



# TOPS Core Curriculum

For the Opportunity, Performance, and Honors Awards  
For High School graduates of 2014 through 2017.

Units	Courses <sup>1</sup>
<b>ENGLISH = 4 Units</b>	
4 units	English I, II, III, & IV
<b>MATH = 4 Units</b>	
1 unit	Algebra I, or Integrated Mathematics I, or Applied Algebra I or Algebra I - Parts 1 & 2 (two units) or Applied Mathematics I & II (two units) or Applied Algebra 1A and 1B (two units)
1 unit	Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics II
2 units	Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Advanced Math-Functions and Statistics, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Applied Mathematics III, Integrated Mathematics III, or Algebra III
<b>SCIENCE = 4 Units</b>	
1 unit	Biology I or II
1 unit	Chemistry I or II, or Chemistry Com
2 units	Earth Science, Physical Science, Environmental Science, Integrated Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics, Physics II, Physics for Technology I or II, or Anatomy and Physiology <b>or both Agriscience I &amp; II (both for 1 unit)</b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 Units</b>	
1 unit	United States History
1 unit	Civics (1 year), or ½ Unit Civics and ½ Unit Free Enterprise, <sup>2</sup> or AP Government and Politics: United States
2 units	World History, Western Civilization, World Geography, European History, History of Religion or AP Human Geography
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE = 2 Units</b>	
2 units	Foreign Language (2 units in the same language)
<b>FINE ARTS = 1 Unit</b>	
1 unit	Fine Arts Survey <b>or</b> 1 unit of a performance course in music, or dance, or theater <b>or</b> 1 unit of studio art <b>or</b> 1 unit of visual art <b>or</b> 1 unit of drafting <b>or</b> both Speech III & IV (both for 1 unit)
<b>TOTAL = 19 Units</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Advanced Placement (AP) courses and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses with the same name as a course listed in the TOPS Core Curriculum may be substituted.

<sup>2</sup> The unit comprised of ½ unit Civics and ½ Unit Free Enterprise may NOT be used by students in public schools to meet high school graduation requirements if they entered the ninth grade after June 30, 2011, but can be used by students in public and non-public schools to meet the TOPS core curriculum requirements.



*This core curriculum is accurate as of the date of publication and includes courses listed in TOPS statute and those determined to be equivalent by the La. Board of Regents and BESE.*

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