

# HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements

New academic requirements are included in the HOPE legislation. These changes will impact students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2015. In order to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, students must meet the following academic requirements.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS	STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES	MINIMUM NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION
2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;</li> <li>2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;</li> <li>3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects;</li> <li>4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects;</li> <li>5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or</li> <li>6) Advanced foreign language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.</li> </ol>	2
2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;</li> <li>2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;</li> <li>3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects;</li> <li>4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects;</li> <li>5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or</li> <li>6) Advanced foreign language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution.</li> </ol>	3
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