

LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



"Developing lifelong learners"

High School FAQ COVID-19

How will final grades be calculated?

If we return to school at the conclusion of the stay at home order, we will have an abbreviated fourth marking period and grades will be calculated as normal.

If schools do not reopen before the end of this school year, students' final grades will be calculated using the first three marking period grades. The third marking period ended on March 18 and March 20 was the last day of school. Since three marking periods were completed, final grades will be an average of those three marking periods.

How will this pandemic affect graduation requirements?

To ensure that every senior has the opportunity to meet graduation requirements, our high schools have already identified every student who is scheduled to graduate in May and assessed whether the student has met all requirements as of the closure of schools. Those students who do not yet have 3 quality points after the third marking period have been contacted by their high school and arrangements have been made for those students to recover that credit in time to be able to graduate.

Other graduation requirements have been waived for this school year by the Louisiana Department of Education. Those waived requirements include the following:

- All attendance requirements are waived for this school year. This applies to all grade levels.
- All LEAP 2025 requirements for currently enrolled seniors are waived.
- The requirement that all seniors have an ACT test on file has been waived for all graduating seniors.
- The requirement that Jump Start students earn an IBC (Industry Based Certification) is waived for graduating seniors.

Will we still have a graduation ceremony and a prom?

We also understand that there are many end of the school year activities that students, especially seniors, look forward to such as graduation and prom. Regarding graduation ceremonies, we are committed to exploring every option in order to ensure that our seniors and their families do not miss out on this event. We have already reached out to the Thibodaux Civic Center, and they are very willing to work with Central Lafourche and Thibodaux High to reschedule graduation as soon as we are able. South Lafourche High holds their graduation on their campus. Even if we must hold graduation ceremonies at a much later date, we will have graduation ceremonies. Our high schools will also do everything in their power to hold prom for our upperclassmen.

How will this affect TOPS?

Eligible graduating seniors will still be able to receive the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). TOPS requirements have not changed.

Students should reach out to their school's senior counselor with specific questions.

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