



Class of 2026

APCS

- School website--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
- ~~Q~~uestions about Capture Point-- email Mrs. Julie (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 October 14th. Contact publications@apcs.us for more information.

ACT

- myact.org
- Test dates: Oct 18, Dec 13, Feb 14, April 11, June 13, July 11
- New format called 'Enhanced ACT'
 - Composite based on EMR (English, Math, Reading)
 - ○ ACT \$68. Science (\$4) and Writing are optional (\$25)
 - Total time is shorter

WorkKeys

- Career Predictor
- Administered to Seniors at APCS in the spring
- Business and Industry placement test to ensure job readiness
- Sometimes level can dictate your starting salary. Levels are Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Technical School scholarships can be based on WorkKey's Level
- TOPS Tech ... Silver or Above
- Your level can ensure an internship position

LSUA ~ DE

- Dual Enrollment classes are \$300 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.
- Options to pay for classes:
 - Mail: 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 myLSUA account (go to apcs.us, Viking Voice, Counselor's Corner)
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Request your transcript from LSUA to be sent to your future college. Needs to be done after May 15, 2026. Students can request transcripts to be sent using their myLSUA account. Official transcripts are \$7 per copy. Unofficial transcripts are available on myLSUA.
- 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 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 (laregents.edu).

College...

- Stay Organized, Check EMAIL!
- Together with your child, you should be applying for college
- College Fall Preview Days - go to college 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'
- LSUA financial aid or other university financial aid website for scholarships.
- Admission to university and TOPS is based on single ACT score not Superscore.

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.
- Financial planning 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.

TOPS

- TOPS is awarded by the State Department of Education not by APCS. The funded amount status for each college can be found at mylosfa.la.gov Funding status is released after the legislature meets in the Spring/Summer of 2026.
- mylosfa.la.gov can be used for scholarship searches. Also follow on Instagram, FB
- If your highest ACT score was in your freshman or sophomore year, you need to have ACT send our score to LOSFA
- April 2026 is the last test for a qualifying score for TOPS. However, the June 2026/July 2026 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.

TOPS

For specific details go to apcs.us, click on Viking Voice, click on Counselor's Corner, TOPS guide

- TOPS Tech – 17 ACT and 2.5 TOPS GPA, covers tuition at a technical college and some degree programs at universities (example: LSUA- associate degree in Rad Tech, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Science)
- 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
- TOPS Excellence - 31 and 3.5 TOPS GPA, \$12K per year for 4 years

TOPS

Applying for TOPS

2 options:

- Complete FAFSA
- Complete TOPS online application @ mylosfa.la.gov

Financial Plan...

- 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

- 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.
- studentaid.gov - Applications open October 1, 2025 and is based on your 2024 taxes. You will be completing FAFSA for the 2026-27. This is needed for TOPS, grants, or loans. If you have had a change in income since your 2024 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!!!

FAFSA

- 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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