

# Freshmen Orientation

Class of 2025

# Goals for tonight:

- Ease the transition to High School
- Introduction to Diploma Requirements
- Introduction to Graduation Pathways
- Tips to remember for High School
- Freshman Scheduling

# People to know

We are ALWAYS here to help!

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# Graduation Requirements with Graduation Pathways

Class of 2025

1. Earn an Indiana HS diploma
2. Demonstrate Employability Skills
3. Post-Secondary Competencies

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# Box One:

Earn an Indiana High School  
Diploma

- Indiana Core 40
  - Indiana Core 40 with  
Academic Honors
  - Indiana Core 40 with  
Technical Honors
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# Indiana Core 40

Minimum diploma required for  
admission to a four year college.

8 credits of English

6 credits of math in HS

6 credits of science

6 credits of social studies

5 credits directed electives

2 General PE credits

1 credit Health

1 credit Career Planning

6 elective credits



### Course and Credit Requirements

<b>English/ Language Arts</b>	<b>8 credits</b> Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6 credits (in grades 9-12)</b> 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <small>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits Students must take a math course or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school</small>
<b>Science</b>	<b>6 credits</b> 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 credits</b> 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization
<b>Directed Electives</b>	<b>5 credits</b> World Languages Fine Arts Career Planning
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>2 credits</b> Advanced/Elective PE does not fulfill this requirement.
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives*</b>	<b>6 credits</b> <small>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</small>

### 40 Total NPHS Credits Required

*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.*

*For the class of 2020, 2021, and 2022, students must pass state ISTEP+ Math & ISTEP English/Language Arts exams, and complete Science ISTEP exam OR complete graduation pathways.*

*For the class of 2023 and beyond, students must meet graduation pathways requirements.*

For the **Core 40 with Academic Honors** designation, 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 composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 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 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** designation, 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. Pathway designated industry-based 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 minimum scores on WorkKeys: Workplace Documents, Level 6; Applied Math, Level 6; and Graphic Literacy, 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.

# Indiana Core 40 with Academic Honors

Recommended for students  
planning to apply to competitive  
colleges or programs

A more rigorous, college prep  
diploma

Additional to Core 40 requirements  
students must earn:

- 2 additional credits of math
- 6 credits of world language
- 2 credits of fine arts
- C- or better in all classes
- B average GPA

Complete 2 AP or 2 Dual Credit  
classes or 1 of each

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# Indiana Core 40 with Technical Honors

Recommended for students  
planning to enter a technical  
college or career program

A more rigorous, college prep &  
technical career diploma

Additional to Core 40 requirements  
students must earn:

- Industry Certification OR  
6 college credits in a  
career/technical program
- C- or better in all classes
- 3.0 cumulative GPA

Complete 2 AP or 2 Dual Credit  
classes

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# Box Two:

Learn & Demonstrate  
Employability Skills

Must complete one of the following

- Project-Based Experience
- Service-Based Experience
- Work-Based Experience

BE INVOLVED IN  
SOMETHING INSIDE OR  
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL!

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# Examples for Employability Skills

## Project-Based Experience

- PLTW courses

## Service-Based Experience

- Athletics, Band, Choir, FFA, 4-H, Scouts, Student Council, Community Service
- Student Media, NP120

## Work-Based Experience

- Internship, Outside Employment
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# Box Three:

## Post-Secondary Ready

Must complete one of the following

- AHD/THD diploma
- Meet a set ACT/SAT/ASVAB score
- Earn an Industry Certification
- Complete an Apprenticeship
- Earn credits in a CTE Concentrator

TAKE CLASSES TO ALIGN WITH  
YOUR CAREER/COLLEGE GOALS

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# Examples for Post-Secondary Readiness

- AP and/or Dual Credit courses
  - Meet college-ready benchmarks for SAT or ACT
  - Meet admittance score on ASVAB
  - Walker Career Center programs
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**Freshmen  
Year  
Schedule**



# Freshmen Scheduling

## REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

English 9 or English 9 Honors

Algebra I or Geometry (if taken Algebra I)

Biology or Chemistry/Adv Chemistry/PBS (if taken Biology)

Health (one semester)

Career Planning (one semester)

PE (two semesters) - MUST have one semester of PE completed to take Intro to Weightlifting

## RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES:

World History (either 9th or 10th grade year)

Spanish I or French I

Fine Arts Elective: Band, Choir, Art or Student Media

# Scheduling Sheet

School Year 2021-2022

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 9

*You will have 14 periods in the year.  
Each course = 1 period unless noted in parenthesis.  
A = 1st Semester / B = 2nd Semester*

## CORE CLASSES

ENGLISH	SCIENCE	BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY
English 9A English 9B	Biology A Biology B	Career Planning
Honors English 9A Honors English 9B	Chemistry A Chemistry B	<b>HEALTH &amp; PE</b>
<b>MATH</b>	Adv. Chemistry A Adv. Chemistry B	PE 1 PE 2
Algebra 1A Algebra 1B	Earth & Space Science A Earth & Space Science B	Intro to Weightlifting
Geometry A Geometry B	Genetics A Genetics B	Adv Weightlifting 1 Adv Weightlifting 2
Honors Geometry A Honors Geometry B	PLTW - PBS A PLTW - PBS B	Health & Wellness
Algebra 2A Algebra 2B	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>EARLY COLLEGE ONLY</b>
Honors Algebra 2A Honors Algebra 2B	World History A World History B	Computer Concepts - VU COMP 110
Integrated Math 1A Integrated Math 1B	Ethnic Studies	Career Planning - VU SSKL 106
	Indiana Studies	

## ELECTIVE CLASSES

FOREIGN LANGUAGE	MUSIC	OTHER ELECTIVES
French 1A French 1B	Beginning Chorus A Beginning Chorus B	Language Arts Lab 9A Language Arts Lab 9B
Spanish 1A Spanish 1B	Jazz Ensemble A Jazz Ensemble B	Math Lab A Math Lab B
<b>JOURNALISM</b>	Percussion A Percussion B	Study Hall A Study Hall B
Student Media - Newspaper A Student Media - Newspaper B	Beginning Brass Band A Beginning Brass Band B	<b>RESOURCE ELECTIVES</b>
Student Media - Yearbook A Student Media - Yearbook B	Beginning Woodwind Band A Beginning Woodwind Band B	Developmental Reading A Developmental Reading B
<b>ART</b>	Dance Performance A Dance Performance B	Instructional Lab A Instructional Lab B
Intro to 2-D Art	Theatre Production A Theatre Production B	
Intro to 3-D Art	<b>FAMILY &amp; CONSUMER SCIENCES</b>	
<b>ENGINEERING</b>	Advanced Child Development 1 Advanced Child Development 2	
Intro to Advanced Manufacturing A Intro to Advanced Manufacturing B		
Intro to Engineering Design A Intro to Engineering Design B		

# Students

- Get involved!
  - Choose classes that fit your interests
  - Research post secondary options
  - Ask for help when needed
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# Parents

- Stay involved in your student's education
  - Contact counselors or administrators with any questions or concerns
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**Sent home on Tuesday**

**FOLDERS WITH  
LOTS MORE HS  
AND  
SCHEDULING  
INFORMATION!**

Mark your calendar:

**FRESH  
START**

**Thursday, July 29th  
8:30-12:00**