

## EASTBANK March 2018 PARENT NIGHT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

TOPIC	QUESTION	ANSWER
Testing (Pre-ACT, ACT, CLEP)	<p>Will Pre-ACT scores be accepted for Dual Enrollment classes in the 2018-2019 school year?</p> <p>Are ACT prep classes still offered?</p> <p>Is the CLEP test offered to all students this year? If not, why?</p>	<p><i>Pre ACT scores will be accepted in the absence of ACT. However, if an ACT is present, it must be used.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, ACT prep is still a recommended elective. It is recommended in the same year with Algebra II. However, students wanting to advance and double-block courses will need to test earlier. Therefore, it could be taken earlier.</i></p> <p><i>Students in their Jr. and Sr. years may choose to take a CLEP test if they need a requirement for honors graduation and/or for the CLEP graduation honor award. Counselors can help students with these options.</i></p>
SWIM	<p>Will swim / PE still be offered?</p> <p>What about football players who also swim? Without 4th block swim, they won't be able to swim until 5:30-6:00 pm some days. How is that best for students? Are we making them choose?</p>	<p><i>LHS will not offer 4<sup>th</sup> block Swim next year. We cannot offer this to all sports. Therefore, this offering will not longer continue.</i></p> <p><i>Anyone can swim (including football players). Multi-sport players will have to make extra sacrifices to play multiple sports, but it can be done. Coaches will work with players accordingly.</i></p>
CTC	<p>Why do the CTC students from Lutcher require a bus to the CTC instead of cutting costs and walking across the field?</p> <p>If SJH students are already CURRENTLY coming to LHS to take CTC classes then why can't LHS students go to SJH to take their classes NEXT YEAR (2018-19)</p> <p>Is Baking and Pastry one or two block course?</p>	<p><i>This decision is based on safety and unpredictability with weather. We do not currently have a covered, monitored pathway to the CTC.</i></p> <p><i>We are not ready with the curriculum and staffing pieces to allow this to happen next year. We have to properly plan for this to ensure success with the program/classes.</i></p> <p><i>It is a two-block course.</i></p>

<p>Dual Enrollment</p>	<p>Nicholls DE, has that been discontinued?</p> <p>For upcoming seniors, since the requirements for classes have changed and some are more than two semesters, will they make exceptions for classes that fall under a student's pathway? The online fee of \$200 is per class or just one fee per semester for multiple courses?</p> <p>Incoming 9th grade eligibility for dual enrollment?</p> <p>Are the engineering pathway courses transferable to other colleges besides LSU?</p> <p>Will the classes be offered even if there are low numbers?</p> <p>How is eligibility determined? 3.0 GPA since ACT has not been taken?</p> <p>Do we need to send ACT scores to LSU?</p>	<p><i>Currently, we are phasing out the NSU on campus classes. The 5-hour Calculus course is now available at SMA with LSU. Our DE opportunities are still robust. We are primarily using RPCC and LSU at this time.</i></p> <p><i>If a student has started DE courses under pervious criteria, he/she will be able to continue. If a student has NOT yet qualified / started taking courses in a subject area, he or she will have to meet the new criteria. There will be some "phase in" exceptions allowed. However, all ONLINE classes will cost \$200 per course for all students. Counselors and school administration can help you with the details of this.</i></p> <p><i>Dual Enrollment per TOPS Early Start rules begins in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Students wanting to go to SMA in 9<sup>th</sup> grade still have offerings to prepare them for future Dual Enrollment.</i></p> <p><i>6 of the 8 classes in the pathway are high school electives. The two dual enrollment classes are accredited through LSU. Students should check with their school of choice to see if the credits are transferable.</i></p> <p><i>No, we need to have a minimum of 15 students in a class.</i></p> <p><i>No, student must have an ACT score or Pre-ACT score to take dual enrollment.</i></p> <p><i>This is a vague question that needs more detail to properly answer. If the student is enrolled in the 5-hour calculus they will be admitted in the LSU Early Start Program. Part of this process is to send ACT scores. If a student is trying to attend LSU for the first time they must complete the application process through admissions. See your counselor for assistance.</i></p>
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Online Dual Enrollment	<p>Where will Online DE courses be offered?</p>	<p><i>Online Dual Enrollment Courses will be at the SMA. We have a facilitator who monitors students allowing them time to work on their independent online courses.</i></p>
Performing Arts	<p>Can Lutcher students at SMA also enroll in performing arts classes at St James?</p> <p>Will LHS students be able to travel across the river and to take these classes at SJH?</p> <p>So can 9th graders apply to the performing arts program at St James High next year?</p> <p>Will LHS have any kind of performing arts so our kids don't have to change schools their senior year to be a part of it?</p>	<p><i>Only 7<sup>th</sup> graders from the Gramercy Magnet Program on the East Bank can attend SJH performing arts classes next year. Currently, East Bank students (7<sup>th</sup> graders) have to choose from SMA or SJH Arts as a morning option. We are working on the curriculum offerings to be ready to include 8<sup>th</sup> grade and High School (grades 9-12) ART electives in the 2019-2020 school year. We have to remember, we graduate students from LHS and SJH. It is our goal to offer all these opportunities to give students choice, but not at the expense of our comprehensive home-base high schools.</i></p> <p><i>LHS will have some beginning level Art electives (i.e. Theater, Digital Media). The goal is for the advancement or progression in the Arts Program to continue at SJH for those interested in this area. However, they do not technically have to "change" schools. They will participate for half-day electives just like SMA and/or CTC students do. Your child will still be an LHS student (graduating from LHS).</i></p>
HS Calculus	<p>Can LHS offer a high school calculus class for students who are NOT interested in dual enrollment calculus but would like another math class?</p>	<p><i>SMA offers a High School Calculus course in the Fall. This is not a dual enrollment offering. We recommend all students interested in the Dual Enrollment (5 hour) Calculus to take the high school course first. Students who take the high school Calculus do NOT have to take or progress to the Dual Enrollment Calculus.</i></p>
Senior Projects	<p>Is senior project for one semester or the whole year?</p>	<p><i>This is a one-semester class.</i></p>
SMA	<p>Is there still full day option at SMA?</p>	<p><i>High school students may attend SMA half day or all day. There will not be a 3<sup>rd</sup> block bus. Depending on criteria, individual schedule needs and/or course availability high school students</i></p>

		<p><i>have am, pm or full day options at the SMA. Middle school students can attend SMA only in the morning with additional morning options for the Arts in 7<sup>th</sup> grade slowly being phased in. See counselor or school administration for more details.</i></p>
OTHER	<p>Planning for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who already have Spanish credits?          What classes will this group of students be offered since they already have completed the Foreign language requirement?</p> <p>Is JROTC required?</p> <p>Why are we paying \$500-\$600 per student to enable a relatively small population of students to take an online class that is available in an in-class format? With reductions in district funding over the past several years, are we best allocating these funds to service the entire student body, or only those whose parents can afford to pay \$200?</p>	<p><i>Please see school for answer. We need more information in order to answer.</i></p> <p><i>Students will continue with high school courses and electives. This question needs to be referred to the counselor for more detail.</i></p> <p><i>While this is not a state requirement, the district and/or school has required it in the past as deemed appropriate or necessary by the school. It fulfills a PE requirement.</i></p> <p><i>Moving forward, we will NOT have online classes in place of face to face. If online course are requested, face-to-face courses must be taken before online courses are scheduled. This is a change for next year. Since the online courses are well beyond what we have to offer, the \$200 fee will be applied to all online courses. In addition, TOPS GPA will be used as our local GPA for incoming freshman. This will impact requests and need for online. If a student cannot afford an online course, he or she will not be negatively impacted in the GPA and will have access to all of our Face to Face courses at no cost. These changes are being made with cost and student need in mind.</i></p>