



CORE 40

Course and Credit Requirements

Students must complete 40 total Indiana credits, as defined in the table below, to qualify for high school graduation. Schools may have additional graduation requirements that apply to all students. Exceptions to additional graduation requirements would apply to students with Individualized Education Programs.

| Subject | Credits | Course Requirements |
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| English/Language Arts | 8 credits | Includes a balance of literature, composition, and speech. |
| Mathematics | 6 credits | Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (Analytical Algebra II) OR Integrated I, Integrated II, Integrated III AND Ensure students complete six credits in grades 9-12.* |
| Science | 6 credits | 2 credits: Biology |
| | | 2 credits: Chemistry, Physics, or Integrated Chemistry-Physics |
| | | 2 credits: Any Core 40 science course |
| Social Studies | 6 credits | 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World |
| | | 2 credits: U.S. History |
| | | 1 credit: Economics |
| | | 1 credit: U.S. Government |
| Directed Electives | 5 credits | Career and Technical Education |
| | | Fine Arts |
| | | World Languages |
| Physical Education | 2 credits | 1 credit: PE I |
| | | 1 credit: PE II |
| Health and Wellness | 1 credit | Students may earn health and wellness credit from the health education area of study or alternate options. |
| Electives | Minimum of 6 credits | All students are strongly encouraged to complete a College and Career pathway by selecting electives in a deliberate manner. |

* Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school, regardless of credit completion.



CORE 40

with Academic Honors Requirements

For the Core 40 with Academic Honors designation, students must complete 47 credits according to the following guidelines:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40, as outlined on the previous page;
- Earn two additional Core 40 math credits;
- Earn six to eight Core 40 world language credits, including six credits in one language or four credits each in two languages;
- Earn two Core 40 fine arts credits;
- Earn a grade of “C” or better in courses that count towards the diploma;
- Have a grade point average of “B” or better; and
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Earn four credits in two or more courses within the following programs and take the corresponding exams:
 - Advanced Placement (AP);
 - International Baccalaureate (IB);
 - Cambridge International courses;
 - B. Earn six verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list;
 - C. Earn two of the following:
 - A minimum of three verifiable transcribed college credits from the approved dual credit list;
 - Two credits in AP courses and take the corresponding exams;
 - Two credits in IB standard level courses and take the corresponding exams;
 - Two credits in Cambridge International courses and take the corresponding exams;
 - D. Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum on 560 on math and 590 on the evidence-based reading and writing section;
 - E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete the written section; or
 - F. Complete a work-based learning experience/program or career and technology education experience/program approved by the Indiana State Board of Education to replace the coursework above.



CORE 40

with Technical Honors Requirements

For the Core 40 with Technical Honors designation, students must complete 47 credits according to the following guidelines:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40, as outlined on the previous page;
- Earn six credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College and Career Pathway and one of the following:
 - Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential; or
 - Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in six transcribed college credits.
- Earn a grade of “C” or better in courses that count toward the diploma;
- Earn a grade point average of “B” or better;
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Any one of the options (A-F) for the Core 40 with Academic Honors;
 - B. Earn the following minimum score on WorkKeys:
 - Workplace Documents: Level 6
 - Applied Math: Level 6
 - Graphic Literacy: Level 5
 - C. Earn the following minimum scores on Accuplacer:
 - Writing: 80
 - Reading: 90
 - Math: 75
 - D. Earn the following minimum scores on Compass:
 - Algebra: 66
 - Writing: 70
 - Reading: 80