In an effort to provide increased opportunities for college-bound students, 11th and 12th grade students have an opportunity to participate in a dual enrollment program with Northwestern State University. As a program participant, students can earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously while in the familiar environment of their high schools. Through this program, college courses are presented at the high school campus, online at the high school in partnership with the Louisiana Virtual School, or directly through NSU.

**Benefits**

By participating in the program, students are getting a head start on their collegiate career while completing high school. This can reduce the amount of time spent in college, as well as the cost. Also, as an admitted Northwestern student, access to university services such as the University Library is available. Many scholarships, like TOPS, are only awarded for four years, although students may require more than four years to complete their undergraduate program. By completing a semester or more of work in high school, students increase the likelihood of finishing college while still under scholarship.

**Eligibility**

- Student must be on track for completing the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum.
- Student must have either PLAN or ACT (or SAT) scores on file at the high school.
- Student must have the following ACT test scores (or SAT equivalent) or have:
  - A PLAN or an ACT Composite score of at least 18 and
  - A PLAN or an ACT English sub-score of at least 18 and
  - A PLAN or an ACT Mathematics sub-score of 19
- Student must be a 12th grader/senior on track for high school graduation and have a PLAN Composite score of at least 14 or an ACT Composite score of at least 15 (or SAT equivalent) to enroll in a developmental math course.

**Courses & Credit**

Students take actual college courses, using the same course plan and textbook as the course taught on the University campus. Upon completion of the course(s), credit hours are earned for each course pursued, with a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F. The grade students receive will become a part of their permanent record at Northwestern State University. Courses are available in the following subject areas: English, Math, Sociology, History, Fine Arts, and Communication (others as approved on the Board of Regents’ Master Course Articulation Matrix).

**Tuition & Fees**

**Public School Students** - $20 application fee required by student. Tuition for one course is funded by the State of Louisiana Department of Education. Additional courses are funded by NSU tuition exemption. Textbook fees, laboratory fees, parking fees, etc. are not funded by this program.

**Private School Students** - $20 application fee required by student. $300 course tuition for one course is required by student. Additional courses are funded by NSU tuition exemption. Textbook fees, laboratory fees, parking fees, etc. are not funded by this program.

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