

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 191

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TOPS. Provides relative to high school core curriculum requirements. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025(introductory paragraph) and (5) and to enact R.S.
3 17:5025.5, relative to high school core curriculum requirements for the Taylor
4 Opportunity Program for Students; to authorize courses in computer science to be
5 included in the core curriculum; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:5025(introductory paragraph) and (5) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted and R.S. 17:5025.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §5025. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity, Performance,
10 Honors Awards

11 To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award pursuant
12 to this Chapter, a student who graduates during or after the ~~2021-2022~~ **2025-2026**
13 school year shall have successfully completed a core curriculum which consists of
14 nineteen units of high school course work as follows:

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16 (5) Foreign Language **or Computer Science** - two units

17 **(a) Foreign Language - the two units shall be** in the same language, which

1 may include the following: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language
2 and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture,
3 AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture,
4 French IV IB, French V IB, Spanish IV IB, and Spanish V IB.

5 **(b) Computer Science - the two units shall be in principles, coding, and**
6 **programming, which may include the following: AP Computer Science A, AP**
7 **Computer Science Principles, Computer Science Year One IB, and Computer**
8 **Science Year Two IB.**

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10 **§5025.5. High school core curriculum requirements; Opportunity,**
11 **Performance, Honors Awards; students graduating 2021-2022**
12 **through 2025-2026 school year**

13 **To be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award**
14 **pursuant to this Chapter, a student who graduates during the 2021-2022**
15 **through the 2025-2026 school year shall have successfully completed a core**
16 **curriculum which consists of nineteen units of high school course work as**
17 **follows:**

18 **(1) English - Four Units**

19 **(a) English I.**

20 **(b) English II.**

21 **(c) One unit chosen from the following: English III, AP English**
22 **Language Arts and Composition, or English III IB (Language A or Literature**
23 **and Performance).**

24 **(d) One unit chosen from the following: English IV, AP English**
25 **Literature and Composition, or English IV IB (Language A or Literature and**
26 **Performance).**

27 **(2) Mathematics - Four Units**

28 **(a) Algebra I (one unit), Geometry (one unit), and Algebra II (one unit).**

29 **Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematics II, and Integrated**

1 **Mathematics III may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra**
2 **II sequence.**

3 **(b) One unit chosen from the following: Algebra III; Advanced Math**
4 **Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or Math**
5 **Methods I IB (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, AP Calculus AB, or Math**
6 **Methods II IB (Mathematics SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics**
7 **or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL.**

8 **(3) Science - Four Units**

9 **(a) Biology I.**

10 **(b) Chemistry I.**

11 **(c) Two units chosen from the following: Earth Science; Environmental**
12 **Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined);**
13 **Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science,**
14 **or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB**
15 **Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics,**
16 **IB Physics II, or AP Physics II; Biology II, AP Biology, or IB Biology II.**

17 **(4) Social Studies - Four Units**

18 **(a) One unit chosen from the following: U.S. History, AP US History, or**
19 **IB US History.**

20 **(b) One unit chosen from the following: Civics, Government, AP US**
21 **Government and Politics: Comparative, AP US Government and Politics:**
22 **United States.**

23 **(c) Two units chosen from the following: Western Civilization, European**
24 **History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography,**
25 **or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or World History IB;**
26 **History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP**
27 **Microeconomics; African American History.**

28 **(5) Foreign Language - two units in the same language, which may**
29 **include the following: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language**

required TOPS core.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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