

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**  
**(all students EXCEPT incoming Freshman 2008)**

The credits required for graduation are listed in the chart below, with a total of 23 credits required. *Beginning with the freshman class of 2008-2009, twenty-four (24) credits will be required.*

<b>English</b> 4 Credits	English I, English II, English III, English IV, or Business English (taught at Louisiana Technical College, Northeast Campus)
<b>Mathematics</b> 3 Credits	All students must complete one of the following: Algebra I or Algebra I Part I and Part II; The remaining units should come from: Geometry, Algebra II, or Financial Math or Advanced Math
<b>Science</b> 3 Credits	Courses shall be Biology and two of the following: Physical Science, Physics, Chemistry, Vocational Agriculture I and II (for one science credit), Environmental Science, Biology II
<b>Social Studies</b> 3 Credits	Courses shall be American History, ½ unit of Civics, ½ unit of Free Enterprise and one of the following: World History or World Geography
<b>Health Education</b> – ½ Credit	
<b>Physical Education</b> 1 ½ Credits	May substitute 1 ½ credits of JROTC. A maximum of four credits may be used toward graduation, and 1 ½ or 2 of these units may be used as physical education credit.
<b>Electives</b> 8 Credits	4 credits must be in a career/vocational major with a sequence of related specialty courses

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION INCOMING FRESHMEN 2008

Beginning with incoming freshmen 2008-2009, all ninth graders will be enrolled in Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum. The curriculum may be modified at the end of the sophomore (10<sup>th</sup>) year for students who do not plan on attending college. A parent conference must be held to make any changes.

Total Credits required for beginning with incoming freshmen 2008-2009 be 24. **Students must satisfy all state graduation requirements including course work and graduate exit exams.** In addition to the course requirements listed in the table below, **further graduation requirements** are described below.

**2.099.00** In addition to completing a minimum of 24 Carnegie Units of credit, the student shall also be required to pass the Graduation Exit Exam. The English/Language Arts, Writing, and Mathematics components of the Graduation Exit Exam will be administered to students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The Science and Social Studies components of the Graduation Exit Exam will 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 exam.

**2.099.01** All city and parish school systems shall notify each student and parent or guardian of the requirement of passing the Graduation Exit Exam prior to or upon the student's entering the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Students transferring to any high school of a city or parish school system shall be notified by that system of the requirement of passing the Graduation Exit Exam upon entering that school system.

<b>English</b> 4 Credits	English I, English II, English III, and English IV
<b>Mathematics</b> 4 Credits	Algebra I or *Algebra 1 – Part 2; Geometry; Algebra II One credit from the following: Financial Math, Math Essentials, Advanced Math, or Calculus * <b>Note: Algebra I – Part 1 is a prerequisite for Algebra I – Part 2 and will be used as an elective.</b>
<b>Science</b> 4 Credits	Biology I, Chemistry Two Credits from the following: Biology II, Environmental Science, Physics, or *Agriscience II * <b>Note: Agriscience I is a prerequisite for Agriscience II and will be used as an elective.</b>
<b>Social Studies</b> 4 Credits	½ credit of Civics; ½ credit of Free Enterprise; World History; World Geography; American History
<b>Physical Education</b> 2 Credits	½ credit of Health Education; 1 ½ credits of Physical Education JROTC may be substituted
<b>Foreign Language</b> 2 Credits	2 Credits in the same foreign language
<b>Arts</b> 1 Credit	One credit from the following: Fine Arts Survey, Art I, Advanced Band, Beginning Band or Advanced Chorus
<b>Electives – 3 Credits</b>	

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION  
INCOMING FRESHMEN 2010-2011 AND AFTER  
CAREER DIPLOMA**

A total of 23 Carnegie Units required for the Career Diploma as described below. Students must complete a career area of concentration and participate in a drop out prevention and mentoring program at the high school level. In addition, students must pass three End-of-Course Tests in the following categories: English 2 or English 3; Algebra 1 or Geometry; and Biology or American History.

<b>English</b> 4 units	English I and English II The remaining units shall come from the following: English III, English IV, *Business English, Technical Reading and Writing, Senior Applications in English
<b>Math</b> 4 units	Algebra I The remaining units shall come from the following: Geometry, Financial Math, Math Essentials, Algebra II, Advanced Math
<b>Science</b> 3 units	Biology I 1 unit from the following physical science cluster: Physical Science, Chemistry I, Physics I The remaining unit shall come from the following: Agriscience II, Environmental Science, *EMT – Basic, Biology II
<b>Social Studies</b> 3 units	½ unit of Civics ½ unit of Free Enterprise American History 1 unit from the following: World History, World Geography, *Psychology
<b>Health</b> – ½ unit	
<b>Physical Education</b> 1 ½ units	Two years of JROTC may be substituted for the Physical Education and Health.
<b>Career Tech Education</b> 7 units	*Journey to Careers Six (6) credits required for a career Area of Concentration (Some may have to be taken at Louisiana Technical College.

\*Journey to Careers is a career exploration course designed to help students learn more about career options, begin to make choices about career opportunities, and to better plan for preparation for a career during high school and beyond.

**Entrance Requirements for the Career Diploma:** A student seeking to pursue a career diploma must meet one of the following conditions:

1. The student has met all the requirements for promotion to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, including grades and LEAP scores.
2. The student is at least 15 years of age or will attain the age of 15 during the next school year, scored at least at the Approaching Basic level on the English or mathematics component of the 8th grade LEAP test, and meets the criteria established by the Pupil Progression Plan where the student is enrolled to enter the ninth grade for the purpose of pursuing a career diploma.

- The student must complete a summer LEAP remediation program and take the retest in the subject area of any component of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade LEAP test on which the student scores at the *Unsatisfactory* level. Any student who fails to satisfactorily complete the LEAP summer remediation program or who scores *Unsatisfactory* on the mathematics or English component of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade LEAP, shall be required to pass a remedial course for elective credit in the area that was failed before pursuing other courses in the content area. Example: A student who scores *Unsatisfactory* on the mathematics component must pass Math Elective 9 before he/she can **attempt** Algebra I.
  - The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 1.5 on a 4.0 scale for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - The student must meet the attendance requirements.
  - The student must meet the behavior requirements.
  - ***The student must participate in JAG***, a dropout prevention and mentoring program during his/her first year in high school. The program shall have the following components: a) An academic catch up component to address all the area(s) of student deficiency; b) An adult mentoring component with an emphasis on workforce awareness and readiness; c) A work readiness and skills component; d) A work-based learning component such as job shadowing/job exploration/paid internships
3. Every student who seeks to pursue a career diploma shall have the written permission of his/her parent or other legal guardian on the Career Diploma Participation Form after a conference with the school counselor or school designee at the student's junior high school.