

SCHOOL POLICIES AND STANDARDS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION (effective for Incoming Freshman 2008-2009 and Thereafter)

LA CORE 4 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
Shall be English I, II, III, IV	
MATHEMATICS	4 UNITS
Shall be Algebra I or Algebra I-Part 2, Geometry, Algebra II	
The remaining mathematics units shall come for the following: Algebra II, Financial Math, Advanced Math I, Advanced Math II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Math, or a locally –initiated elective approved by BESE a math substitute.	
SCIENCE	4 UNITS
Shall be Biology and Chemistry	
The remaining 2 science units shall come from the following: Physical Science, Integrated Science, Physics I, Physics of Technology I, Aerospace Science, and Biology II	
Chemistry II, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics II, Physics of Technology II, Agriscience II, Anatomy and Physiology, or a locally initiated elective approved by BESE as a science substitute.	
SOCIAL SCIENCES	4 UNITS
Shall be ½ unit of Civics or AP American Government, ½ unit of Free Enterprise, American History	
One remaining unit shall come from the following: World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, or AP European History.	
One remaining unit shall come from: World History, World Geography, western Civilization, AP European History, Law Studies, Psychology, Sociology, or African American Studies	
HEALTH EDUCATION	1/2 UNIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 ½ UNITS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 UNITS
Shall be in the same foreign language or 2 Speech courses	
ARTS	1 UNIT
Shall be Fine Arts Survey, or 1 unit of Art, Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, or Applied Arts	
ELECTIVES	3 UNITS

**TOTAL: 24 UNITS**

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COURSES REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE GRANTED AN EXEMPTION FROM LA CORE 4 AFTER COMPLETEING TWO YEARS HIGH SCHOOL

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
English I, II, III, IV or Senior Applications	
MATHEMATICS	4 UNITS
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Financial Math, Advanced Math I and II, Math Essentials, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Probability and Statistics, or Discrete Math	
SCIENCE	3 UNITS
Biology, 1 unit from physical science cluster, and 1 unit from the following: Aerospace Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics II, Physics of Technology II, Agriscience II, Anatomy and Physiology, and additional course from the physical science cluster.	
SOCIAL SCIENCES	3 UNITS
American History, ½ unit of Civics or AP American Government, ½ unit of Free Enterprise, 1 unit from the following: World History, Western Civilization, World Geography, or AP European History.	
HEALTH EDUCATION	1/2 UNIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 ½ UNITS
ELECTIVES	8 UNITS
<b>TOTAL: 24 UNITS</b>	

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to completeing the minimum Carnegie Units of Credit, the student shall also be required to pass the Graduation Exit Examination.

The English language arts, writing and mathematics components of the graduation test shall first be administered to students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

The science and social studies components of the graduation test shall first be administered to students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Remediation and retake opportunities will be provided for students who do not pass the test.

No student will be allowed to earn more than two Carnegie units (two classes) of credit for approved remediation courses.

All city and parish school systems shall notify each student and parents or guardians of the requirement of passing the Graduation Test prior to or upon the student entering the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Upon their entering the school system a student shall be notified by that system of the requirement of passing the Graduation Exit Examination.

Students who meet all other requirements for graduation and fail to pass all components of the Graduation Exit Examination will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises at any of the parish's public high schools.

#### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

Special Education students shall meet the same high school graduation requirements as non-exceptional.

#### PRE-GED SKILLS OPTION III PROGRAM

The program is an alternative to regular education. *Students in the program **do not earn a diploma**.* Presently, the program will not be held at the student's regular high school. The program will be held off-campus.

Eligibility:

Students must be 16 years of age and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Failed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade LEAP 21 English language arts or math for one or more years
- Failed English language arts, math, science, or social studies portion of the Graduation Exit Exam
- Participated in out-of-level testing or alternative assessment
- Earned not more than 5 Carnegie units by age 17, not more than 10 Carnegie units by age 18, and not more than 15 Carnegie units by age 19
- Students with Limited English Proficiency shall be considered for the Pre-GED/Skills Option III Program

*Contact the school principal for more information about this program.*