

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 CLASS	STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES	NUMBER OF RIGOR COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION
<p align="center">High School Graduating Class of 2015*</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects; 4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects; 5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia or Technical College System of Georgia (e.g., Georgia Piedmont Technical College) in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or 6) Advanced foreign language (e.g., Spanish III) courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution. 	<p align="center">2 (of the six to the left)</p>
<p align="center">High School Graduating Class of 2016*</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects; 4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects; 5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia or Technical College System of Georgia (e.g., Georgia Piedmont Technical College) in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or 6) Advanced foreign language (e.g., Spanish III) courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution. 	<p align="center">3 (of the six to the left)</p>
<p align="center">High School Graduating Class of 2017*</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 2) Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; 3) Advanced placement courses in core subjects; 4) International baccalaureate courses in core subjects; 5) Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia or Technical College System of Georgia (e.g., Georgia Piedmont Technical College) in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or 6) Advanced foreign language (e.g., Spanish III) courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution. 	<p align="center">4 (of the six to the left)</p>

***Students must graduate with a 3.0 HOPE GPA to be eligible --- Please note that the HOPE GPA and High School Transcript GPA are different
See your school counselor with any questions**