

# Zachary Career and Technical Center

## Parent Meeting

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# Objectives for the Meeting

- To review high school graduation requirements
- To review NEW GED (HiSet) requirements
- To review TOPS curriculum and requirements
- Discuss EOC, EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT
- To prepare for scheduling
- To share information regarding Journey to College and Career

# Handouts

- LA Basic Core Graduation Requirements
- Course Selection Sheet
- Career Pathway Flowchart
- HiSet Information
- TOPS Brochure

# Core 4 Graduation Requirements

- **English 4 Units**  
English I, II, III, and IV
- **Mathematics 4 Units**  
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and 4<sup>th</sup> Math
- **Science 4 Units**  
Biology, Chemistry, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Science
- **Social Studies 4 Units**  
World Geography, Civics, American History, World History
- **Physical Education 1½ Units**  
Can substitute ROTC
- **Health ½ Unit**
- **Foreign Language 2 Units**  
Two years in the same language
- **Art Elective 1 Unit**  
Fine Art Survey, Art, Music, or Drama
- **Electives 3 Units**

**Total: 24 Units**

# Basic Core vs. Core 4

- After sophomore year, students have the opportunity to change from the Core 4 curriculum to the Basic Core curriculum.
- Both curriculums earn the same standard diploma; the difference is the coursework taken.
  - Core 4 prepares students for entry into a 4-year college or university
  - Basic Core prepares students for community college, technical college, other training, and employment.
- Requires approval by parents, student, and school.
- Career Pathway of six courses required for Basic Core diploma; it is highly encouraged that ALL students remain on an elective pathway for this reason (see handout).

# Basic Core Requirements

- English I, II, III, IV
- Algebra I, Geometry, Math Essentials, Financial Math
- World Geography, Civics, American History
- Physical Science, Biology, Environmental Science
- PE and Health
- Education for Careers
- IBCA
- 4 Career Electives
- 2 Related Courses



# EOC

- In addition to meeting coursework requirements, students are required to pass end of course tests in core subject areas in order to graduate from high school.
  - Algebra I or Geometry
  - English II or English III
  - American History or Biology

# TOPS

- Louisiana's Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative and progressive student assistance programs in the nation. TOPS has four award components. The minimum grade point average is a 2.5 (core) and the minimum ACT is a 17-19. There are specific courses required to be eligible for the TOPS scholarship. See Dr. Brown to determine which TOPS award your child may be eligible for.

# EXPLORE Test

- The EXPLORE test is designed to help eighth and ninth graders explore a broad range of options for their future. It prepares students not only for their high school coursework but for their post-high school choices as well.
- EXPLORE can serve as an independent program or as the entry point into ACT's [College and Career Readiness System](#).

# PLAN Test

- The PLAN is a preliminary ACT test that is generally administered in the sophomore year. ACT, Inc. claims that it predicts success on the ACT. It is viewed as the ACT's equivalent of the PSAT.

# ACT

- Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
- make sure to use SSN
- *ACT will be given to all current Juniors and many seniors on March 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*-Students do not need to register for this test.*
- ZHS provides free ACT Online Prep accounts at [www.actonlineprep.com](http://www.actonlineprep.com)
- See Dr. Brown if you need assistance with registering for the ACT test or to obtain your act online prep account.

# **ACT Prep Classes**

## **February 15<sup>th</sup> - Reading**

**Ms. Blanchard - Room A231**

## **February 22<sup>nd</sup> - English**

**Ms. Southall - Room A102**

## **March 8<sup>th</sup> - Math**

**Mr. Heikes - Room A306**

## **March 15<sup>th</sup> - Science**

**Ms. Raziano - Room A235**

- **Classes are from 8-12 noon.**
- **Each class costs \$10.00 and must be paid in the counseling office.**
- **Space is limited!**

# Scheduling Information

- Dr. Brown began scheduling ZCTC students today. Course selections were based on student needs, graduation requirements, your child's career interest and postsecondary plans.
- Course selection sheet
- Students will bring home a copy of their course selections for next school year on Friday, February 14th.
- If you have any questions about the courses or would like to make a schedule change, please contact Dr. Brown beginning next week.

# Journey to College and Career

- **College and Career Week**
- **College Tours**
- **Career Fair**
- **Resume Building**
- **Mock Interviews**
- **Future Summer Internships**
- **Possible Job Placements**



# Questions

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