

LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 08–09

“Appropriate Selection of LA Core 4 Curriculum as the TOPS Criteria”

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Whereas the Louisiana Senate is considering making the TOPS core curriculum the same as the LA Core 4 curriculum as adopted by BESE on August 15, 2008. (Senate Bill 362 by Senator Nevers),

Whereas there are multiple options within the LA Core 4 curriculum,

Whereas TOPS is a merit based college tuition program,

Whereas to assure that high school graduates are eligible for TOPS awards, secondary schools are stimulated to offer rigorous high school core curricula,

Whereas TOPS provides financial incentives as a reward for excellent academic performance in a rigorous high school core curricula,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate encourage and support the adoption of the LA Core 4 Academic Endorsement Option as the criteria for the TOPS award. This option requires 19 units, which include 4 units of English, 4 units of Math including advanced math selections, four units of rigorous Science, 4 units of Social Studies, 2 units of Foreign Language and 1 unit of Art. The rigorous Science units would preferably include Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

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