

# 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.



GRADUATING ON OR AFTER	STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES	NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION
May 1, 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;</li> <li>2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course;</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.</li> </ol>	2
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