

Hammond High Magnet School

SENIOR PARENT MEETING

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Class of 2023 – Text reminders from Remind101

Class of 2023 Remind Codes

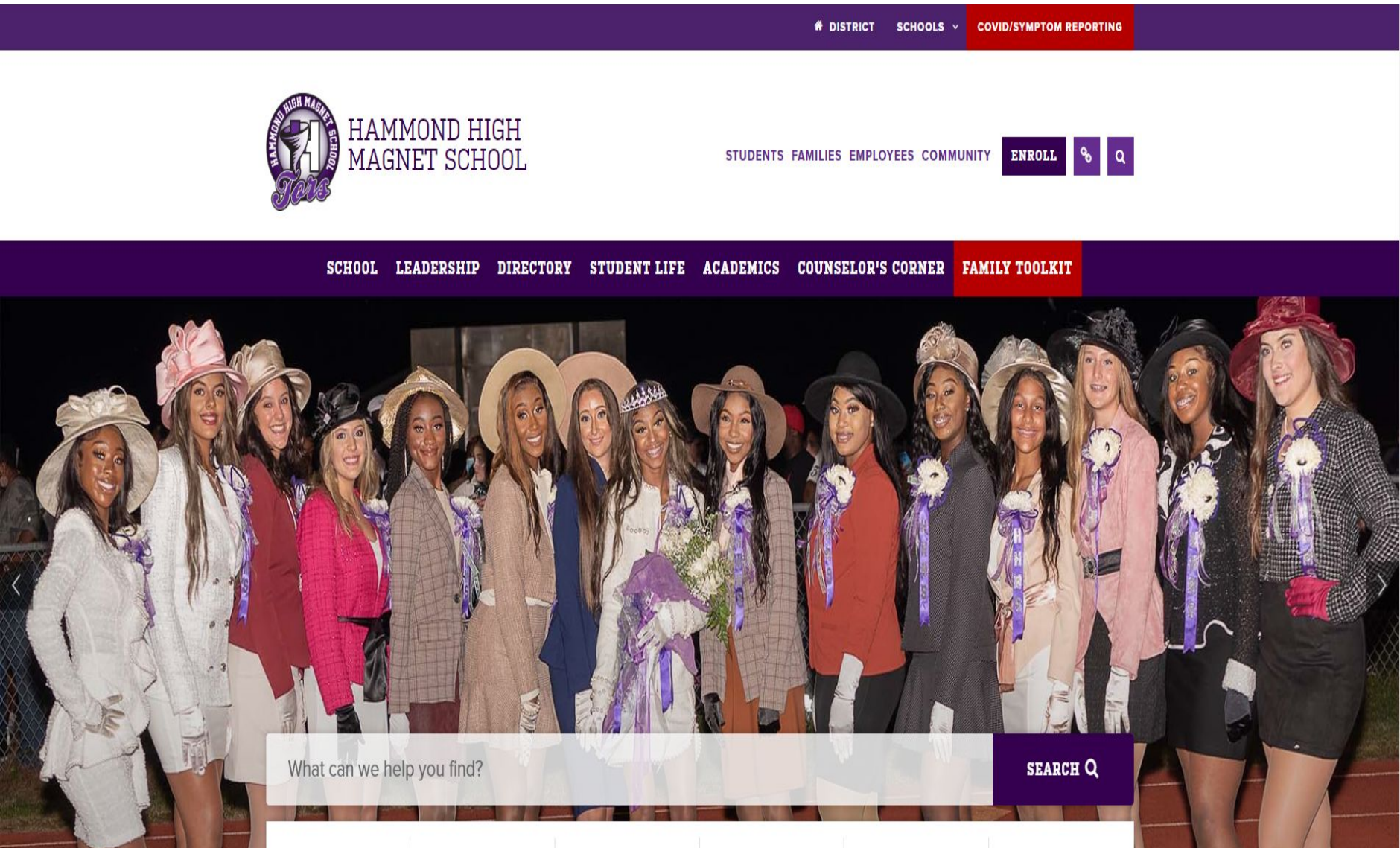
Parents: text @hhms23 to the
number 81010

Students last name A-M: text
@23hhmsam2 to the number
81010

Students last name N-Z: text
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HHMS Website

1. Click on Counselors Corner



Meet The Counselor

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Important Dates



Graduation May 2023 (Date TBA)

Only students who have completed all testing and credit requirements will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
Deadline to complete all requirements – May 1.

Senior Dates

- Jostens returns for deposits: September 16th & 19th during all 4 lunches
- Homecoming: Game -- October 14th; Dance-- October 15th
- FASFA Completion Dates:
 - November 2nd 8 am - 1:30 pm Library
 - November 15th 8 am - 1:30 pm Library
 - November 16th 8 am - 1:30 pm Library
- Senior Portraits: November 5, 2022 in the library (more information will be given later)
- Senior Portraits: November 12, 2022 in the library (more information will be given later)

*Students must be passing **ALL** classes in order to pick up graduation supplies in the spring.

*Students who do not meet the graduation testing requirements by the Spring 2023 semester **WILL NOT** be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

SENIOR'S Checklist for College Planning 2022-2023



Louisiana's Non-Profit Resource for FAFSA Completion and College Access

SEPTEMBER 2022

- ☐ Meet with your School Counselor to review high school transcripts and to evaluate top three college choices.
- ☐ Register to take the ACT and/or SAT. Visit actstudent.org and collegeboard.org
- ☐ Complete online college admission application to top schools on your list.
- ☐ Explore what government financial aid you can apply for at <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/do-you-need-money.pdf>
- ☐ Search and apply for scholarships. www.lela.org/paying-for-college

OCTOBER 2022

- ☐ On or after Oct. 1, submit the FAFSA on online at fafsa.gov for the upcoming 2023-24 school year using 2021 tax returns.
- ☐ Meet all admissions, financial aid and scholarship application deadlines at your college or university.
- ☐ Devote time, energy, and thought to writing any required essays.
- ☐ Download and print Lela's FAFSA Completion Guide www.lela.org.
- ☐ Visit March2Success.com for free ACT prep lessons.
- ☐ Review your FAFSA Student Aid Report. Make any necessary corrections and re-submit FAFSA.

NOVEMBER 2022

- ☐ If colleges request Letters of Recommendation, compile a list of teachers and mentors you can ask to submit a letter on your behalf. This may also be needed for scholarship applications.
- ☐ Finalize and have a teacher proof read any required essays.
- ☐ Register to take the ACT or SAT. Highest composite score will be accepted. Visit actstudent.org and collegeboard.org
- ☐ Attend a College and Career Fair at your high school or in your area.
- ☐ Submit an entry for a chance to win Lela's \$1,000 FAFSA Completion Scholarship at asklela.org

DECEMBER 2022

- ☐ Visit myact.org to compare colleges and research careers.
- ☐ Submit all completed admission and college academic scholarship applications. Meet deadlines.
- ☐ Register for Lela's \$1,000 Choose Louisiana Scholarship. Sign up at Lela.org by December 31, 2022
- ☐ **Ask Lela for help! Call the FAFSA HELPLINE @ 844-463-2372**
- ☐ Follow @ AskLela on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook for important tips and scholarship opportunities.
- ☐ Your parent can request a **free** Parent Planning Guide www.lela.org/parents-guide

JANUARY 2023

- ☐ For free FAFSA assistance, scan here:
- 
- ☐ Once your FAFSA is submitted, register to win a \$1,000 scholarship at askLela.org.
 - ☐ Participate in the George Rodrigue Art Scholarship for Seniors. Check out georgerodriguefoundation.org.
 - ☐ If your FAFSA has been selected for "verification", submit additional requested information to your school.
 - ☐ Track your TOPS status at LOSFA's Student Hub. Visit mylosfa.la.gov

FEBRUARY 2023

- ☐ Once your FAFSA is submitted, register for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship here:
- 
- ☐ If you applied for early decision, responses should be coming to you. If not, follow up with your admissions representative.
 - ☐ Attend a Financial Aid program at your school or in your area.
 - ☐ Register for Advanced Placement Exams.

MARCH 2023

- ☐ If you have completed the financial aid process, be on the look out for your school's Award Letter or electronic notification.
- ☐ March 1 is the recommended FAFSA submission deadline at many schools. Check with your school for priority deadline dates.
- ☐ Visit LDOE's Graduation Pathways for graduation requirements and much more at louisianabelieves.com

APRIL 2023

- ☐ Compare the offers you receive from each college.
- ☐ Decide which college to attend and notify the school of your decision.
- ☐ Review your financial aid award package with your parents; be sure you understand the terms and conditions that apply to each type of aid offered.
- ☐ If your award package includes student loans, only borrow what you NEED.
- ☐ Consider the LelaCHOICE Supplemental Loan if you need to fill a funding gap (after all free money and federal & state

MAY 2023

- ☐ Notify the offices of Admissions and Financial Aid at the colleges you decided not to attend.
- ☐ **Ask Lela for help!**
- ☐ Apply for a summer job.
- ☐ GRADUATION! Congratulations!
- ☐ Arrange housing and a meal plan with your new school, if necessary.

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2023

- ☐ Respond to all requests from your college.
- ☐ Find out when payment of school charges (such as tuition, fees, and room and board) are due.
- ☐ Make a plan for saving a portion of your summer earnings.
- ☐ Attend Freshman Orientation at your new college.
- ☐ Register for Lela's \$1,000 Choose Louisiana scholarship. Sign up at Lela.org by December 31, 2023.

Have questions about FAFSA? Call askLela's FAFSA HELPLINE.

DON'T MISS THE FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid PREMIERING OCTOBER 1

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the single most important thing you can do to get money for college. It's your ticket to more than \$150 billion in grants, work-study funds, and federal student loans.¹

☆ New this season

- The FAFSA will be available October 1.
- You'll use your 2015 tax return.
- You may receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) earlier.
- You may get your financial aid packages earlier, depending on the school.

☆ Don't forget your ticket

- With your FAFSA
- Schools put together your financial aid package.
 - States determine your eligibility for state grants and financial aid.
 - You can apply for scholarships that require it.

☆ Get a front row seat

- Complete the FAFSA as early as possible each year you're in college and
- Be at the front of the line for financial aid awards given on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Meet state and school application deadlines.

☆ Meet the cast

- You should file a FAFSA if you are
- A high school senior applying to colleges
 - Already in college and starting a new school year

☆ Extras

- List all the schools you're considering.
- Remember, the FAFSA is free. Don't pay to file.

Get more details about the show at
☆ SallieMae.com/FAFSA ☆

"Amazing! The earliest FAFSA show ever!"

¹Office of Federal Student Aid, <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa>.

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Wednesday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15th

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16th

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

HHMS Library

Info on completing FAFSA.

Graduation Requirements

Diploma Track (specific course requirements)

TOPS University (24 credits)

TOPS Tech JumpStart (23 credits + credentials)

EOC (End of Course tests)

English II or English III

Algebra I or Geometry

Biology I or US History



FAFSA, Louisiana TOPS form, Waiver, District Hardship



STUDENT'S NAME _____
 EOC Scores: _____ Alg I or _____ Geometry
 _____ Eng II or _____ Eng III
 _____ Biology or _____ American History

TOPS University

24 credits needed for graduation

ENGLISH (4 credits)

_____ English I
 _____ English II
 _____ English III
 _____ English IV

MATH (4 credits)

_____ Algebra I
 _____ Geometry
 _____ Algebra II
 _____ Adv Math/Pre-Calculus or Algebra III

SOCIAL STUDIES (4 credits)

_____ Civics
 _____ American History
 2 units form: World Geography, World History or
 Western Civilization

SCIENCE (4 credits)

_____ Biology I
 _____ Chemistry
 2 units from: Phys Science, Physics, Bio II,
 Environmental Science, Agriculture II

P.E./HEALTH (2 credits)

_____ Health (.5 credit) or: _____ ROTC I
 _____ P.E. I (1 credit) _____ ROTC II
 _____ P.E. II (.5)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE or SPEECH (2 credits)

_____ Spanish I
 _____ Spanish II

ARTS (1 credit)

_____ Fine Art Survey, Art, Band, Choir, Piano,
 Theater

ELECTIVES (3 credits)

JumpStart -

23 credits needed for graduation

ENGLISH - 4 credits/units

_____ English I
 _____ English II
 _____ English III
 _____ Business English or Senior Applications

MATH - 4 credits/units

_____ Algebra I
 _____ Geometry
 _____ Math Essentials, Financial Math,
 Algebra II

SOCIAL STUDIES - 2 credits/units

_____ Civics
 _____ American History

SCIENCE - 2credits/units

_____ Physical Science or Environmental Science
 _____ Biology

PE/HEALTH/ROTC 2 credits/units

_____ Health (.5) OR _____ ROTC I
 _____ PE I (.5) _____ ROTC II
 _____ PE II

ELECTIVES - 9 units form chosen Pathway

_____ Career Course (Req)



TOPS Core Curriculum

For the Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards
For High School graduates of 2018 and thereafter

Units	Courses ¹
ENGLISH = 4 Units	
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
1 Unit from the following:	English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition, or IB English III (Language A or Literature and Performance)
1 Unit from the following:	English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, or IB English IV (Language A or Literature and Performance)
MATH = 4 Units	
1 Unit	Algebra I
1 Unit	Geometry
1 Unit	Algebra II
	(Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematics II, and Integrated Mathematics III may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence)
1 Unit from the following:	Algebra III; Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or IB Math Methods I (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math Methods II (Mathematical Studies SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL; AP Computer Science A
SCIENCE = 4 Units	
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit	Chemistry I
2 Units from the following:	Earth Science; Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or IB Physics II; AP Physics I and AP Physics II; Biology II, AP Biology, or IB Biology II
SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 Units	
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 Unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
2 Units from the following:	Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or IB World History; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics
Please see reverse side for continuation of TOPS Core Curriculum	

FOREIGN LANGUAGE = 2 Units	Foreign Language, both units in the same language, which may include the following: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, IB French IV, IB French V, IB Spanish IV, and IB Spanish V
ART = 1 Unit	
1 Unit from the following:	Performance course in Music, Dance or Theatre; Fine Arts Survey; Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Music I, II, III and IV; Talented Theater Arts I, II, III, and IV; Speech III and Speech IV (one unit combined); AP Art History; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Music Theory; IB Film Study I; IB Film Study II; IB Music I; IB Music II; IB Art Design III; IB Art Design IV; IB Theatre I or Drafting; Media Arts I, II, III, and IV; Photography I; Photography II; Digital Photography
TOTAL = 19 Units	

¹ **GIFTED COURSES:** Any core curriculum course that is taken by a student who has been identified as gifted pursuant to State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy and that is taken in fulfillment of the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be considered a "Gifted Course" and shall fulfill the core curriculum.

Beginning with students entering the 9th grade in 2014-2015 and graduating in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter, the calculation of the TOPS Core Curriculum grade point average (GPA) will use a five- (5.00) point scale for grades earned in certain designated Advanced Placement (AP) courses; International Baccalaureate (IB) courses; Gifted courses; Dual Enrollment courses, Honors courses and Articulated courses offered for college credit by the Louisiana School for the Math, Science and the Arts used to complete the TOPS Core Curriculum. The courses currently designated to be calculated on the 5.00 point scale can be viewed at <https://www.osfa.la.gov/5scale>. At this time, BESE and the Board of Regents have not designated the Honors or Articulated courses that will be calculated on the five- (5.00) point scale.¹ For the designated courses, five quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "A", four quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "B", three quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "C", two quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "D", and zero quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "F". Note that students earning credit in courses graded on the five (5.00) point scale may earn a grade point average on the TOPS Core Curriculum that exceeds 4.00.

¹ Courses approved for the five- (5.00) point scale will be noted in updates to this document.



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TOPS Tech Core Curriculum

For the TOPS Tech Award – JumpStart Curriculum

For High School graduates of 2016 and thereafter

Students may also qualify for the TOPS Tech Award by completing the TOPS Core Curriculum for the Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards

Units	Courses
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
2 Units	English III, English IV, AP or IB English courses, Business English, Technical Writing, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
1 Unit	Algebra I; or both Algebra I, Part 1 and Algebra I, Part 2; or an applied or hybrid algebra course
3 Units	Geometry, Algebra II, Math Essentials, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra III, Advanced Math -Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-calculus, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, and shall equal three mathematics credits
1 Unit	Biology
1 Unit	Chemistry I, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (both for one unit), Physical Science, or AP or IB science courses
1 Unit	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 Unit	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
9 Units	In Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials. A student shall complete a regionally designed series of Career and Technical Education Jump Start coursework and workplace-based learning experiences leading to a statewide or regional Jump Start credential. This shall include courses and workplace experiences specific to the credential, courses related to foundational career skills requirements in Jump Start, and other courses, including career electives, that the Jump Start regional team determines are appropriate for the career major.
TOTAL: 21 units	



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Paying for College

1st step – FSA ID Student & Parent

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English Español

Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

2nd step – complete FAFSA beginning Oct 1

How to create an FSA ID

Visit: fsaid.ed.gov

The FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one when logging in to fafsa.gov, the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) at www.nsls.ed.gov, StudentLoans.gov, StudentAid.gov, and Agreement to Serve (ATS) at www.teach-ats.ed.gov.



Step 1 When logging in to one of the websites listed above, click the link to create an FSA ID.

Tip: Important: Only the owner of the FSA ID should create and use the account. Never share your FSA ID.

Step 2 Create a username and password, and enter your e-mail address.

Step 3 Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.

Step 4 If you have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you will be able to enter it and link it to your FSA ID. You can still create an FSA ID if you have forgotten or do not have a PIN.

Step 5 Review your information, and read and accept the terms and conditions.

Step 6 Confirm your e-mail address using the secure code, which will be sent to the e-mail address you entered when you created your FSA ID. Once you verify your e-mail address, you can use it instead of your username to log in to the websites.

You can use your FSA ID to sign a FAFSA right away. Once the Social Security Administration verifies your information in one to three days, or if you have linked your PIN to your FSA ID, you will be able to use your FSA ID to access the websites listed above. For help, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

Student FSA ID

Username: _____

(6-30 characters containing numbers and upper or lower case letters)

Password: _____

(8-30 characters containing at least 3 of the following: numbers, upper case letters, lower case letters & special characters)

Challenge Question 1: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Question 2: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Question 3: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Question 4: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Significant Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Secure Code: _____

Save Key: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent FSA ID

Email Used: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Challenge Question 1: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Question 2: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Question 3: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Question 4: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Significant Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Secure Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____



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Assistant Principals
MICHAEL KYLES JR.
KIMA DAVIS

August 24, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

State law requires that you make an election at the beginning of the year your child enters the eighth grade, or when your child first enters public school after the eighth grade, as to whether you give or deny consent for this school to collect your child's PII and disclose it to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) for TOPS and other financial aid or to the state's colleges and universities (Institutions) for admissions. Once you sign this form, your decision to consent or not to consent to the collection and disclosure of your child's PII will be valid. Your decision may be changed at any time by completing and returning this form.

Your child's transcript data will not be provided to LOSFA and the Institutions unless you consent to the disclosure of the information.

Please read the attached Consent Form and fill out and sign the portion of the Form that applies to your decision to grant or deny consent.

Please note that state law was amended during the 2018 Legislative Session that required changes to the Consent Form. As a result of these changes, you must complete this form and return it to your school even if you have completed it in the past.

Please return the form to the school.

Thank you,
HHMS Counseling Department

TOPS Bulletin

August 23, 2018

CONSENT FORM

TOPS, COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AID PROGRAMS, COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, REQUIRED REPORTING AND STUDENT SUCCESS POLICIES

If you consent, your child's data will be shared with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) through the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) and its technology partner, the Office of Technology Services (OTS), the College or University to which your child applies (Institution) and the Board of Regents (BOR), to allow:

- LOSFA to determine whether your child is eligible for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Scholarship and other college aid using the Louisiana Award System (LAS).
- LOSFA to make TOPS and other aid payments.
- The Institution(s) to process your child's application(s) for admission.
- BOR staff to provide required aggregate reporting to your child's school board on remediation needs, retention rates, and graduation rates of your child's high school graduating class and for developing policies to improve student success. Data will be used solely for the stated purposes, and **under no circumstances will personally identifiable student information be released.**
- You to track your child's progress in taking the courses and earning the grades required to be eligible for a TOPS Scholarship and to monitor your child's TOPS eligibility status by having an account on the LOSFA Student Hub (<https://www.osfa.la.gov/studenthub.html>).

The data to be collected to determine your child's eligibility for TOPS, for admission to an Institution, and for required reporting and policy development include:

- Full name
- Birthdate
- Social Security Number
- Student transcript data (includes but not limited to, courses taken, type of course, the grades for each course, and when and where the courses were taken).

If you do not consent to the disclosure of your child's data to LOSFA and to postsecondary Institutions, the evaluation of your child's eligibility for TOPS and for admission to college will be delayed until the information necessary to make a determination is provided.

I CONSENT to my child's school collecting my child's personal information named above and disclosing that information to the entities checked below. I understand and acknowledge that the consent provided herein shall be valid for my child's cumulative transcript records as of the date of signature and shall remain valid and in effect until my child graduates from high school or I withdraw consent by completing a new copy of this form and returning it to my child's school. **I DECLINE** CONSENT for my child's data to be sent to an entity not checked below.

☐ LOSFA (for TOPS and other aid)

☐ Institution (for admission)

☐ BOR (for required reporting)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

My Child's Full Name

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

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Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Three Primary Sources of Financial Aid

- **US Dept of Education**

- The federal agency that provides grant, work study, and loan funding.

- **State**

- Administers state scholarships, grants, loans, and college savings and prepaid tuition programs.

- **Colleges & Universities**

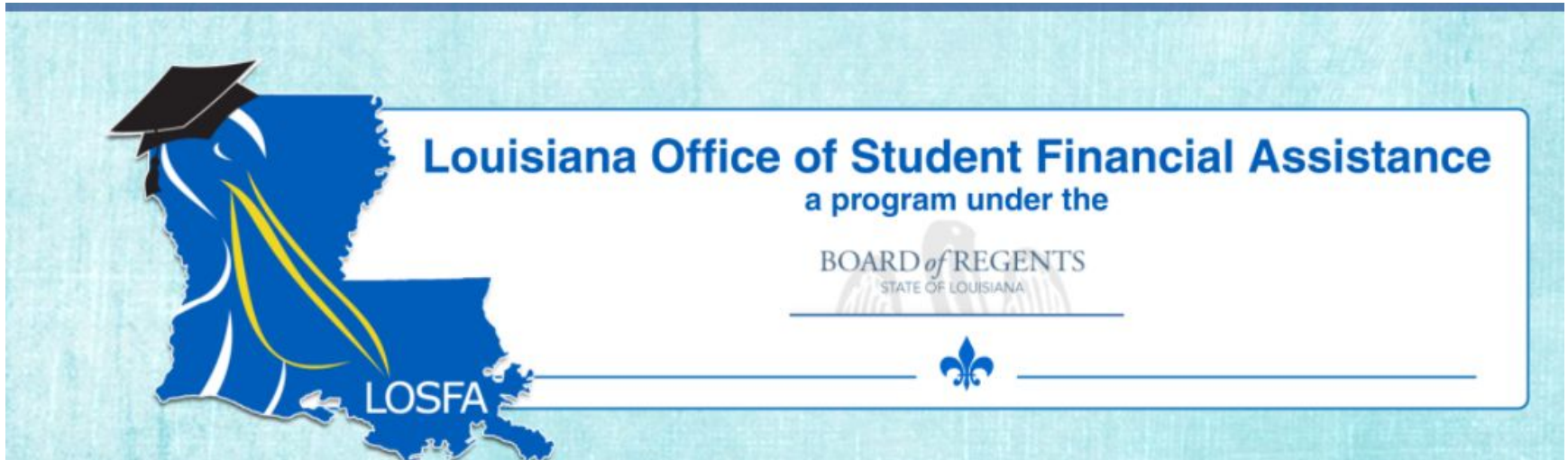
- May offer their own scholarships, grants, and loan programs. Availability and eligibility varies **WIDELY** between schools

Types of Financial Aid

- Grants
- Scholarships
 - Colleges/Universities
 - academic, athletic or other talent
 - Civic organizations
 - Churches, PTA, Elks, Kiwanis, cultural leagues, etc
 - Private businesses
 - Parental affiliations
 - Employers & labor unions
 - Online scholarship searches
- Loans
 - Federal
 - Private
- Federal Work Study

TOPS

<http://www.osfa.la.gov/index.jsp>



TOPS (Taylor Opportunity Program for Students) is a program of state scholarships for Louisiana residents who attend either one of the

- Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities
- Louisiana Community and Technical College System Schools
- Louisiana approved Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools
- Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

- The four award components of the TOPS Program are:
 - TOPS Opportunity Award
 - TOPS Performance Award
 - TOPS Honors Award
 - TOPS Tech Award
- Completion of Consent Form
- Completion of TOPS Core Curriculum for award level
- Qualifying ACT or SAT scores for award level
- Minimum 2.5 GPA in TOPS Core for Opportunity and Tech
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in TOPS Core for Performance or and Honors



- Things to consider:

Takes time but opportunity for big payoff.

Should not cost money to win money.

Be wary of companies that charge a fee.

- The number one winning scholarship tip:

Read then follow the directions.

What do I need to do?

FSA ID – now
Register with Selective Service
FAFSA – beginning Oct 1

Scholarships – begin now

Apply to college
college tours
deadlines – priority, application, housing

Take/Retake ACT
ACT Score = Composite, English, Math

Evaluate
Graduation requirements
Overall gpa/TOPS gpa

Register with NCAA Clearinghouse



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