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Course Choice

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Course Choice Program Overview

The mission of the Course Choice program is to expand access to high quality and innovative course offerings to all Louisiana students.

- **What is Course Choice?** Individual courses offered by third party course providers that have been evaluated by the Department of Education and approved by BESE.
- **When will Course Choice start?** Student registration will start in March, 2013 for courses taken in the 2013 / 2014 school year. Course offerings will begin no earlier than August 13, 2013 and end no later than June 30, 2014.
- **Which students are “eligible funded?”** Students at C, D and F schools are “eligible funded” for any course offering that: a) they are academically qualified to take; b) is logistically “doable;” and c) keeps the student on track for an on time promotion / graduation.

Students at A and B schools are “eligible funded” if they register for a course that is not provided at their school, and the course meets the same three conditions.

Course Choice Course Providers Overview

- Providers will offer online (20), face-to-face (12), and combination or “hybrid” courses (13).
 - ***Transportation for face-to-face trainings:*** Most providers are building transportation services and costs into their tuition. In select cases LEAs are responsible for transportation for students in their parish for classes held during the school day.
- The majority of courses are for high school students with limited offerings for K – 8 students.
- 25 course providers have roots in Louisiana. 7 are “educational entrepreneurs,” founded by and run by long-time Louisiana educators. 5 are parish school systems.
- All Louisiana state community colleges, technical colleges and universities will be providers.
- 13 course providers will offer AP courses, an additional 6 will offer dual enrollment courses.
- 13 course providers will offer career and technical education (CTE) courses that help students earn industry-based certifications (IBCs) and qualify for high-paying 21st Century careers after graduation. 6 course providers intend to offer internships as part of their educational experience.

AP and Dual Enrollment Courses

- Louisiana students will immediately have access to the full range of AP courses from a variety of online and hybrid providers.
- Every Louisiana state public community college, technical college and university will offer a full range of appropriate courses for dual enrollment credit.
- Bard Early College in New Orleans, Dillard University and University of New Orleans Training, Resource and Assistive Technology Center (TRAC) will also offer college-level courses.

AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP French
AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Physics B
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language
AP Statistics
AP U.S. Government
AP U.S. History
AP World History

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Courses

- Students will be able to earn **high school credits, industry-based certifications (IBCs) and post-secondary credits** via the Course Choice options.
- Students will have access to a range of **internships and apprenticeships**, many of which will qualify the students for higher wages in the skill areas they master.

Accounting	Drafting	Journey to Careers
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	Emergency Medical Technician Basics	Law Studies
Audio Engineering	Engineering Design	Machine Shop
Auto Body Repair	Fashion Design / Fashion Style	Marketing
Auto Technology	Fire Fighter	Medical Terminology
Carpentry	First Responder	Networking
Commercial Art	Free Enterprise System	Nursing Assistant
Computer Literacy	General Construction	Office Applications
CTE Internships	Graphic Arts	Printing
Culinary Arts	Green Design and Technology	Welding
Dental Assistant	Introduction to C++ Programming	3D Art Modeling / Animation
Digital Media	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	<i>and more</i>

Core Academic / High Stakes Tests Courses

- Core academic courses will be offered in a **full range of disciplines** that enable students to graduate on-time or early utilizing approved diploma pathways.
- Core academic courses will be offered that **align with TOPS requirements**.
- Core academic courses will be offered that help students prepare to **succeed on high stakes tests** (APs, ACTs, EOCs).
- Course Choice will also offer many of the “high demand” courses currently offered by the Louisiana Virtual School.

Middle School and Elementary School Courses

- There will be a *limited* number of academic courses offered to middle and elementary school students, focusing on mathematics, ELA and foreign language.
- All middle and elementary school courses will be offered by course providers with proven track records of effectiveness teaching students in these grades.
- There will also be a Gifted Student Program provided to students in grades 3 – 8.

Quality Control

- Course providers will be required to provide updates on student progress two times a month. Parents, students and counselors will be able to track these progress reports via the Course Choice Registration System.
- Each course provider will have specific student learning objectives and course accountability metrics assigned for each course offering.
- The Course Choice team will continuously monitor all providers (both student progress, course provider grade distributions and course provider “warning messages” to school counselors).
- Course providers will have a substantial stake in the success of each student, since they cannot receive any part of the second 50% of their tuition unless students successfully complete a course.
- The Department of Education will provide annual reports on course providers.

How Will Students Access Courses?

- **Course Catalog:** A catalog of courses is available on our website at: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/courses/course-choice>
- **Course Registration Portal:** A portal for students to see, register, and monitor progress of courses will be available March 7th.
 - Early February the registration portal page became available for Choice Registration Instructions and information at: www.louisianacoursechoice.net.
 - Parents and students will determine which courses to register for as long as they meet key requirements.
 - Counselors will approve all courses for students that meet the key requirements.
 - Key requirements: students have all necessary pre-requisites, course is available geographically to the student, the course fits the student's graduation requirements.

Course Choice Program Implementation Dates

Key Date	Key Deliverable	Role of Districts
January 1 st	Course Choice Catalog available	Review catalog and make accessible to students and families
Mid January	School counselor webinar support calls and resources	Sign up and participate in appropriate training
Mid February	Course Choice Registration System <i>beta</i> testing School/counselor policies and procedures released	Sign up to provide feedback on the Course Choice Registration System
Mid March	Launch of Course Choice Registration System	Support students with Course Choice registration
Summer 2013	Course Choice Registration System closes for student registration requests	Confirm and close out all student registration requests
August 13 th	First date Course Choice courses can begin	

Q&A

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