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**HOPE Rigor Requirements Pursuant to HB 326/O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-157
Graduating Classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017**

Georgia Code 20-2-157 requires that certain course credits must be earned in order for students to be eligible for a HOPE Scholarship. The requirements are as follows:

Beginning with students graduating from high school **on or after May 1, 2015**, in order to be eligible to receive the HOPE scholarship, a student must receive **at least two credits** in courses from the following categories, prior to graduating from high school:

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 foreign language courses taken at an eligible high school or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;
4. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit enrollment courses in core subjects (English, math, science, social studies, or foreign language)

Students graduating from high school **on or after May 1, 2016**, must receive **at least three credits** in courses from the above categories, prior to graduating from high school; students graduating from high school **on or after May 1, 2017**, must receive **at least four credits** in courses from the above categories, prior to graduating from high school. Students may earn one or more credits in each category; provided, however, an earned course credit may only be counted one time toward the credit requirement. If a course is assigned one-half credit, the student must take another half-credit course in the categories listed in order to satisfy the one credit requirement. Students should review the credits assigned to courses to determine satisfaction of the above requirements.

The attached "Listing of Courses Possessing Academic Rigor To Meet the HOPE Rigor Requirement" is the comprehensive list of all courses that meet the rigor requirements in 2015, 2016 and 2017.