

Academic Rigor Requirements for the HOPE Scholarship

For the High School Graduating Class of 2017 and beyond, a student meeting the requirements to be a HOPE Scholar at the time of high school graduation must earn a minimum of **four** full credits from the academic rigor course categories listed below prior to graduating from high school.

For a comprehensive list of rigor courses, go to <https://www.gafutures.org/media/187520/rigor-course-list-september-2017.pdf>. Parents and students are encouraged each semester to check his/her HOPE Scholarship eligibility and to check for the latest HOPE Scholarship updates at www.gafutures.org.

For students seeking an associate or bachelor degree at an eligible four year, two year, or technical college, tuition may be paid by the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship, if a student meets all eligibility requirements. For students seeking a diploma or a certificate from a technical college, tuition may be paid through the HOPE Grant which does not have a GPA or rigor requirement. Eligibility requirements for the HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship HOPE Grant, and Zell Miller Grant can be found at <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/eligibility/>.

Credits received for academic rigor courses must be selected from the categories below:

1. Advanced math, such as advanced algebra and trigonometry, Math II, taken at the high school, or an equivalent or higher course taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;
2. Advanced science, such as chemistry, physics, Biology II, taken at the high school, or an equivalent or higher course taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution;
3. Foreign language courses (II level and beyond) taken at the high school, or taken for degree level credit at an eligible postsecondary institution; or
4. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Dual Credit Enrollment courses in core subjects.

FCHS HOPE Rigor Courses

English: Advanced Placement (AP) Language/Composition

Social Studies: Advanced Placement (AP) US History

Math: Algebra II

Algebra II Honors

Advanced Mathematical Decision Making

Pre-Calculus

Pre-Calculus Honors

Calculus ADW

Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus AB

Science: Human Anatomy/Physiology (Embedded in Essentials of Healthcare)

Chemistry I

Chemistry I Honors

Physics I Honors

Forensics Science

Foreign Language: Spanish II

Spanish III