

## COMPARISON DOCUMENT

### Part LXXIX. *Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic)—Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*

#### Chapter 1. Operation and Administration

##### §107. School Approval

A. – A.2.

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3. the school must comply with any other requirements specific to the funding source, including specifically, but not limited to, applicable federal regulations be a nonprofit institutional day or residential school that provides elementary education, secondary education, or both.

B. – J.

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##### §121. Emergency Planning and Procedures

A. – D.2.

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3. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and not later than September thirtieth annually, each nonpublic school shall submit a list to LDOE, in the manner communicated by the department, of all employees who have complied with the training and employees that have not complied.

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##### §123. Personnel

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G. Beginning August 1, 2025, no person whose name is recorded on the DCFS state central registry as a perpetrator for a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect of a child on or after August 1, 2018, shall be hired by any elementary or secondary school as a teacher, substitute teacher, bus driver, substitute bus driver, janitor, or as a temporary, part-time, or permanent school employee of any kind.

1. An administrator, teacher, or other school employee whose name is recorded on the DCFS state central registry on or after August 1, 2025, shall report the recordation to the employer and LDOE within two business days, exclusive of weekends and holidays.

2. A school shall dismiss any teacher or any other school employee whose name is recorded on the DCFS state central registry after August 1, 2025.

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#### Chapter 13. Preventive Programs

##### §1303. Abuse

A. – D.

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E. All instances of alleged child abuse that occur in a school setting shall immediately be reported to parents and to local or state law enforcement, regardless of the alleged perpetrator.

F. If more than one child is involved in the allegations, the school shall immediately report to the parent of all involved children.

G. Any sexual abuse cases in which the alleged perpetrator is a child shall be referred to DCFS.

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#### Chapter 19. Support Services

##### §1903. School Food Service

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F. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year and beyond, no public school governing authority or nonpublic school that receives state funds shall serve any food or beverage containing a prohibited ingredient identified in R.S. 197.2 to students in schools under its jurisdiction.

1. The provisions of the Subsection shall apply to breakfast and lunches served to a student on a school campus during regular school hours and to any food or beverages served by the school to a student during aftercare.

2. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to food or beverages served or sold in concession stands and vending machines.

3. Each public school and any nonpublic school that receives state funds shall purchase food produced in Louisiana, to the extent practicable.

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Chapter 21. Curriculum and Instruction  
Subchapter C. Secondary Schools  
§2107. Unit of Credit

- A. ...
- B. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and beyond, each school shall use the ten point grading scale for the purpose of assigning grades used in the calculation of the minimum GPA required for any TOPS award, regardless of whether the school uses a different grading scale for other purposes.

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§2109. ~~High School Graduation Requirements~~ **TOPS University Diploma**

- A. Minimum Course Requirements. Course code and course selection criteria shall be in compliance with the TOPS Honors and TOPS Tech course requirements approved jointly by BESE and Board of Regents. For incoming freshmen in 2009-2010 and beyond, the 24 units required for graduation shall include 16 required units and 8 elective units for the Louisiana Basic Core Curriculum, or 21 required units and 3 elective units for the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum.
- B. – F.8. Repealed.
- G. – G.3.b. ...
- H. For incoming freshmen in the 2014-2015 through 2023-2024 school years who are completing the TOPS university diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:

1. – 2.k. Repealed.
  3. English—four units;
  4. Mathematics—four units;
  5. Science—four units;
  6. Social studies—four units;
  7. Foreign language—two units;
  8. Art—one unit;
  9. Physical Education—one and one-half units;
  10. Health—one-half unit; and
  11. Electives—three units.
  12. Total—24 units.
- I. For incoming freshmen in the 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 school years who are completing the TOPS university diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:
1. English—four units;
  2. Mathematics—four units;
  3. Science—four units;
  4. Social studies—four units;
  5. Foreign language—two units;
  6. Art—one unit;
  7. Physical Education—one and one-half units;
  8. Health—one-half unit;
  9. Financial literacy—one unit; and
  10. Electives—two units.
  11. Total—24 units.
- J. For incoming freshmen in the 2027-2028 school year and beyond who are completing the TOPS university diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:

1. English—four units;
2. Mathematics—four units;
3. Science—four units;
4. Social studies—four units;
5. Foreign language—two units;
6. Art—one unit;
7. Physical Education—one and one-half units;
8. Health—one-half unit;
9. Financial literacy—one unit;
10. Computer Science—one unit; and
11. Elective—one unit.

12. Total—24 units.

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**§2110. Career Diploma**

A. Minimum Course Requirements. Course code and course selection criteria shall be in compliance with the TOPS Honors and TOPS Tech course requirements approved jointly by BESE and Board of Regents.

B. Curriculum and Entrance Requirements

1. The 23 units required for the career diploma shall include academic credits and a sequence of seven credits in career and technical education for incoming freshmen prior to the 2014-2015 school year or participation in approved training programs that lead to an approved industry-based credential for incoming freshmen in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond.

2. Students with exceptionalities assessed on the regular academic content standards who meet certain requirements may attain a career diploma by meeting the requirements of their IEP. See *Bulletin 1530—Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*. Students with exceptionalities assessed on the alternate academic content standards may attain a career diploma by meeting the requirements in §2320 of this bulletin.

C. Career diploma students may qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy in accordance with §2109.G of this Part.

D. For incoming freshmen in the 2014-2015 through 2022-2023 school years who are completing the Career Diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:

1. English—four units;
2. Mathematics—four units;
3. Science—two units;
4. Social studies—two units;
5. Physical Education—one-half unit;
6. Health—one and one-half units; and
7. Jump Start course sequence, workplace experiences, and credentials—nine units.
8. Total—23 units.

E. For incoming freshmen in the 2023-2024 school year who are completing the Career Diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:

1. English—four units;
2. Mathematics—four units;
3. Science—two units;
4. Social studies—two units;
5. Physical Education— one and one-half units;
6. Health—one-half unit; and
7. Jump Start course sequence, workplace experiences, and credentials—nine units.
  - a. Jump Start 1.0 course sequences shall be available for incoming freshmen through the 2020-2021 school year; and
  - b. Jump Start 2.0 course sequences shall be available for incoming freshmen in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond
8. Total—23 units.

F. For incoming freshmen in the 2024-2025 through the 2026-2027 school year who are completing the Career Diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:

1. English—four units;
2. Mathematics—four units;
3. Science—two units;
4. Social studies—two units;
5. Physical Education— one and one-half units;
6. Health—one-half unit; and
7. Jump Start course sequence, workplace experiences, and credentials—nine units.
  - a. Jump Start 1.0 course sequences shall be available for incoming freshmen through the 2020-2021 school year; and
  - b. Jump Start 2.0 course sequences shall be available for incoming freshmen in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond
8. Total—23 units.

G. For incoming freshmen in the 2027-2028 school year and beyond who are completing the Career Diploma, the minimum course requirements shall be the following:

1. English—four units;

2. Mathematics—four units;
3. Science—two units;
4. Social studies—two units;
5. Physical Education—one and one-half units;
6. Health—one-half unit;
7. Computer Science—one unit;
8. Jump Start course sequence, workplace experiences, and credentials—nine units.
  - a. Jump Start 1.0 course sequences shall be available for incoming freshmen through the 2020-2021 school year; and
  - b. Jump Start 2.0 course sequences shall be available for incoming freshmen in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond
9. Total—23 units.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), (11), and (15), 17:7(6), 17:10, 17:22(6), 17:391.1-391.10, and 44:411.

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#### **§2111. State Diploma**

A. A nonpublic high school choosing to issue a state diploma shall meet state requirements in accordance with LAC 28:CXV.2316.

B. ...

1. – 3.d. Repealed.

C. Any state-approved nonpublic school that wishes to award the state diploma shall contact the LDOE for time lines and other administrative guidelines for administering state assessments. Any nonpublic school that opts to participate in the state assessment program shall follow BESE policy including the test security policy as defined in LAC 28:XI, *Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices.*

C.1. – 2.

Repealed.

D. Any approved nonpublic school that does not choose to participate in the state assessment program ~~Exit Testing Program~~ may grant a school diploma, which shall carry the same privileges as one issued by a state-approved public school.

E. ...

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### **Chapter 30. Health and Safety Rules and Regulations for Approved Non-Public School Three-Year-Old Programs**

#### **§3019. Child Safety and Welfare Minimum Standards**

A. To ensure the safety and welfare of children, all early learning centers and all public and nonpublic prekindergarten programs shall meet minimum standards in accordance with this Chapter. As used in this Section, center includes both early learning centers and prekindergarten programs.

B. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at any facility when more than four children are present, except under an extenuating circumstance that temporarily prevents compliance with this Paragraph.

C. The child-to-staff ratios shall not exceed the following:

1. Infants and under one year, 5 to 1.
2. One year, 7 to 1.
3. Two years, 10 to 1.
4. Three years, 13 to 1.
5. Four years, 15 to 1.
6. Five years, 19 to 1.

D. An average of the child-to-staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children only for groups that include no children under the age of two.

E. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child-to-staff ratio for the group.

F. When the nature of a child with special healthcare needs or the number of children with special healthcare needs warrants added care, the center shall add sufficient staff as necessary.

G. Only staff members directly providing care, supervision, or guidance to children shall be counted in the child-to-staff ratios. The same staff members shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of children at the same time.

H. Sufficient staffing needed to satisfy child-to-staff ratios shall be present during rest time and available to assist as needed. Children ages one and older may be grouped together at rest time with one staff member in each room supervising the resting children.

I. Information regarding required child-to-staff ratios and a phone number to file complaints regarding supervision with LDOE shall be posted in each classroom in a location that is visible to parents.

J. Children shall be supervised at all times including on the playground, on field trips, and on non-vehicular excursions.

K. Children shall not be left alone in any room, outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.

1. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to restroom use in accordance with this Section, if a child is being provided services by therapeutic professionals, or if a child is in the custody of a parent or legal guardian.

L. A staff member shall be assigned to supervise children whose names and whereabouts that the staff person shall know and with whom the staff members shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many children are in their care at all times.

M. A child who is developmentally able may be permitted to use the restroom independently if a staff member is in proximity to and can see the child to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm or to assist with an accident while in the restroom.

1. An individual who is not a staff member shall not enter the restroom are while in use by any child other than his own child.

N. A child age five and older may be permitted to go to and return from the restroom without staff.

O. If a prekindergarten program or early learning center is part of a school with children in kindergarten or older, staff shall ensure that the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center are not unsupervised in the restroom at the same time as any older children who are using the restroom. For any facility constructed after January 1, 2026, there shall be designated separate restrooms for the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center.

P. Children shall be cleaned and changed immediately following a toileting accident.

Q. By August 1 annually, the LDOE shall provide an informational document to each early learning center and prekindergarten program. The document shall be distributed to the parents and legal guardians of all children enrolled in the center or program at the beginning of each school year and may be distributed electronically.

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