

CURRENT INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Indiana General High School Diploma

The completion of Core 40 is an Indiana graduation requirement. Indiana's Core 40 curriculum provides the academic foundation all students need to succeed in college and the workforce.

To graduate with less than Core 40, the following formal opt-out process must be completed:

- The student, the student's parent/guardian, and the student's counselor (or another staff member who assists students in course selection) must meet to discuss the student's progress.
- The student's Graduation Plan (including four year course plan) is reviewed.
- The student's parent/guardian determines whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by completing the general curriculum or the Core 40 curriculum.
- If the decision is made to opt-out of Core 40, the student is required to complete the course and credit requirements for a general diploma and the career/academic sequence the student will pursue is determined.

Course and Credit Requirements (Class of 2016 & Beyond)

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| English/Language Arts | 8 credits |
| | Credits must include literature, composition and speech |
| Mathematics | 4 credits |
| | 2 credits: Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I 2 credits: Any math course General diploma students are required to earn 2 credits in a Math or a Quantitative Reasoning (QR) course during their junior or senior year. QR courses do not count as math credits. |
| Science | 4 credits |
| | 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Any science course At least one credit must be from a Physical Science or Earth and Space Science course |
| Social Studies | 4 credits |
| | 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Any social studies course |
| Physical Education | 2 credits |
| Health and Wellness | 1 credit |
| College and Career Pathway Courses | 6 credits |
| Selecting electives in a deliberate manner to take full advantage of college and career exploration and preparation opportunities | |
| Flex Credit | 5 credits |
| | Flex Credits must come from one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional elective courses in a College and Career Pathway • Courses involving workplace learning such as Cooperative Education or Internship courses • High school/college dual credit courses • Additional courses in Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, World Languages or Fine Arts |
| Electives | 6 credits |
| | Specifies the minimum number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many more elective credits during the high school years. |

40 Total Credits Required

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students

Effective beginning with students who enter high school in 2012-13 school year (class of 2016).

Course and Credit Requirements

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| English/ Language Arts | 8 credits Including a balance of literature, composition and speech. |
| Mathematics | 6 credits (in grades 9-12) 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <i>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school</i> |
| Science | 6 credits 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course |
| Social Studies | 6 credits 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World |
| Directed Electives | 5 credits World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education |
| Physical Education | 2 credits |
| Health and Wellness | 1 credit |
| Electives* | 6 credits <i>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</i> |

40 Total State Credits Required

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students

* Specifies the number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many more electives during the high school years. All students are strongly encouraged to complete a College and Career Pathway (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career and college exploration and preparation opportunities.

CORE40 with Academic Honors (minimum 47 credits)

For the **Core 40 with Academic Honors** diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits (6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages).
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
 - B. Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
 - C. Earn two of the following:
 1. A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed college credits from the approved dual credit list,
 2. 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams,
 3. 2 credits in IB standard level courses and corresponding IB exams.
 - D. Earn a combined score of 1750 or higher on the SAT critical reading, mathematics and writing sections and a minimum score of 530 on each
 - E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section
 - F. Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams.

CORE40 with Technical Honors (minimum 47 credits)

For the **Core 40 with Technical Honors** diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
 1. State approved, industry recognized certification or credential, or
 2. Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcribed college credits
- Earn a grade of “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following,
 - A. Any one of the options (A - F) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - B. Earn the following scores or higher on WorkKeys; Reading for Information – Level 6, Applied Mathematics – Level 6, and Locating Information-Level 5.
 - C. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
 - D. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass; Algebra 66 , Writing 70, Reading 80.