

Richland Parish School Board

FAST FORWARD)

WHAT IS THE FAST FORWARD PROGRAM?

THROUGH THE FAST FORWARD PROGRAM, STUDENTS CAN WORK TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY EARNING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE TWO FAST FORWARD PATHWAYS:

- FAST FORWARD JUMP START 2.0 STUDENTS MAY DUALLY EARN A TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND A JUMP START TOPS TECH CAREER DIPLOMA.
- FAST FORWARD TOPS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAY DUALLY EARN A UNIVERSAL TRANSFER DEGREE AND A TOPS UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA.



WHY SHOULD A STUDENT CONSIDER WORKING TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?

THE FAST FORWARD PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS TO ENTER HIGH-SKILL, HIGH-WAGE AND HIGH-DEMAND JOBS IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATION. PARTICIPATING IN A FAST FORWARD PATHWAY IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE STUDENT'S FUTURE CAREER AND EARNING POTENTIAL.

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HOW IS FAST FORWARD DIFFERENT FROM DUAL ENROLLMENT?

THROUGH THE FAST FORWARD PROGRAM, STUDENTS CAN WORK TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, UNIVERSAL TRANSFER DEGREE IN ADDITION TO WORKING ON THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS. STUDENTS PURSUING A TOPS TECH CAREER DIPLOMA HAVE A LIGHTER COURSE LOAD REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION, PROVIDING THEM WITH THE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.

DUAL ENROLLMENT IS THE SIMULTANEOUS ENROLLMENT OF A STUDENT AT BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE IN WHICH THE STUDENT RECEIVES CREDIT ON BOTH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS FOR THE SAME COURSE. FOR EXAMPLE, A STUDENT MAY ENROLL IN A COLLEGE-LEVEL MATH COURSE AND RECEIVE BOTH A HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR THE ONE COURSE TAKEN.

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PATHWAYS TO ASSOCIATES DEGREE

- Associates of Applied Science: Technical Studies Concentration in Electrician
- Associates of Applied Science: Technical Studies Concentration in Welding
- Associates of Applied Science: Business Office Administration
- Associates of Applied Science: Industrial Instrumentation Technology
- Associates of Science: Teaching Grades 1-5
- Louisiana Transfer Degree Associate of Science: Concentration in Biological Science
- Louisiana Transfer Degree Associate of General Studies: Arts and Humanities

For more information see your school Guidance Counselor