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Honors Coursework and the TOPS Weighted GPA

For the 2014-15 ninth grade cohort and beyond

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- We will begin shortly. Thank you.

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For students graduation 2018 and thereafter

Objective:

The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the addition of weighted honors coursework to the TOPS Core Curriculum for Louisiana's 2014-15 ninth grade cohort and beyond.

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TOPS Legislation

- **ACT 359** of the 2013 Louisiana Legislative session creates incentives for the 2014-15 ninth grade cohort and beyond to take more rigorous **BESE/Board of Regents approved AP, IB, GT, and DE courses** by giving courses approved by the state additional weight in the calculation of the TOPS GPA.
- In addition, **ACT 733** of the 2014 Legislative session creates incentives for the 2014-15 ninth grade cohort and beyond to take more rigorous **BESE/Board of Regents approved Honors courses** by giving approved honors coursework additional weight in the calculation of the TOPS GPA.

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Beginning with the students entering the 9th grade for the first time in 2014-15 and thereafter, the calculation of the TOPS Core Curriculum grade point average (GPA) will use a five – (5.00) point scale for grades earned in the following **BESE/Board of Regents approved courses** used to complete the TOPS Core Curriculum:

Advanced Placement (AP)
International Baccalaureate (IB)
Gifted and Talented (GT)
Dual Enrollment (DE)
Honors (H)

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The LDOE, Board of Regents, LOSFA, and key stakeholders have worked collaboratively to designate the courses that will be calculated on the five- (5.00) scale. For such courses, the following quality points will be assigned:

Letter Grade "A" = 5 quality points

Letter Grade "B" = 4 quality points

Letter Grade "C" = 3 quality points

Letter Grade "D" = 2 quality points

Letter Grade "F" = 0 quality points

Note that students earning credit in courses graded on the five (5.00) point scale may earn a grade point average on the TOPS Core Curriculum that exceeds 4.00.

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English	Math
120341 English III (H)	160366 Pre-Calculus (H)
120342 English IV (H)	160367 Probability and Statistics (H)
	160368 Calculus (H)
Science	Social Studies
150400 Chemistry I (H)	220409 U.S. History (H)
150303 Biology II (H)	220505 U. S. Government (H)
150328 Environmental Science (H)	220400 World History (H)
150424 Chemistry II (H)	
150699 Physics (H)	

For a complete listing of all eligible TOPS weighted coursework, click [here](#).

For a complete listing of TOPS University Diploma Requirements including course codes, click [here](#).

For a complete listing of Jump Start TOPS Tech Diploma Requirements including course codes, click [here](#).

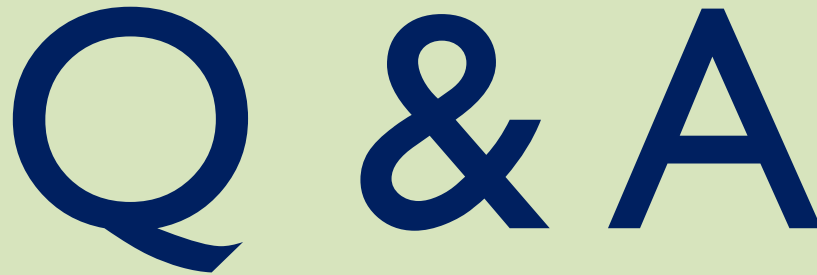
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Course	Recommended Course Content
120341 English III (H) 120342 English IV (H)	Require an additional unit of instruction beyond the regular course; the unit of instruction should include additional grade-level, complex texts and related writing and research tasks
160366 Pre-Calculus (H) 160367 Probability and Statistics (H) 160368 Calculus (H)	Require two additional projects beyond the regular course; the projects should emphasize practical application
150400 Chemistry (H) 150303 Biology II (H) 150328 Environmental Science (H) 150424 Chemistry II (H) 150699 Physics (H)	Require two additional labs beyond the regular course
220409 U.S. History (H) 220505 U.S. Government (H) 220400 World History (H)	Require two additional projects beyond the regular course; the projects should emphasize the inquiry process

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Q & A

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For more information on the TOPS Core Curriculum and the weighted GPA course matrix, please contact Tristen.Guillory@La.Gov

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