

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Broussard

TOPS, Generally

Existing law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a merit scholarship program for students who meet certain academic criteria in high school and other requirements. Provides for different award levels based on the student's high school GPA on a core curriculum and his ACT score. Provides for a specified high school core curriculum for an Opportunity, Performance, Honors, or Excellence award and a specified high school core curriculum for a TOPS-Tech award. New law revises the core curricula in the subject of math, applicable to students graduating from high school during or after the 2025-2026 school year, as provided below.

Opportunity, Performance, Honors, and Excellence

Existing law requires four units of math in high school and requires three of the four math units to be Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

Prior law allowed a three-unit sequence of Integrated Math I, II, and III as a substitute for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence.

New law instead allows Integrated Math I as an alternative to Algebra I, Integrated Math II as an alternative to Geometry II, and Integrated Math III as an alternative to Algebra II (regardless of sequence).

TOPS-Tech

Existing law requires four units of math in high school.

Prior law allowed a three-unit sequence of Integrated Math I, II, and III as a substitute for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

New law instead includes Integrated math courses as options to satisfy certain required units (regardless of sequence) as follows:

- (1) Existing law requires that one unit be Algebra I, Algebra I Part One and Algebra I Part Two, or an applied or hybrid algebra course. New law adds Integrated Math I as an option for this unit.
- (2) Existing law, beginning with students graduating during the 2026-2027 school year, requires that one unit be Geometry or an applied Geometry course. New law adds Integrated Math II as an option for this unit.
- (3) Existing law provides a list of courses that can be used to satisfy the additional units, one of which is Algebra II. New law adds Integrated Math III to this list as an alternative to Algebra II.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:5025(2)(a), 5025.5(2)(a), 5025.6(2)(a), 5025.7(2)(a), and 5026(A)(2)(a) and (c), (D)(2), (E)(2), and (F)(2)(a) and (c))