



TOPS Core Curriculum

For the Opportunity, Performance, and Honors Awards
For High School graduates of 2014 and thereafter

Units	Course ¹
ENGLISH = 4 Units	
(1 Unit)	English I
(1 Unit)	English II
(1 Unit)	English III
(1 Unit)	English IV
MATH = 4 Units	
(1 Unit)	Algebra I (1 unit) or Integrated Mathematics I or Applied Algebra or Applied Algebra 1A and 1B (2 units) or Algebra I – Part I and Algebra I – Part 2 (2 units) or Applied Mathematics I and Applied Mathematics II (2 units)
(1 Unit)	Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics II
(2 Units)	Geometry or Calculus or Applied Geometry or Integrated Mathematics III or Applied Mathematics III or Advanced Math–Pre-Calculus or Advanced Math–Functions and Statistics or Pre-Calculus or Probability and Statistics or Discrete Mathematics or Algebra III
SCIENCE = 4 Units	
(1 Unit)	Biology I or Biology II
(1 Unit)	Chemistry I or Chemistry Com or Chemistry II
(2 Units)	Earth Science or Environmental Science or Integrated Science or Physical Science or Biology II or Chemistry II or Physics or Physics II or Physics for Technology I or Physics for Technology II or Agriscience I and II (both for 1 unit)
SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 Units	
(1 Unit)	American History
(2 Units)	World History, Western Civilization or World Geography or European History
(1 Unit)	Civics and Free Enterprise (one unit combined) or Civics (one unit) or AP American Government (one unit)
FINE ARTS = 1 Unit	
(1 Unit)	Fine Arts Survey; (or substitute 2 units performance courses in music, dance, or theater; or 2 units of studio art or 2 units of visual art; or 1 elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum) or Speech III and Speech IV (both units)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE = 2 Units	
(2 Units)	Foreign Language, both units in the same language
TOTAL = 19 Units	

¹ Advanced Placement (AP) courses with the same name as a course listed in the TOPS Core Curriculum may be substituted.



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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