



Ponchatoula High School
Welcomes
the
CLASS
of
2024



Counselor Assignments

| Last Name | Counselor |
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| A-De | Latour |
| Df-G | Evans |
| H-Me | Lowe |
| Mf-Po | Evans |
| Pp-Z | Reno |



Two Diploma Tracks

TOPS
UNIVERSITY

OR

TOPS
TECH JUMPSTART

The majority of classes are identical 9th and 10th grade years.



Two Diploma Tracks: Graduation Requirements

<https://www.tangischools.org/Page/37556>

| Louisiana High School Graduation Requirements PHS Course Offerings (for students entering 9 th grade in August 2014 and beyond.) | |
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| TOPS University Curriculum | Jump Start/TOPS Tech Curriculum |
| <p>English – 4 units English I, II, III, and IV</p> <p>Math – 4 units Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Remaining unit from the following: Algebra III, Advanced Math – PreCalculus, Advanced Math – Probability and Statistics, Calculus</p> <p>Science – 4 units Biology Chemistry 2 units from the following: Ad I & II, Anatomy & Physiology or Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Physics I or AP Physics I, AP Physics II</p> <p>Social Studies – 4 units Civics US History World Geography Western Civilization</p> <p>Health – ½ unit Physical Education – 1 1/2 units Foreign Language – 2 units 2 units from the same foreign language</p> <p>Arts – 1 unit Fine Arts Survey: one unit of Art, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, Speech III & IV, or Drafting</p> <p>Elective – 3 units Total units = 24</p> | <p>English – 4 units English I and II 2 units from the following: English III, Business English, Technical Writing, English IV</p> <p>Math – 4 units Algebra I 3 units from the following: Geometry, Algebra II, Math Essentials, Financial Literacy, Advanced Math – PreCalculus, Advanced Math – Functions and Statistics</p> <p>Science – 2 units Biology I Remaining unit shall come from the following: Ad I & II, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Physics I & Physics II</p> <p>Social Studies – 2 units Civics US History</p> <p>Health – ½ unit Physical Education – 1 ½ units</p> <p>Jump Start – 9 units Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials as approved in Regional Jump Start proposals</p> <p>Total units = 23</p> |



College Admission

TOPS University Curriculum

Qualifies a student for a 4-Year university

Jump Start/TOPS Tech Curriculum

Students must start at a 2-year community college and transfer to a 4-year university after completing transfer requirements.



Current TOPS Requirements for a 4-year University

- Complete TOPS University Curriculum
- 2.5 GPA
- 20 ACT Composite



Current TOPS Tech Requirements for a 2-year University or Technical School

- Complete TOPS University or TOPS JumpStart Curriculum
- 2.5 GPA
- 17 ACT Composite or Silver WorkKeys



Dual Enrollment Courses and Requirements (11th and 12th Graders)

- Courses Offered
 - SLU – 15 classes in COMM, ENGL, MUSC, EDUC, PSYC, HIST, SPAN, MATH, CHEM, BIOL
 - NTCC – 4 classes in ENGL, MATH
- Pre-ACT or ACT for SLU
 - Composite 19
 - English 18
 - Math 19
- GPA for SLU
 - ≥ 2.5
- Pre-ACT cannot be used to qualify for Dual Enrollment Classes once a student takes the ACT.



End of Course Tests (EOC) Required for Graduation

Students must pass three EOC tests to graduate. One from each column below.

English I or English II

Algebra I or Geometry

Biology I or American History

*EOC Test will count as 15% of the final grade.



First Time Freshman Schedule

1. English I or English II
2. Algebra I or Geometry
3. American History
4. Environmental Science or Physical Science
5. Physical Education or ROTC
6. IBCA
7. One elective



Courses with Prerequisites

- English I is a prerequisite for **English II**
- Algebra I is a prerequisite for **Geometry**
- Algebra I is a prerequisite for **Physical Science**



Honors Courses Available to 9th Graders

- English I-H
- English II-H (requires English I credit)
- Algebra I-H
- Geometry-H (requires Algebra I credit)
- American History-H
- Environmental Science – H
- Physical Science –H (requires Algebra I credit)



Honors Criteria

To be eligible for 9th grade honors classes at PHS, a student must meet 3 of the following:

1. Student self evaluation – on website
<https://www.tangischools.org/Page/37556>
2. Teacher recommendation
3. 3.0 GPA in subject area
4. 2.8 overall GPA



Incoming Freshmen must choose one elective and two alternates from the following:

- Agriscience I
- Art I
- Band
- Beginning Choir
- Creative Writing
- Fine Art Survey (FAS)
- FCS – Family and Consumer Science I
- French I (principal recommendation)
- Principles of Business
- Spanish I (principal recommendation)
- Theatre I/Speech I



New Student Tours

Tentative Date: Friday, July 31, 2020

