

**DEQUINCY HIGH SCHOOL  
2023 - 2024  
STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The philosophy of DeQuincy High School is based on the belief that all students can learn, and the learning of all students is the shared responsibility of educators, students, parents, and the community, and there are common standards all students should learn, and the school exists to provide an atmosphere conducive to the total development of the student.

**SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

**D**eveloping

**H**igher Educational

**S**tandards for all students

DeQuincy High School is a comprehensive school. We, at DeQuincy High School, believe that it is our responsibility to present our students with opportunities through curriculum and extracurricular activities to help students develop academic, vocational, physical, and social skills which will broaden their possibilities in life. We also realize what a huge responsibility and opportunity the school has in the shaping of future generations; we are excited about the opportunity and more than willing to accept this responsibility.

**SCHOOL VISION**

DeQuincy High School, in partnership with all stakeholders and the community, will strive to produce a well-rounded, four-year graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter college and/or the workforce.

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## **ATTENDANCE**

Louisiana requires students to attend school for a certain number of days to be promoted to the next grade and earn credit for a course. Under the law, students must attend school from age 7 to 18 or until they graduate from high school. Students are required to attend school regularly and must attend at least 169 days to earn credit and be eligible for promotion to the next grade. Credit may be denied for excessive absences.

No partial credit will be given in a full credit course due to excessive absences for a semester unless a student has earned a passing grade for the year. Students must have passed the semester in which they are applying for credit and have a passing grade for the year.

Medical Excuses/Notes from parents should be turned in to the teacher on duty in the cafeteria before the school day starts between 7:15 – 7:40 upon the students return.

*See CPSB Student Code of Conduct Attendance Expectations.*

### **HOMEBOUND**

Students who will be out of school for ten (10) days due to doctor-certified illness may apply for the homebound program by contacting the counselor. There is no fee for this service.

### **MAKE-UP WORK POLICY**

It shall be the responsibility of the student to obtain all make-up work from his/her teachers. Students shall receive 5 days to make-up work missed due to an excused absence beginning the day the student returns to class. Any makeup work should be done at home or during FUEL.

### **LATE WORK POLICY**

Teachers may follow the suggested late work policy. All work turned in late may be deducted 10% of the total grade for each day late in addition to points deducted for mistakes. Students may be deducted up to 50% of the total grade.

### **CHECK-IN**

All students checking in must report to the office as soon as they enter the building. Any student coming to school after the 7:48 AM tardy bell rings must report to the office. Students late to 1<sup>st</sup> hour are marked absent until they sign-in in the front office.

### **CHECK-OUT**

A current student information form must be completed by a parent/guardian for each student and submitted to the school for the current school year. This form includes names and phone numbers of persons who are authorized to check a student in or out of school. A parent/guardian or authorized person must come in the office to check a student out of school.

### **TARDIES**

When the tardy bell rings, all classroom doors will be closed and all students not in their assigned classes will be considered tardy. Students will receive disciplinary action for more than 4 tardies in a class.

### ***LATE TO SCHOOL***

Late to School is an attendance issue defined as a student failing to report to his/her scheduled class when the 7:48 AM bell rings and/or checking in without a medical excuse or parental contact prior to 9:30 AM. Students will receive disciplinary action for more than 5 late to schools per semester.

### **ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

The drop-off and pick-up of students will be in the National Guard parking lot behind the auditorium. Upon arriving at school, students will go directly to the cafeteria for breakfast, to the gym, or to the commons area. Any student found in an off-limits area may be subject to disciplinary action. Do not drop off students on the road in front of school or by the gym.

### ***CLOSED CAMPUS***

Students coming on campus in the morning are to remain on the school grounds for the rest of their school day. Students are not allowed in parking lot areas during the school day. Permission from the office must be obtained before a student may leave the school grounds during the school day. Seniors are the only students allowed to leave campus during the day and only if they do not have class. If a senior does not have class, he/she must leave campus unless arrangements are made through the office.

### ***VISITORS***

All visitors must check-in the office upon arriving at school. Visitors are expected to leave promptly when their business is completed. Guests of students including little brothers, sisters, children, and relatives are not allowed at school.

### **DRIVING & PARKING REGULATIONS**

Proof of valid driver's license and insurance must be presented, and school fees must be paid before students are allowed to purchase a parking pass. A fee of \$10 will be charged for the parking pass each year, and a \$5.00 fee will be charged for replacement tags. These tags should be placed on the rear-view mirror and be visible at all times when your vehicle is parked on the school campus.

Student vehicles should only be parked in the designated space with a parking tag. Students parking without a pass and/or not in their designated space may be subject to a parking fine and/or revocation of parking privileges.

The school is not responsible for vehicle damages or property stolen from vehicles driven to school. Vehicles should be locked at all times. The privilege of driving a vehicle to school will continue as long as no violations of school and/or traffic regulations occur.

## **ATHLETICS**

Participating in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Students earn the privilege of participating in athletics. This privilege can and will be revoked if rules are broken.

### **GENERAL NOTES FOR ALL SPORTS**

1. To letter in any sport, the player must complete the season in good standing. EXCEPTION - player injured in practice or game of that sport.
2. No one can drop out of a sport during the season without permission of the head coach. Dropping out may result in suspension from all sports until that sport ends.
3. For sports that have try-outs, alternates may be chosen, and vacancies may be filled from these.
4. All athletes, band members and cheerleaders are to ride the bus to and from all athletic events unless released to a parent or the coach makes other arrangements.
5. The bus will leave from the high school and return to the high school for all athletic events.
6. All athletes must complete a CPSB sports packet or a multi-sport packet prior to the first practice.

### **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**

Poor conduct can incite crowds and create problems that will hurt our school. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. The responsibility for players' conduct rests with the coaches and principal. The Louisiana High School Athletic Association requires principals to be responsible for the conduct of their spectators and all of their school's representatives. It states in the LHSAA handbook, "Principals, coaches, faculty members, students, and spectators are expected to exemplify the highest principles of sportsmanship and ethics of competition in all interscholastic athletic relationships."

**\*Any student or parent who comes on to the court or field during an athletic event may be banned from future athletic events.\***

### **STUDENT ATHLETE DRUG TESTING**

The Louisiana High School Athletic Drug Policy requires drug testing for all of its member schools. Each student athlete will be required to sign and complete the Calcasieu Parish School Board Drug Policy for Student Athletes. DeQuincy High School reserves the right to drug test any or all student athletes and cheerleaders at any time.

### **LETTERMAN JACKETS**

1. An individual student will be awarded only one jacket.
2. All athletes, cheerleaders, band members, choir members will be allowed to order a jacket after successful completion (lettering) of two years in that sport or organization.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All students must meet the following approved academic requirements for eligibility for extracurricular & co-curricular activities. This includes school days, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

- a. No student shall be allowed to miss any class in which the student is presently failing. Presently failing means the prior nine weeks grade.
- b. No student shall be allowed to participate in any event on the day or night while the student is under suspension (in-school or out-of-school) from school.

- c. Students must be in attendance at school at least one (1) hour prior to release time in order to participate in a contest. Only the school administrator can grant exceptions to this rule.
- d. All work missed by students while on co-curricular or extracurricular events must be made up and completed in a manner that would be required of any other students.
- e. A senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) student who has accumulated 20 or more units shall be required to take at least four (4) subjects/units per semester. Seniors must pass all four (4) subjects/units in the fall semester to be eligible for the spring semester. If a senior takes 5 or 6 subjects/units, they must pass all subjects/units in the fall to be eligible for the spring semester.
- f. Students not taking 7 subjects must conform to LHSAA guidelines.
- g. At the end of the fall semester, a student must pass at least six subjects to be eligible for spring semester activities.
- h. At the end of the spring semester, a student must pass at least six (6) subjects with a “C” average.
- i. These eligibility requirements apply to cheerleaders as well.

### ***INSURANCE***

All student athletes must have private insurance or Medicaid. Students may purchase private insurance through the school at a low cost. Forms may be picked up in the office.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A student’s participation in any extracurricular activity is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, the principal reserves the right to remove any student from any school-related activity or organization if the actions of that student reflect poorly on the organization and/or the school.

### ***MUSIC PROGRAM***

**Choir and Band** – The choir, band, and color guard follow the CPSB policy for secondary performing groups which in summary states that attendance at all performances is mandatory and the director reserves the right to withhold a student’s participation in the organization due to attendance, attitude, or performance infractions.

### **BREAKFAST and LUNCH**

Every student is given an application for free or reduced priced meals. If you feel you may be eligible, complete the application in full and return to the office within 10 days from the first day of school or apply online at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com). If you have any questions or need help in filling out the form, please contact the assistant principal. Prices are subject to change.

**Prices:** All students will eat free at DeQuincy High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **STUDENT MEDICATION**

If a student must take medication during school hours, the parent or legal guardian must contact the school to receive proper instructions on procedures. **NO STUDENT WILL BE GIVEN MEDICATION AT SCHOOL UNTIL PARENT/GUARDIAN HAS MET THESE REQUIREMENTS.** A medication packet is available in the school office.

See *CPSB Student Code of Conduct Medication Policy*.

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Each student shall be under the jurisdiction of the school during normal school hours from the time the student arrives at school each day until he leaves the school campus. If a student rides a bus, he shall be under the jurisdiction of the school from the time he boards the bus until the student exits the bus in the afternoon. Students shall be under the jurisdiction of the school while attending any school sponsored activity either on school property or away from school. This shall apply to all students, including athletic teams, clubs, band, and other student organizations.

See *CPSB Student Code of Conduct* for behavior expectations and disciplinary actions.

### **USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

No student, unless authorized by the school principal or his/her designee, shall use or operate any device which records sound and/or images, electronic telecommunication device, or other electronic device included but not limited to any camera, video/audio recorder, MP3, iPod, or gaming device in any elementary, middle or secondary school building, or on the grounds during the instructional day or in any school bus or other school system vehicle used to transport public school students. Please note that principals of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) approved schools have discretion at any time during the instructional day or year to continue or discontinue electronic device privileges. BYOD schools are allowed to use electronic devices at the discretion of the school principals

See *CPSB Student Code of Conduct Use of Electronic Device*.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Any items that are hazardous to the safety of others, and/or interferes, distracts, or disrupts the educational processes are prohibited. These items may be confiscated, and students may receive disciplinary action according to the *CPSB Student Code of Conduct*.

### **DETENTION/IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Detention may be assigned before school, after school, and/or during lunch. In-school isolation will occur during normal school hours in a supervised area.

### **SUSPENSION**

Suspension is the temporary removal of a student from school. Suspensions are limited in time and the student should be able to return to school after the term of suspension is completed. During the suspension period, students are not permitted to be on school campus and/or attend school-related events/activities.

### **EXPULSION**

Any student who has been suspended on three occasions for committing any of the offenses set forth in the *CPSB Student Code of Conduct*, during the same school year, on committing the fourth such offense, may be expelled from all public schools within the Calcasieu Parish School Board 's Public School System until the beginning of the next regular school year.

***State law requires the Superintendent to expel a student for minimum periods of time if found guilty of certain offenses, as follows:***

### **DRUGS**

Sixteen (16) years or older: If a student is found guilty of intentional distribution or possession with intent to distribute any illegal drug or substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored event, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of twenty-four (24) calendar months. Under sixteen (16) years, but in grades 6 – 12: If a student is found guilty of intentional distribution or possession with intent to distribute any illegal drug or substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored event, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months.

### **WEAPONS**

The principal shall be required to suspend a pupil who is found possessing a firearm, a knife with a blade two (2) inches or longer, or other dangerous weapons, or distributes, sells, gives, or loans any controlled dangerous substance. Upon the seizure of any firearm, knife, or other dangerous implement which could be used as a weapon or inflict injury, the principal shall be required to report the confiscation to appropriate law enforcement officials and immediately recommend the pupil's expulsion. Sixteen (16) years or older: if found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months. Under sixteen (16) years, but in grades 6-12: if found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of six (6) calendar months.

### **DELINQUENCY**

Students who regularly disrupt the normal school environment shall be considered as delinquent and may be reported by appropriate school personnel to the juvenile court. Any pupil that exhibits disruptive behavior, an incorrigible attitude, or any other discipline problems in general, may be recommended by the principal for expulsion, assignment to an appropriate alternative education program, or transfer to adult education if such student is: (1) Seventeen years of age or older with less than 5 credits; (2) Eighteen years of age or older with less than 10 credits (3) Nineteen years of age or older with less than 15 credits.

### **CANINE INSPECTIONS**

All Calcasieu Parish Schools are randomly inspected by trained canines. These dogs will be used to detect prohibited items, such as, drugs, alcohol, and firearms. These inspections/searches will include but not be limited to: outerwear, book sacks, lockers, classrooms and vehicles.

### **BUS CONDUCT**

The bus driver is in complete authority on the bus. To ensure safe and comfortable transportation, students must act responsibly when riding buses. All school policies apply to conduct on school buses. Failure to follow these policies may result in suspension from school and/or denial of bus riding privileges. See *CPSB Student Code of Conduct School Bus Conduct*.



### ***VIOLENCE PREVENTION***

Acts of violence will not be tolerated on any CPSB property or at any CPSB event and strategies are in place to prevent such acts, as well as plans to handle any that may occur.

These plans include the following:

- There is police presence at school.
- Threats of a violent nature, whether verbal or written, will be investigated, and turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- All threats and complaints will be taken seriously. Any student involved in such conduct will be recommended for expulsion and/or prosecution.
- Law enforcement response teams have been formed and will provide assistance as needed.

It is imperative that a student with knowledge of another student who is planning an act of violence report this to a faculty or staff member.

### ***TRESPASSING***

Trespassing on school property is a serious offense. Trespassers may be prosecuted.

## **DRESS CODE**

### ***SCHOOL UNIFORMS***

Students attending Pre-K-12 schools in Calcasieu Parish shall be required to wear official school uniforms. See *CPSB Student Code of Conduct Dress Code Expectations* and *DHS Student Dress Code* for detailed information about the uniform policy.

Students who violate the dress code shall be disciplined in accordance with the *CPSB Student Code of Conduct*.

### ***PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS REGULATIONS***

Physical Education I and II - Students may purchase a red and gray PE Spirit pack for \$25 or students can purchase the traditional navy-blue two-piece gym suit. Tennis shoes and white socks are also required.

## **GRADING POLICY**

### ***Grading Scale***

<b>A</b>	=	100% - 93%	=	4.00 – 3.50	=	4 Quality Points
<b>B</b>	=	92% - 85%	=	3.49 – 2.50	=	3 Quality Points
<b>C</b>	=	84% - 75%	=	2.49 – 1.50	=	2 Quality Points
<b>D</b>	=	74% - 67%	=	1.49 – 1.00	=	1 Quality Points
<b>F</b>	=	66% and below	=	Below 1.00	=	0 Quality Points

### ***Nine Weeks Grade***

To determine a nine weeks' grade, divide the number of points the student earned by the number of points possible. This numerical average will then be converted to a letter grade. Marking periods will reflect 40% formative (student practice) and 60% summative (student assessment).

### ***Final Grade***

The Final Grade in each course will be determined by averaging the students' nine-week letter grades.

### ***Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses***

Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses will be weighted in the following manner:

<b>A</b>	=	100% - 90%	=	5 Quality Points
<b>B</b>	=	89% - 80%	=	4 Quality Points
<b>C</b>	=	79% - 70%	=	3 Quality Points
<b>D</b>	=	69% - 60%	=	2 Quality Points
<b>F</b>	=	59% and below	=	0 Quality Points

### ***EOC/LEAP Courses***

Courses with mandated End of Course (EOC) tests will be counted as 20% of the final average (the equivalent to a nine-week grade) for this class. The final course grade will be an average of letter grades awarded each nine weeks and the letter grade awarded on the EOC exam.

### ***One-Half Credit Course Grade***

The final grade for a one-half (1/2) credit course shall reflect an average of two marking periods.

### ***CHEATING POLICY***

Students may receive a zero and/or disciplinary consequences for cheating/copying and/or allowing other students to cheat/copy. *This includes works generated and/or augmented by Artificial Intelligence.*  
(AI)

### ***SCHEDULE CHANGES***

Changes may be made to your schedule the first week of school with permission of the administration. Only changes beneficial and necessary to the student's graduation requirements will be considered.

## **LOUISIANA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for graduation vary according to the date of entry into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Information pertaining to your date of graduation should be obtained from the school guidance counselor. Visit [louisianabelieves.com](http://louisianabelieves.com) for current graduation requirements.

### **ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Freshman	= 0-6 credits
Sophomore	= 7-11 credits
Junior	= 12-18 credits
Senior	= must have at least 19 credits

### **HONORS POLICY – Per CPSB Pupil Progression Plan** (see page 15)

The Honors GPA calculation is based on the 5.0 GPA.

#### **Honors Positions**

A. Summa Cum Laude.....	3.90 - 4.00+ GPA
B. Magna Cum Laude.....	3.70 - 3.89 GPA
C. Cum Laude.....	3.50 - 3.69 GPA

#### **Graduation Index Requirements**

Students must earn at least 110 points in the graduation index/strength of diploma by one of the following:

- At least one passing course grade for TOPS core curriculum credit AP or dual enrollment class
- Basic or Advanced Jump Start credential
- Pass a CLEP exam

#### **SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATION ADDRESS**

Students who graduate with a 4.0 GPA or above may be eligible for selection to give a speech at graduation. Students must turn in a copy of their speech by the deadline to be considered for the selection process.

## **STUDENT INFORMATION AND CONTACT**

A correct mailing address and telephone number is the responsibility of the student. DHS and CPSB must be able to notify parents of important information regarding their child during the school year.

#### **SCHOOL MESSENGER & COMMUNITY CONTACT**

School Messenger is available parish-wide to all schools to enable contact with every parent/guardian of each student in Calcasieu Parish. The school Messenger program may be used daily to notify parents of their student's attendance. The program shall also be used to notify parents and students of important events and emergencies at DeQuincy High School.

### ***CPSB STUDENT PROGRESS CENTER***

Student Progress Center is available to students in the Calcasieu Parish School System and their guardians. Student Progress Center provides the ability to monitor student performance, including current grades, attendance, discipline, and report card schedule. Please contact the school office and/or counselor for more information.

### ***EMERGENCIES***

It is important that each student in our school have some means of contacting a parent or guardian at all times. Please return the Student Information Form with current contact information in a timely manner.

### ***STUDENT REGISTRATION FEES***

A student registration fee of \$30 will be collected from each student. This fee covers operating expenses that are not provided from any other funding. \$5.00 of this fee goes toward class dues for a student's grade. Class dues pay for school-sponsored activities including Homecoming, Prom, Senior Awards Night, and Graduation.

All fees and dues must be paid by **September 29, 2023**, unless prior arrangements are made with the administration. Students who have not paid their fees and dues by this time may not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

### ***USE OF SCHOOL MATERIALS***

#### ***LIBRARY***

The library will be available to students before school, at lunch and after school. Books can be checked out for a period of two weeks. No additional materials will be made available to students who have overdue items.

#### ***LOCKERS***

Each student may be assigned an individual locker. Sharing or swapping of lockers is not permitted. Lockers are the property of the school and may be inspected at any time by school officials. The cost of repairing any damage to a locker will be charged to the student.

#### ***TELEPHONE AND MESSAGES***

Only with permission from the classroom teacher will a student be allowed to use the office phone.

#### ***STUDENT WIRELESS ACCESS***

The Acceptable Use Policy must be signed by the student and parent to use any electronic device at DeQuincy High School.

#### ***LAPTOPS & CHARGERS/TEXTBOOKS***

Laptops and chargers, as well as textbooks, are the property of the parish. At the end of the year, any school-issued materials must be returned in acceptable condition to avoid paying replacement fees.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS**

The school will not accept deliveries of flowers, gifts, etc. for students. Homecoming Day will be an exception to this rule. The school will not be responsible for any lost or misplaced orders or orders not received by student.

A retailer with a CPSB permit to visit schools will be permitted to have a representative present to distribute items to the students. No printed materials (pamphlets, posters, etc.) may be distributed on the DHS campus without prior approval of the principal.

## **PRAYER IN SCHOOLS**

The Calcasieu Parish School Board shall permit school authorities of each school to allow an opportunity, at the start of each school day, for those students and teachers desiring to do so to observe a brief time in silent prayer or meditation.

Public schools shall be prohibited from adopting or using any official or standard prayer. Voluntary, student-initiated, student-led prayer in accordance with the religious views of the student offering the prayer may be permitted, however. No student attending the school shall be required to participate in any religious activity at school.

No law, rule or policy shall deny to any student attending a public elementary or secondary school the right to participate in voluntary, student-initiated, student-led prayer during school or on school property, before or after school or during free time. Athletic teams shall not be prohibited from engaging in voluntary, student-initiated, student-led prayer.

No law, rule or policy shall prevent any student who attends a public elementary or secondary school and who is responsible for or presiding over a meeting of a school organization or assembly from calling upon a student volunteer to offer an inspirational quotation or statement, offer a voluntary prayer, or lead in silent meditation, at the sole option of the student volunteer.

A student organization shall not be denied recognition or any privilege or benefit solely because it is religious in nature, has a religious affiliation, or has no religious affiliation.

School officials shall be prohibited from censoring for religious content the speech of a high school student invited to speak at a commencement ceremony at the school he/she is attending.

When student volunteers are called upon to offer an inspirational quotation or statement, offer a prayer, or lead in silent meditation, such students shall be selected at random by a student from among student volunteers without respect to their individual religious beliefs or lack thereof. No student shall be called upon to offer an inspirational quotation or statement, offer a voluntary prayer, or lead in silent meditation unless the student chosen has volunteered to do so.

## **DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT**

This agency does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, religion, qualified handicap or disability.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

“The School Board recognizes that peer sexual harassment is a form of prohibited discrimination and can contribute to an unacceptable educational environment. The Board, therefore, will not tolerate any sexual harassment on the part of any student. Students in violation will be subject to disciplinary action.”

For more information contact:

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## **COMPLAINTS**

Constructive criticism of the school is welcomed by the Calcasieu Parish School Board whenever it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the educational program or to equip the school to do their tasks more effectively. The Board has confidence in its professional staff and desires to support their actions in order that they are free from unnecessary, spiteful, or negative criticism and complaint. Therefore, whenever a complaint is made directly to the Board as a whole or to a Board member as an individual, it will be referred to the school administration for study and possible solution. The Board advises the public that the proper channeling of complaints involving instruction, discipline, or learning materials is as follows:

1. Principal
2. Director of High Schools
3. School Board

The Board will consider hearing citizen complaints when they cannot be resolved by the administration. Matters referred to the Board must be in writing and should be specific in terms of the action desired. The Board will not consider or act on complaints that have not been explored at the appropriate administrative level.

## **UNWRITTEN REGULATIONS**

If, at times, things arise that are not covered by the written policies of this school, the following policy will be used:

Anything that detracts from the spirit or dignity of DeQuincy High School will be addressed by the administration according to the guidelines of the Calcasieu Parish School Board.



# Calcasieu Parish School System

## Honor Graduate Policy

### 2020 Graduates and Beyond

#### Calcasieu Parish School System

#### Honor Graduate Policy

The Honors GPA calculation is based on the 5.0 GPA.

#### A. Honors GPA Positions (TOPS University or Jump Start Pathway)

1. Summa Cum Laude 3.90-4.00+ G. P. A.
2. Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.89 G. P. A.
3. Cum Laude 3.50-3.69 G. P. A.

#### B. Graduation Index Requirements

Students must earn at least 110 points in the graduation index/strength of diploma.

Graduation Index= 25%	Points
HS Diploma plus Associate's Degree	160
HS Diploma plus (a) Passing AP/IB/CLEP score OR (b) Advanced statewide Jump Start credential *achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 160 points	150
HS Diploma plus (a) At least one passing course grade for TOPS core curriculum credit of the following type: college credit, DE, or IB OR (b) Basic statewide Jump Start credential *achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 115 points	110
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four-Year Graduate</li> <li>• HS Diploma earned through pathway for students assessed on the LAA1</li> </ul>	100
Five-Year Graduate with any Diploma *Five-year graduates who earn a passing AP/IB/CLEP score will generate 140 points	75
Six-Year Graduate with any Diploma	50
HISET plus any Jump Start credential	40
HISET (formerly GED)	25
Dropout	0