



SBESE NEWSLETTER



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Date of Meeting: June 15, 2021
Next Meeting: August 17, 2021

PRIMARY TOPICS

1. TOPS UNIVERSITY AND JUMP START 2.0 CAREER DIPLOMA FAST FORWARD PATHWAYS
2. STATUS REPORT REGARDING COURSE CHOICE PROVIDERS
3. UPDATE REPORT REGARDING REOPENING OF SCHOOLS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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ACADEMIC GOALS AND INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

A Word From Me:

Hello everyone! Happy Summer! I hope each of you are enjoying the warm weather, the fresh air, and fellowship with your family and friends. The June AGII committee meeting was a success! Significant progress was made as BESE and LDE look ahead with optimistic expectations while planning for next school year. Please feel free to email me any questions regarding the material of my newsletter!

TOPS University and Jump Start 2.0 Career Diploma Fast Forward Pathways:

Fast Forward is a program which will allow students to earn either a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma or a TOPS University Diploma while dually earning an associate degree or participating in a Louisiana Workforce Commission recognized

pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship that prepares graduates for career or continuing postsecondary education. As a 9th and 10th grader, a student enrolled in the program will spend a majority of their time earning core graduation requirements. In this way, if a student begins high school on one pathway and decides to switch, the appropriate exit ramps have been made available as many of the earlier classes are shared across pathways. Then, as the student enters 11th and 12th grade, he or she spends the majority of time on a postsecondary campus or postsecondary accredited site on a high school campus. The student is dually enrolled in courses to complete graduation requirements as well as earning an associate degree or participating in a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship opportunity.



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Status Report Regarding Course Choice Providers:

The Course Choice Course Provider Evaluation Process is designed to ensure that each provider is adequately assessed on a basis of student performance; staffing and curriculum; and cooperation and timely interaction. During the school year, each course provider is monitored by an LDE team member who has the primary responsibility for "dynamic quality control," i.e., for monitoring and ensuring that course providers are a) effectively engaged with students, families, and schools/districts; and b) providing effective instruction. At the June AGII Committee Meeting, BESE approved the following course providers for authorization for the Course Choice Program: Advance Nursing Training, Horizon Education, SLT Technology, Inc., and Upbeat Academy Foundation.

Update Report Regarding Reopening of Schools in Response to COVID-19:

Looking forward to the upcoming

school year, BESE and the Louisiana Department of Education have lots of hope for a positive, healthy return of Louisiana's students back to an optimal learning environment. As of June 3, 2021, LDE provided the following data regarding learning modality by student for the 732,730 students reported: 72% in-person schooling (525,540), 20% virtual (142,952), and 9% hybrid (64,238). With the COVID vaccine now available at 1,484 providers over all 64 parishes as of June 28, 2021, BESE looks forward to the 2021-2022 school year in confidence.

*“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.” -
Albert Einstein*

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