are encouraged to check emails daily.
 - Several Scholarships opportunities are posted in the Senior College Handbook scholarship page located on the Senior Resource page of the TCHS Website. Listed under Academics/Guidance. A copy will also be emailed to you along with this powerpoint



RESOURCES

SCOIR

- Each senior has a Drive in Scoir. This is where scholarship opportunities and resources will be posted
- Parents, check your email, you will be invited to view your child's Scoir account and receive notifications.

TCHS.NET

- Under Academics/Guidance you will see Senior Resources
- College Handbook
- Links to important sites



Counselor's Tips

- Check emails daily for important announcements and correspondence with Mrs. Proctor. (one on one meetings)
- Don't let your GPA slip away!!! Graduation will be here before you know it. Don't blow your TOPS.
- 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...
- What's Up Wednesdays starting soon.

Thank
you

