

**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
**Student Financial Assistance Commission**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
Scholarship/Grant Programs  
(LAC 28:IV.703)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) announces its intention to amend its Scholarship/Grant rules (LSA-R.S. 17:3021-3025, LSA-R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, LSA-R.S. 17:3042.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.5 and LSA-R.S. 17:3048.6).

This rulemaking revises and adds courses to the list of courses that may be used by students at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts as courses equivalent to the courses in the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) core curriculum.

The proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in LSA-R.S. 49:972. The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in LSA-R.S. 49:965.2 *et seq.* The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in LSA-R.S. 49:973. (SG13143NI)

**Title 28**

**EDUCATION**

**Part IV. Student Financial Assistance—Higher Education Scholarship and Grant Programs**

**Chapter 7. Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Opportunity, Performance, and Honors Awards**

**§703. Establishing Eligibility**

A. – A.5.a.ii(d) ...

~~iii.(a).~~ Through academic year (high school) 2011-2012, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of §703.A.5.a.i above, in addition to the courses identified in §703.A.5.a.ii, the following courses shall be considered equivalent to the identified core courses and may be substituted to satisfy corresponding core courses for students of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts: ~~or:~~

Core Curriculum Course	Equivalent (Substitute) Course
English III	EN 210 Composition/Major Themes in Literature (1 unit)
English IV	Any 2 of the following 1/2 unit courses: EN 311 Readings in Literature (at least one 311 course is a requirement) EN 311A American Literature EN 311B British Literature EN 302 Studies in the English

Core Curriculum Course	Equivalent (Substitute) Course
	Language EN 304 Topics in American and British Literature EN 312 Studies in Poetry EN 314 Readings in World Literature EN 322 Studies in Fiction EN 332 Introduction to Film Studies EN 342 Studies in Modern Drama EN 401 Creative Writing EN 402 Expository Writing EN 412 Studies in a Major Author— Shakespeare EN 422 Studies in a Major Author— Faulkner IS 314 Dramatic Text and Performance IS 315 Literature and Science IS 317 Evolution and Literature IS 318 Sacred Literature IS 411 English Renaissance
Algebra I (one unit)	Any combination of advanced math courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be equivalent of Algebra I
Algebra II (one unit)	Any combination of advanced math courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be equivalent of Algebra II: MA 120 College Algebra (1 unit), or MA 121 Accelerated College Algebra (1/2 unit) and 1/2 unit of MA 203 Trigonometry
Physics	PH 110L Conceptual Physics (1 unit), or PH 210L General Physics (1 unit), or PH 250L Advanced Placement Physics (1 unit), or PH 310L Physics with Calculus
Biology II	BI 210L Advanced Placement Biology (1 unit), or

Core Curriculum Course	Equivalent (Substitute) Course
	BI 231L Microbiology (1/2 unit), and BI 241 Molecular and Cellular Biology (1/2 unit)
Civics (1/2 unit) and Free Enterprise (1/2 unit)	AH 243 American Government and Politics (1/2 unit), and SS 113 Economics (1/2 unit)
Western Civilization	EH 121 Ancient and Medieval History (1/2 unit) and EH 122 Modern History (1/2 unit)
*Applied Mathematics III was formerly referred to as Applied Geometry **Advanced Math—Pre-Calculus was formerly referred to as Advanced Mathematics II ***Advanced Math—Functions and Statistics was formerly referred to as Advanced Mathematics II	

(b). Beginning with the academic year (high school) 2011-2012, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of §703.A.5.a.i above, in addition to the courses identified in §703.A.5.a.ii, the following courses shall be considered equivalent to the identified core courses and may be substituted to satisfy corresponding core courses for students of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts:

Core Curriculum Course	Equivalent (Substitute) Course
English II	EN 110 Introduction to Writing and Literature (1 unit)
English III	EN 210 Composition/ Literature (1 unit)
English III	½ unit EN 311A and ½ unit from any of the following ½ unit courses: <u>EN 302 Studies in the English Language</u> <u>EN 304 Topics in American and British Lit</u> <u>EN 314 Readings in World Literature</u> <u>EN 322 Studies in Fiction</u> <u>EN 332 Introduction to Film Studies</u> <u>EN 342 Studies in Modern Drama</u> <u>EN 401 Creative Writing</u> <u>EN 402 Expository Writing</u> <u>EN 412 Studies in a Major Author— Shakespeare</u> <u>EN 422 Studies in a Major Author— Faulkner</u> <u>IS 314 Dramatic Text and Performance</u> <u>IS 315 Literature and Science</u> <u>IS 317 Evolution and Literature</u> <u>IS 318 Sacred Literature</u> <u>IS 411 English Renaissance</u>
English IV	½ unit EN 311B or EN 311W and ½ unit from any of the following ½ unit courses: <u>EN 302 Studies in the English Language</u> <u>EN 304 Topics in American and British Lit</u> <u>EN 314 Readings in World Literature</u> <u>EN 322 Studies in Fiction</u> <u>EN 332 Introduction to Film Studies</u> <u>EN 342 Studies in Modern Drama</u> <u>EN 401 Creative Writing</u> <u>EN 402 Expository Writing</u>

Core Curriculum Course	Equivalent (Substitute) Course
	<u>EN 412 Studies in a Major Author— Shakespeare</u> <u>EN 422 Studies in a Major Author— Faulkner</u> <u>IS 314 Dramatic Text and Performance</u> <u>IS 315 Literature and Science</u> <u>IS 317 Evolution and Literature</u> <u>IS 318 Sacred Literature</u> <u>IS 411 English Renaissance</u>
<u>Advanced Math</u>	<u>Any combination of advanced math courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be equivalent of Advanced Math</u>
<u>Algebra I (one unit)</u>	<u>Any combination of advanced math courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be equivalent of Algebra I</u>
<u>Algebra II (one unit)</u>	<u>Any combination of advanced math courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be equivalent of Algebra II:</u> <u>MA 120 College Algebra (1 unit), or</u> <u>MA 121 Accelerated College Algebra (½ unit) and</u> <u>½ unit of MA 203 Trigonometry</u>
<u>Biology II</u>	<u>Any combination of ½ unit Biology Lab science courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be equivalent of Biology II:</u> <u>BI 210L Cells and Genetics and BI 202L Evolution and Biodiversity (1 unit combined), or</u> <u>1 unit from the following ½ unit courses:</u> <u>BI 231L Microbiology</u> <u>BI 253L Botany</u> <u>BI 246L Ecology</u>
<u>Chemistry II</u>	<u>Any combination of ½ unit Chemistry lab science courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be the equivalent of Chemistry II:</u> <u>CH 201L and CH 202L (1 unit combined) or</u> <u>1 unit from the following ½ unit courses:</u> <u>CH 313L Analytical Chemistry,</u> <u>CH 314L Polymer Chemistry</u>
<u>Physics I</u>	<u>PH 101L and PH 102L Accelerated Physics I (1 unit combined), or</u> <u>PH 201L and PH 202L Accelerated Physics II (1 unit combined)</u>
<u>Physics II</u>	<u>Any combination of ½ unit Physics lab science courses which equal 1 unit of course credit that are certified by the school to be the equivalent of Physics II, or</u> <u>PH 301L and PH 302L (1 unit combined) or</u> <u>1 unit from the following ½ unit courses:</u> <u>PH 203L Intro to Astronomy;</u> <u>PH 303L Observational Astronomy and Astrophotography</u> <u>PH 305L Electronics</u>

<u>Core Curriculum Course</u>	<u>Equivalent (Substitute) Course</u>
	<a href="#">PH 306L Astrophysics</a>
<a href="#">Civics (½ unit) and Free Enterprise (½ unit)</a>	<a href="#">AH 243 American Government and Politics (½ unit) and SS 113 Economics (½ unit)</a>
<a href="#">Western Civilization</a>	<a href="#">EH 121 Ancient and Medieval History (½ unit) and EH 122 Modern History (½ unit)</a>
<a href="#">Advanced Social Studies</a>	<p><a href="#">Any combination of history courses certified by the school to be the equivalent of one unit of World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, AP European History:</a>  <a href="#">1 unit of credit from the following ½ unit courses:</a></p> <p><a href="#">EH 231 History of Tudor-Stuart England</a>  <a href="#">EH 232 History of Modern Britain</a>  <a href="#">EH 244A European Intellectual History</a>  <a href="#">WH 244 Selected Topics in World History</a></p>

A.5.b. – J.4.b.ii. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 17:3042.1 and R.S. 17:3048.1.

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Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes (SG13143NI) until 4:30 p.m., December 10, 2012, to Melanie Amrhein, Executive Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9202.

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