



**Class of 2025**



# APCS Information

- ? School website--[www.apcs.us](http://www.apcs.us). Also, click on Viking Voice to access 'Counselor's Corner'
- ? **Parents need to read APCS rules and regulations that are in the Student Handbook. Student Handbook can be found on the school website.**
- ? PowerSchool web access for students grades. If you need your login information, email Mrs. Dodi
- ? Questions about Capture Point-- email Mrs. Julie [julieroy@apcs.us](mailto:julieroy@apcs.us)
- ? When you get accepted to college, send Mrs. Dodi your acceptance letter so it can be added to morning announcements.
- ? Senior Slide Show pictures (baby, elementary, middle school) due January 6th. Contact [publications@apcs.us](mailto:publications@apcs.us) for more information.



ACT

? ACT - Oct 26, Dec 14, Feb 8, April 5, June 14, July 12 - go to [myact.org](http://myact.org) to register and for registration deadlines. Make sure you send scores to colleges you are interested in attending

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# Dual Enrollment - LSUA

- ? Dual Enrollment classes are \$150 per class per semester. This is payable to LSUA, not APCS. Due date is October 1st for fall and spring should be March 1st. Your student's bill can be found on their myLSUA account.
- ? To pay for classes
  - ? Mail payment to: LSUA ATTN: Accounting 8100 Highway 71 South Alexandria, LA 71302
  - ? Call: 318-473-6407
  - ? In person: Abrams Hall, 155 Middleton Drive Alexandria, LA 71302
  - ? Online: using your child's myLSUA account (go to [apcs.us](http://apcs.us), Viking Voice, Counselor's Corner)
- ? DE courses that your child has possibly taken at APCS...Math 1021, Math 1022, Math 2011, Engl 1001, Engl 1002, Geog 1001, Geog 1003, Hist 1001, Hist 1003, Hist 2055, Hist 2057. To determine how the classes transfer to other universities you need to view the Master Course Articulation Matrix on the Board of Regents website. <http://www.regents.la.gov/>
- ? Request your transcript from LSUA to be sent to your future college. Needs to be done after May 15, 2025. Students can request transcripts to be sent using their myLSUA account. Official transcripts are \$7 per copy. Unofficial transcripts are available on myLSUA.

# Preparing for College

- ? Stay Organized
- ? Encourage your student to check their email!
- ? Together with your child, you should begin applying for colleges
- ? College Fall preview days – go to universities websites for more information.
- ? Transcript/Letters of Recommendation requests need to be emailed to Mrs. Dodi. Preferred if...This request comes from the student, not the parent.
- ? asklela.org - 'scholarship search'
- ? <https://www.lsua.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid> for various scholarships available
- ? Admission to university and TOPS is based on a single ACT score not Superscore. Some universities may offer scholarships based on Superscore.

# Preparing for College

- ? In order to reserve campus housing, you must first be admitted to the university
- ? Immunization Records are needed. This can be obtained from the clinic at APCS, health unit or your doctor. The APCS clinic is closed during the summer.
- ? Ways to pay for college...Pell Grant, Work study, Student/Parent Loans, Scholarships (TOPS, University awarded, Private), Personal Savings
- ? Fee bills are usually due the very first part of August and then again in early January.

# Types of financial aid: TOPS

- ? TOPS is awarded by the State Department of Education not by APCS. The funded amount status for each college can be found at <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/tops/>. Funding status is released after the legislature meets in the Spring/Summer of 2025.
- ? <https://mylosfa.la.gov/> can also be used for scholarship search. Follow on FB, Instagram...
- ? If your highest ACT score was in your freshman or sophomore year, you need to have ACT send our score to LOSFA.
- ? <http://www.osfa.la.gov>---LOSFA Programs, TOPS, TOPS Core Curriculum Flyer
  - TOPS Tech – 17 and 2.5 TOPS GPA, covers tuition at a technical college
  - TOPS Opportunity – 20 and 2.5 TOPS GPA covers tuition for 8 semesters
  - TOPS Performance - 23 and 3.25 TOPS GPA , covers tuition for 8 semesters and \$400 per year
  - TOPS Honors - 27 and 3.5 TOPS GPA, covers tuition for 8 semesters and \$800 per year

# Applying for TOPS

2 options:

Complete FAFSA

Complete TOPS online application

<https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/tops/>

- ? April 2025 is the last test for a qualifying score for TOPS. However, the June 2025/July 2025 may be used but the award amount is reduced to 7 semesters or 2 quarters
- ? ACT scores/ACT score timeline for admission to universities and scholarship awards vary for each university.



# Types of financial aid:

Federal Pell Grants - Free money from the federal government issued to student based on financial need. Amounts awarded range based on income. Maximum amount is \$6895 per year

## Loans -

Student Loan - Maximum amount is \$5500 per year for a first time freshmen. Amount increase each year. Loans can be subsidized (interest is waived until graduation) or unsubsidized (interest begins accruing upon disbursement).

Parent Loan - Loan awarded to the parent based on credit score/credit information.

Federal Work Study - On campus job



- ? FAFSA is the 'vehicle' used to communicate financial aid information to the universities financial aid department.
- ? First Step— Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) – both parent/contributor and student needs one. This serves as your electronic signature. **Remember your username and password!!** To obtain your FSA ID go to [studentaid.gov/fsa-id](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id).
- ? [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - Applications open December 1, 2024 and is based on your 2023 taxes. You will be completing FAFSA for the 2025-26. This is needed for TOPS, grants, or loans. If you have had a change in income since your 2023 taxes, you need to contact the university financial aid office... not FAFSA.
- ? Your child is considered a 'first time freshmen' regardless of the amount of dual enrollment hours earned.
- ? Use your legal name on everything!!!

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- ? Social Security Numbers will be verified by the Social Security Administration
- ? You can list up to 20 colleges to receive FAFSA.
- ? Student email needs to be different from parent's email
- ? FAFSA can be linked to the IRS website with the IRS data retrieval tool...The name/address that appears on your W2, tax return, and FAFSA must be the same.
- ? Which parent/contributor completes the FAFSA?? Whomever contributed the most financially to the child in the past 12 months regardless of who claims the child for income taxes.
- ? When you have finished completing FAFSA, your screen will say "Congratulations"
- ? FAFSA serves as your TOPS application as well
- ? You have to complete FAFSA every year that your child is in college



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