

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Dear Avon High School Students and Families,

Welcome to your next – or for our freshmen, your first – year of high school!

Our goal is for every Avon High School student to graduate with a meaningful post-secondary plan. This Program of Studies is a key resource in helping you identify the courses that line up with your career interests. As you work with our school counselors and teachers in course selection, select classes based on where you hope to head in the world of work. Talk as a family and make thoughtful decisions about how each semester helps you achieve your goals. Your Avon High School counselors look forward to working with you on a plan that is the best fit for you.

Yours in Education,

Matt Shockley  
Principal, Avon High School

## **WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GRADUATE FROM AVON HIGH SCHOOL?**

A minimum of 47\* credits are required for any of the Indiana diploma designations at Avon High School: Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors, Core 40, and General.

**Students in the classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, & 2027 earn a diploma through an Indiana Graduation Pathway:**

- Completion of a minimum of 47\* credits for the appropriate diploma (see pages 4-5)
- AND**
- Learn and demonstrate employability skills through completion of a project-based learning, service-based learning, or work-based learning experience (see page 6)
- AND**
- Demonstrate post-secondary competencies (see pages 6-7) by meeting criteria for one of the following:
    - A. Earning an Academic or Technical Honors Diploma
    - B. Minimum scores on college admission testing: ACT: 18 English or 22 Reading AND 22 Math or 23 Science; or
    - C. SAT: 480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 530 Math
    - D. Industry-based certification
    - E. Minimum score of 31 on the Armed Forces Qualifying Test (also known as ASVAB)
    - F. C average for 3 Dual Credit/AP courses
    - G. C average in at least 2 non-duplicative advanced courses within a career pathway

\*Students with an Individual Education Plans (IEP) may elect for a credit plan under House Enrolled Act 1519

## DIPLOMA COMPLETION AND GRADUATION

Students receiving a diploma from Avon High School must take required units of study from Avon, Harris Academy, a state-approved online program, or in the case of transfer students, other accredited high schools.

Students are expected to take 7 courses a semester. For a student to be in good standing and on track, the following number of credits should be completed at the end of each of the following grade levels: 9th grade: 11 credits; 10th grade: 23 credits; 11th grade: 34 credits. All credits required for graduation must be satisfactorily completed by the seniors' last day of regular attendance in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

## INDIANA DIPLOMA DESIGNATIONS

Students in the classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, & 2027 are required to complete a Graduation Pathway to earn any Indiana diploma. See page 2.

### CORE 40

English/Language Arts	<b>8 credits</b> in grade level English or equivalent
Mathematics	<b>6 credits</b> 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II (All students must earn 6 math credits after entering high school. In addition, student must be enrolled in a math or quantitative reasoning course each year of high school.)
Science	<b>6 credits</b> 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry, Physics, or Integrated Chemistry/Physics 2 credits: Any Core 40 science course
Social Studies	<b>6 credits</b> 2 credits: US History 1 credit: US Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: Geography & History of the World or World History
Directed Electives	<b>5 credits</b> World Languages* Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
Physical Education	<b>2 credits</b>
Health and Wellness	<b>1 credit</b>
Preparing for College & Careers	<b>1 credit</b>
Electives	<b>12 credits</b> (College and Career Pathway courses recommended)
	<b>47 total credits</b>

\*Entrance into some college programs may require additional courses. For example, many engineering programs require four years of high school math. Some colleges now require 2 years of foreign language to meet entrance requirements. While many advanced courses are not absolutely necessary for college entrance, they may be helpful in preparing you for college work.

## **CORE 40 WITH ACADEMIC HONORS**

For the Core 40 with Academic Honors designation, students must meet Core 40 requirements and must also:

- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits (Note: All students must earn 6 math credits after entering high school. In addition, students must be enrolled in a math or quantitative reasoning course each year of high school)
- 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 “C-” or above in courses that will count toward the diploma\*
- Have a grade point average of “B” or above, and
- Complete one of the following:
  - A. Complete 4 credits in two or more AP courses and take the corresponding College Board AP exams
  - B. Complete 6 verifiable, transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list
  - C. Complete a combination of AP courses 2 credits and corresponding AP exams and dual high school/college credit course(s) from the approved dual credit list resulting in 3 verifiable, transcribed college credits
  - D. Complete the SAT test with a composite score of 1250 or higher and a minimum score of 560 on the math section and a 590 or higher on the evidence-based reading and writing section (EBRW)
  - E. Complete the ACT test with a composite score of 26 or higher and completion of the written section

## **CORE 40 WITH TECHNICAL HONORS**

For the Core 40 with Technical Honors designation, students must meet Core 40 requirements and must also:

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

\* Only courses in which a student has earned a grade of “C-” or above may count toward a Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors designation. If a student earns a grade lower than a “C-”, that course cannot count toward the total 47 required credits and the student will need to earn additional credits with a “C-” or above to achieve the total 47 credits. A student may repeat a course for a better grade (see Repeating a Course) or may take another course that will meet the standard, if another choice is available in that subject. For example, if a student earns a “D” in Intro 2 D Art, he/she may take Technical Theatre and attempt to earn a “C-” or better (for the fine art credit).

## **GENERAL DIPLOMA**

To graduate with the General Diploma designation, 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) meet to discuss the student’s progress
- The student’s career and course plan are 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 the Core 40 designation, 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
- A Core 40 Opt-out Form must be completed and signed by all participants; a copy of the form must be placed in the student’s permanent record