



**Richland Parish School Board**



## **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 DUALY EARN A TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND A JUMP START TOPS TECH CAREER DIPLOMA.**
- FAST FORWARD TOPS UNIVERSITY – STUDENTS MAY DUALY 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.**



## 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.**

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT

[WWW.HTTPS://WWW.LOUISIANABELIEVES.COM/COURSES/FAST-FORWARD](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/courses/fast-forward)



## **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