

# **Welcome, Class of 2025!**



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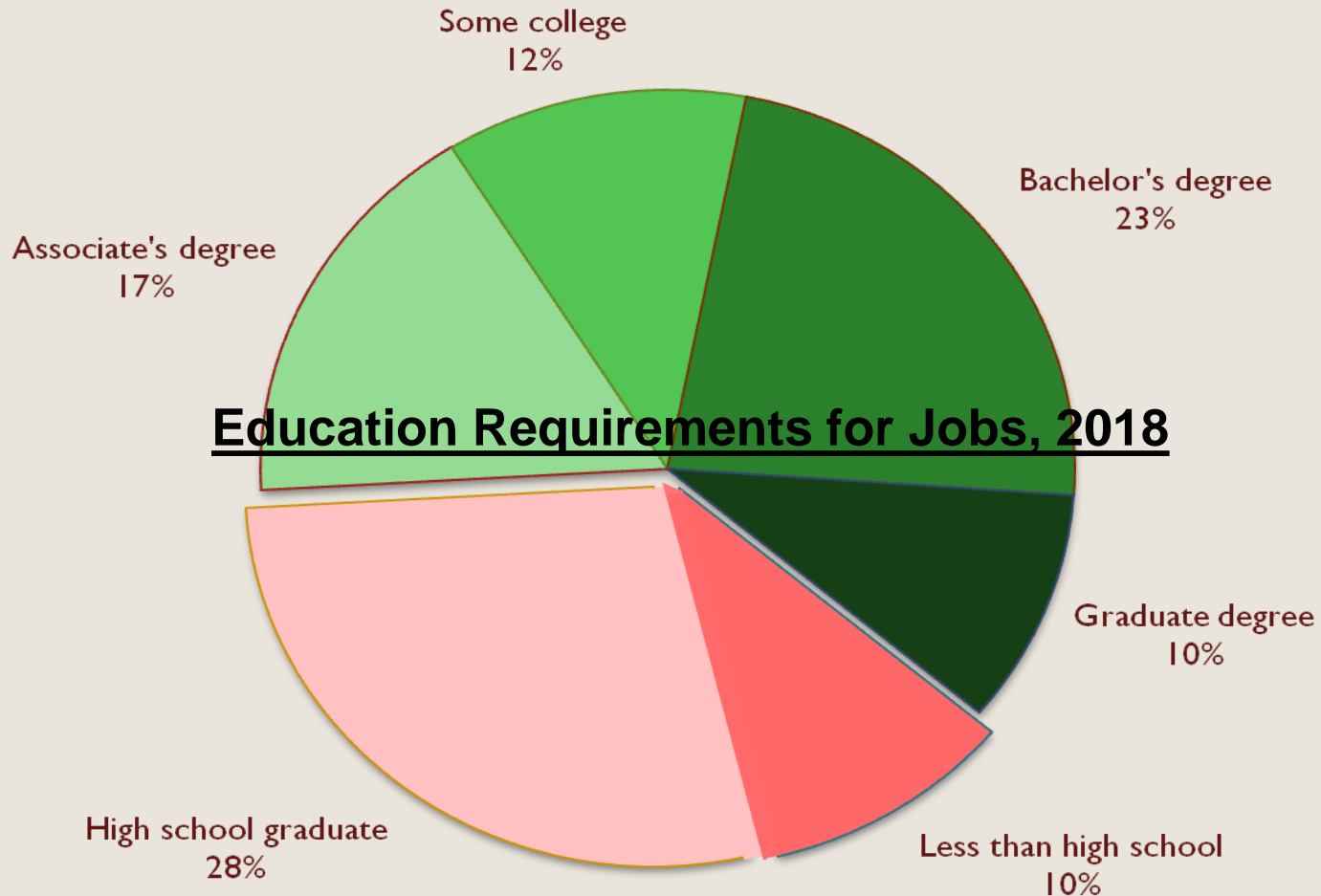
**KNIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

# Presentation Take Away?



- A reminder as to why education is so important!
- The different types of diplomas you may earn
- Graduation requirements
- Options for advanced level classes
- Pathway Requirements (New for class of 2023 & above )
- The scheduling process for your freshman year
  - Freshman year courses
- A little bit about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars

# The Importance of Educational Attainment



# Consequences of Dropping Out



- Over the course of his or her lifetime, a high school dropout earns, on average, about **\$260,000 less than a high school graduate.**
- The **unemployment rate** for those without a high school diploma is more than **3.25 times** higher than the rate for those with a college degree.

# Types of Diplomas



<b>Diploma Type</b>	<b>Prepares Students For</b>
<b>General Diploma</b>	<b>Unskilled Jobs*</b>
<b>Core 40 Diploma</b>	<b>Some 4-yr colleges</b>
<b>Core 40 Diploma <i>with Technical Honors</i></b>	<b>Some 4-yr colleges Other postsecondary</b>
<b>Core 40 Diploma <i>with Academic Honors</i></b>	<b>Almost all 4-yr colleges</b>

**Students may not earn the general diploma unless their parents have conferenced with school officials.**

# Credits



- **What is a credit?**
  - “Units” needed for graduation
  - Must earn a “D” in each class to earn credit
  - Opportunity to earn 1 credit per class, per semester
  - If you get an “F” in a class that is required for graduation, you must retake it
- **Core 40 – 44 credits**
- **Core 40 with AHD – 47 credits**
- **Core 40 with THD – 47 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 or Geography/History of the World
<b>Directed Electives</b>	<b>5 credits</b> World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives*</b>	<b>6 credits</b> <small>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</small>
<b>40 Total State Credits Required</b>	

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students (not required for students with an IEP).

\* 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.

\*\*SAT scores updated September, 2017

\*\*\*WorkKeys assessment files updated, 2018

**CORE40 with Academic Honors** (minimum 47 credits)

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.

# Core 40 Diploma

	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Courses</i>
English	8 credits	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance of literature, composition &amp; speech.</li></ul>
Math	6 credits (in grades 9-12)	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Algebra I</li><li>• Geometry</li><li>• Algebra II</li></ul>
<i>**Students must take a math course or Quantitative Reasoning course each year in high school.</i>			
Science	6 credits	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology I</li><li>• Chemistry I OR Physics I OR Integrated Chemistry/ Physics</li><li>• Any Core 40 Science</li></ul>



# Core 40 Diploma



	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Courses</i>
Social Studies	6 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• US History</li><li>• US Government</li><li>• Economics</li><li>• World History &amp; Civilization OR Geo. &amp; History of World</li></ul>
PE	2 credits	
Health & Wellness	1 credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health and Wellness</li></ul>

# Core 40 Diploma

	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Courses</i>
Directed Electives	5 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Languages</li><li>• Fine Arts</li><li>• Career-Technical Education</li></ul>
General Electives	6 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• College &amp; Career Pathway courses recommended.</li></ul>
Local Reqts	4 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparing for College and Careers</li><li>• 3 Electives</li></ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Minimum of 44 credits</b> All required courses will be assigned a letter grade and factored into the overall GPA.	

# Core 40 Math / QR



- 6 credits must be earned in grades 9-12
- Students must take a math course or quantitative reasoning (QR) course each year in high school

QR courses include courses that help advance a student's ability to apply mathematics in real-world situations and contexts.

Examples might include some Business and Marketing, Engineering, Science, Trade & Industrial, etc. courses

# Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma



- More rigorous academic preparation
- Best preparation for college
- Required at some Universities in Indiana
- Provides additional financial aid for families who qualify

# Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma



- Complete all requirements for Core 40
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits
- Earn 6-8 credits 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 count toward the diploma
- Have a cumulative GPA of a “B” or above (2.67)

**AND...**

# Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma



Complete one of the following:

- A. 4 credits in AP courses and take corresponding AP exams,
- B. 6 college credits in dual credit courses from priority course list,
- C. Earn two of the following:
  - 1. 3 college credits from priority course list,
  - 2. 2 credits in AP courses and take corresponding AP exams,
  - 3. 2 credits in IB courses and take IB exams.
- D. SAT: 1250 or higher (min of 560 on math & 590 on EBRW)
- E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section
- F. Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding exams

# Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma



- Combines rigor and relevance;
- Prepares students for two year or four college, technical school, or apprenticeship;
- Students gain marketable skills and, in many cases, college credit;
- Student can earn both the Core 40 with Academic Honors and the Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma.

# Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma



- Complete all requirements for Core 40,
- Earn grade of “C” or above in courses that count toward the diploma,
- Have a GPA of “B” or above, and
- Earn 6 credits in the college & career preparation courses in a College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
  1. Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential, or
  2. Pathway dual credits resulting in 6 transcribed college credits
- **AND...**



# Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma



- Complete ONE of the following:
  - A. Any one of the options (A-F) of the Academic Honors Diploma.
  - 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.

# Preparing for Vocational Beginning Freshman Year



- Grades: keep your grades up!
- Attendance: be here!
- Discipline: don't get in trouble!
  
- Required Classes: choose required classes vs. electives to get these out of the way
- AHD & THD: Start your foreign language freshman year!

# Higher Level Courses



## Beginning Junior Year

- Advanced Placement
- Dual Credit

# Advanced Placement (AP)



- Students who earn a score of 3 or higher will receive college credit toward their degree at any Indiana public institution of higher education.
- Current AP Courses at KHS: AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus, AP 2D Art

# Dual Credit



- Courses in which students can earn both high school and college credits
- IU and Ivy Tech
- ACP Bio, ACP Hist, ACP Comp, ACP Speech, AP Chemistry, AP Physics
- Dual Credit Courses used to meet AHD requirements must be from priority course list

# Pathway Requirements

(Class of 2023 is the first class with these requirements!)



Graduation Requirement	Graduation Pathway Requirement
1. High School Diploma	Meet the statutorily defined diploma credit and curricular requirements
2. Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills	Learn employability skills standards through locally developed programs. Employability skills are demonstrated by <u>one</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project-Based Learning Experience</li><li>• Service-Based Learning Experience</li><li>• Work-Based Learning Experience</li></ul>
3. Post-Secondary-Ready Competencies	Students must complete <u>one</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honors Diploma</li><li>• ACT: College Ready Benchmarks</li><li>• SAT: College Ready Benchmarks</li></ul>

3. Post-Secondary-Ready  
Competencies

CONTINUED

- ASVAB: Earn a 31 on the ASVAB
- State and Industry recognized credential or certification
- Career or Technical Education Concentrator (must earn a “C” or better in at least 6 high school credits in a designated career sequence)
- Must earn a “C” or better in at least three dual credit courses
- Locally created pathway (with IDOE approval)

# Twenty-First Century Scholars



REGISTRATION MUST OCCUR NO LATER THAN

**JUNE 30, 2021**



# Plan for Scheduling



1. Mrs. Gulley will complete a scheduling presentation with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders

**January 7, 2021.**

2. Mrs. Gulley will meet with each 8<sup>th</sup> grader individually (**January 11, 2021 through February 19, 2021**) to develop the following:

Review Course Request Offerings for KHS “Freshman Year”

Create Indiana Career Explorer Student Account

Check Electronically the Graduation Pledge, Print & Sign

Establish a four (4) year Graduation Plan (Paper Entry & Computer ICE Entry)

3. Freshman Scheduling to occur at KIS from **February 22, 2021 through February 25, 2021.** Ms. Vischer, KHS Counselor & Mrs. Doubman, KHS Registrar will both be on-hand along with Mrs. Gulley, KIS Counselor to meet with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. At this time of scheduling, a copy of the “Freshman Course Request” form will be sent home for parent signature.

4. *Designated deadline for “Freshman Course Requests”*: **Feb. 26, 2021**

# Freshman Year Required Classes



- English 9 (there is an option to complete an honors project to earn Honors English 9 credit)
- Biology (teachers will make recommendations for college prep)
- Algebra I or Geometry (dependent upon current math track)
- World History
- PE I & II OR Health & Prep CC

# Alternative P.E. Credit



- May be earned by completing a season of a sport or by participating in Summer Marching Band
- 1 season = 1 credit
- Student will be required to pick up a form at the beginning of their season
- Student will be graded by their coach

\*If the PE requirement has not been met by August of their senior year student will be placed in the class, no exceptions\*

# More Scheduling Information



## Knightstown Community High School Website

Departments: Welcome to KHS Guidance



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# Transition to High School



## **To Be Determined**

**(Due to COVID Restrictions)**

- ❑ Typically, 8<sup>th</sup> graders receive a tour of KHS and enjoy lunch in the KHS high school cafeteria. Such a transitional fieldtrip usually takes place toward the end of the school year.
- ❑ A “Freshman Orientation” generally takes place prior to school starting in the fall.

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# Questions?

