Prior law provided for a high school core curriculum required for a student to be eligible for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award. Included within the requirements for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award that a student earn two units of foreign language that are in the same language.

New law retains prior law, but provides that students graduating during or after the 2026-2027 school year may elect to earn two units in computer science instead of the two units in the same foreign language.

New law provides that the computer science units shall be in computer science principles, coding, or programming and lists specific courses allowed for credit.

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(Amends R.S. 17:5025(intro para) and (5); adds R.S. 17:5025.5)