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TOPICS:	TOPS Rule Change: Core Curriculum

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The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission approved an Emergency Rule and Notice of Intent at its meeting held on May 4, 2010 that incorporates curriculum changes proposed by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and approved by the Board of Regents into the rules governing the TOPS Core Curriculum. These changes amend Sections 703 and 803 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to add courses as substitutes to courses in the TOPS core curriculum, as follows:

For the TOPS Opportunity, Performance, Honors and Tech Awards:

- Applied Algebra I (160331) as a substitute for Algebra I
- Applied Geometry (160332) as a substitute for Geometry

For the TOPS Tech Award only:

- Senior Applications in English (120337) as a substitute and to replace Business English
- Math Essentials (160351) as a substitute for the advanced math category

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# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

## Student Financial Assistance Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance

### Scholarship/Grant Programs (LAC 28:IV.703, 803)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [R.S. 49:953(B)] to amend and re-promulgate the rules of the Scholarship/Grant programs (R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, and R.S. 17:3042.1.1-3042.8, R.S. 17:3048.1, R.S. 56:797.D(2)).

This rulemaking identifies courses that have been determined to be equivalent to TOPS and TOPS-Tech core curriculum courses by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents and this Commission and adds these courses to the list of courses that may be completed to satisfy the TOPS and TOPS-Tech core curriculum requirements.

The emergency rules are necessary to implement changes to the Scholarship/Grant programs to allow the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance and state educational institutions to effectively administer these programs. A delay in promulgating rules would have an adverse impact on the financial welfare of the eligible students and the financial condition of their families. LASFAC has determined that these emergency rules are necessary in order to prevent imminent financial peril to the welfare of the affected students.

This declaration of emergency is effective May 4, 2010, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (SG10116E)

## 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(a) ...

(b). For students graduating in academic year (high school) 2006-2007 ~~and after~~ through the 2008-2009 academic year (high school), for purposes of satisfying the requirements of §703.A.5.a.i above, or §803.A.6.a, the following courses shall be considered equivalent to the identified core courses and may be substituted to satisfy corresponding core courses.

Core Curriculum Course	Equivalent (Substitute) Course
Physical Science	Integrated Science
Algebra I	Algebra I, Parts 1 and 2, Integrated Mathematics I
Applied Algebra IA and IB	Applied Mathematics I and II
Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry	Integrated Mathematics I, II and III
Algebra II	Integrated Mathematics II
Geometry	Integrated Mathematics III
Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, or Comparable Advanced Mathematics	Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Applied Mathematics III*, Advanced Mathematics I [beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year (high school) this course is renamed Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus], Advanced Mathematics II [beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year (high school) this course is renamed Advanced Math –Functions and Statistics]
Chemistry	Chemistry Com
Fine Arts Survey	Speech III and Speech IV (both units)
Western Civilization	European History
Civics	AP American Government
*Applied Mathematics III was formerly referred to as Applied Geometry	

(c). For students graduating in academic year (high school) 2009-2010 and after, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of §703.A.5.a.i above, or §803.A.6.a, the following courses shall be

considered equivalent to the identified core courses and may be substituted to satisfy corresponding core courses.

<u>Core Curriculum Course</u>	<u>Equivalent (Substitute) Course</u>
<u>Physical Science</u>	<u>Integrated Science</u>
<u>Algebra I</u>	<u>Algebra I, Parts 1 and 2, Integrated Mathematics I, Applied Algebra I</u>
<u>Applied Algebra IA and IB</u>	<u>Applied Mathematics I and II</u>
<u>Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry</u>	<u>Integrated Mathematics I, II and III</u>
<u>Algebra II</u>	<u>Integrated Mathematics II</u>
<u>Geometry</u>	<u>Integrated Mathematics III, Applied Geometry</u>
<u>Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, or Comparable Advanced Mathematics</u>	<u>Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Applied Mathematics III* Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus**, Advanced Math – Functions and Statistics***</u>
<u>Chemistry</u>	<u>Chemistry Com</u>
<u>Fine Arts Survey</u>	<u>Speech III and Speech IV (both units)</u>
<u>Western Civilization</u>	<u>European History</u>
<u>Civics</u>	<u>AP American Government</u>
<u>*Applied Mathematics III was formerly referred to as Applied Geometry</u>	
<u>**Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus was formerly referred to as Advanced Mathematics II</u>	
<u>***Advanced Math – Functions and Statistics was formerly referred to as Advanced Mathematics II</u>	

A.5.a.iii. – J.4.b.ii. ...

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## Chapter 8. TOPS-Tech Award

### §803. Establishing Eligibility

A. – A.6.a.iii. ...

b. For students graduating in academic year (high school) 2008-2009 and after, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of §803.A.6.a above, the following courses shall be considered equivalent

to the identified core courses and may be substituted to satisfy corresponding core courses.

<u>Core Curriculum Course</u>	<u>Equivalent (Substitute) Course</u>
<u>Business English</u>	<u>Senior Applications in English</u>
<u>Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, or Comparable Advanced Mathematics</u>	<u>Math Essentials</u>

cb. for students in graduating classes prior to 2004, core units may be waived upon sworn affidavit by the principal or headmaster or authorized designee that the course was not available to the student at the school attended;

A.7. – B.4.b.ii. ...

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