

Why Do I Need To Take The High School Core Curriculum?

The core curriculum is the most important component of the Regents' admissions framework. Research shows that students who take college prep courses double their odds of success in college.

What is the Regents (currently TOPS) Core?*

Units Course

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| 4 | English I, English II, English III, English IV |
| 1 | Algebra I (one unit) or Applied Algebra 1A and 1B (two units) |
| 1 | Algebra II |
| 1 | Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, or an approved advanced math substitute |
| 1 | Biology |
| 1 | Chemistry |
| 1 | Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics, Physics II, or Physics for Technology (one unit) |
| 1 | American History |
| 1 | World History, Western Civilization, or World Geography |
| 1 | Civics and Free Enterprise (one unit combined) or Civics (one unit) |
| 1 | Fine Arts Survey (or substitute two units of performance courses in music, dance and/or theater; or substitute two units of visual art; or substitute two units of studio art; or substitute one unit of an elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum) |
| 2 | Foreign Language (two units in the same language) |
| ½ | Computer Science, Computer Literacy, or Business Computer Applications (or substitute at least one-half unit of an an elective course related to computers approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or one-half unit as an elective from among the other subjects listed in this core curriculum) |

16.5 Total Core Curriculum Units

For more information contact your high school counselor or the college/university admissions office.

* Other courses may be acceptable as substitutes for courses in the core curriculum. For more information on acceptable substitute courses visit the TOPS web site at www.osfa.state.la.us.