

Teaching and Learning

Financial Literacy Implementation

Frequently Asked Questions Spring 2024

- **Which students are required to complete the Financial Literacy course?**
 - BESE adopted [policy](#) in December requiring all freshmen entering high school in the 2024-2025 school year to complete a course in Financial Literacy.
- **Is the change based on the year students enter high school or their graduation date?**
 - The [new policy](#) (starting on page 71) is on notice of intent and will go into place in April, pending no changes due to public feedback. The policy applies to students entering high school in the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Will Algebra I, Geometry, Financial Literacy, and Probability and Statistics be acceptable courses for students on the TOPS University diploma pathway?**
 - Students on the TOPS University diploma pathway are required to take Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II and an additional math course. Probability and Statistics is one of those courses.
- **How many math credits are required for students on the TOPS University Diploma pathway?**
 - Four math credits are required.
 - Financial Literacy is a required course for TOPS students but does not count as a math credit. The elective requirement was reduced to two, and Financial Literacy is now a required course.
- **How many math credits are required for students on the TOPS Tech Diploma pathway?**
 - Four math credits are required.
 - Financial Literacy is one of the required math credits: Algebra I, Geometry, Financial Literacy, and an additional math course.
- **What type of Carnegie Unit will Financial Literacy count as for students?**
 - For students pursuing a TOPS University Diploma, this course is a required unit. Elective requirements have been reduced from three units to two units.
 - For students pursuing a TOPS Tech Diploma, Financial Literacy is a required math unit.
- **Does the required number of instructional minutes for earning Carnegie Units apply to this course in an online format?**
 - Bulletin 741 lists the requirements for earning Carnegie units. This course must adhere to those requirements.
- **If an online course is an option, could a non-certified teacher "proctor" the course?**
 - Administration of this course as an online course follows the same requirements for administration of any online course.

- **Will this course have a course description created?**
 - LDOE will convene a working group in early spring to develop a course description.
- **Will the new graduation requirement in Financial Literacy impact the school system and school performance scores?**
 - This course is required for graduation and impacts the graduation rate index for both the school system and the school performance scores.
- **What teaching certification is required for this course?**
 - LDOE has adjusted the required certifications for this course to allow “any certified teacher” to teach Financial Literacy.
- **Where can a publishing company find more information about the adoption process for instructional materials for Financial Literacy?**
 - The LDOE will not review materials for Financial Literacy but does maintain the [Personal Financial Literacy Instruction Clearinghouse](#), a list of available materials submitted by vendors.
- **How do schools in Louisiana get funds for instructional materials for this course?**
 - Additional funding will not be provided for Financial Literacy materials.
- **Will Financial Literacy fall under the Social Studies curriculum or CTE?**
 - Financial Literacy is a required course for students pursuing the TOPS University diploma. It does not count as a math credit or a social studies credit.
 - Financial Literacy is a required math course for students pursuing the TOPS Tech diploma.
- **Where can I find the standards for this course?**
 - This spring, course guidance for Financial Literacy will be written and aligned to the information included in the legislation.