



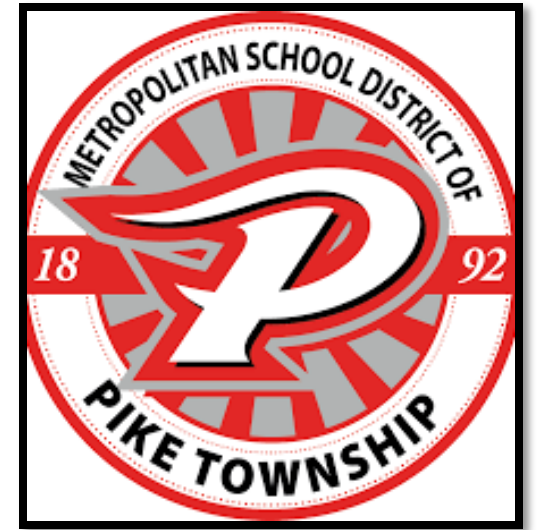
*Seal  
the Deal*

Embracing the Future

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents' Meeting

Pike High School





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# Welcome

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# Freshman Administration



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 NEWS

**High school diplomas  
in Indiana are changing.  
Here's how.**

# WHY DO WE NEED TO **RETHINK** HIGH SCHOOL?



Fewer Indiana students are **enrolling** in higher education, and even fewer are *graduating*.



Students are graduating without the skills needed to secure rewarding **career opportunities**.



Students who dream of **enlisting** are finding out they are disqualified when it's *too late*.



Student apathy is high, leading to high rates of **chronic absenteeism** in grades 9-12.



# Guidance Department Co-Chairs



Mrs. Dena Batta

-Assessments   -Section 504s  
-Graduation   -Public Events



Mrs. Randi Cialdella

-Counseling   -Scheduling  
-Middle Level Liaison   -Pathways



# Shifts in Diplomas

Core 40 Diploma vs Indiana New Diploma





# CURRENT & FUTURE INDIANA DIPLOMA: COMPARISON

**CURRENT**

INDIANA  
**CORE40**

**FUTURE**



NEW INDIANA  
**DIPLOMA**

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FUTURE</b>
ENGLISH	<p><b>8 CREDITS</b></p>	<p><b>8 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: English 9</li> <li>• 1 credit: Communications-focused course</li> <li>• 5 additional English credits</li> </ul>
MATH	<p><b>6 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: Algebra I</li> <li>• 2 credits: Geometry</li> <li>• 2 credits: Algebra II</li> </ul>	<p><b>7 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: Algebra I</li> <li>• 1 credit: Personal Finance</li> <li>• 4 additional math credits</li> </ul>
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENGINEERING	<p><b>6 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: Biology I</li> <li>• 2 credits: Chemistry 1, Physics I, or Integrated Physics</li> <li>• 2 credits: Any Core 40 science course</li> </ul>	<p><b>7 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: Biology I</li> <li>• 1 credit: Computer Science</li> <li>• 2 additional science credits</li> <li>• 2 STEM-focused credits</li> </ul>
SOCIAL STUDIES	<p><b>6 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 credit: U.S. Government</li> <li>• 1 credit: Economics</li> <li>• 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 CREDITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 credit: U.S. Government</li> <li>• 2 credits: World Perspectives (Flexible options, including advanced world language or world-focused social studies courses)</li> </ul>





# CURRENT & FUTURE INDIANA DIPLOMA: COMPARISON

PE/HEALTH	<b>3 CREDITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits: Physical Education</li> <li>• 1 credit: Health &amp; Wellness</li> </ul>	<b>2 CREDITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 credit: Physical Education</li> <li>• 1 credit: Health &amp; Wellness</li> </ul>
DIRECTED ELECTIVES	<b>5 CREDITS</b> Any combination of World Languages, Fine Arts, and/or Career & Technical Education	<b>N/A</b>
PERSONALIZED ELECTIVES	<b>6 CREDITS</b>	<b>12 CREDITS</b> Students are encouraged to utilize the new readiness-seals to align these personalized electives with their unique goals. Personalized electives can include a variety of courses, such as CTE, Performing or Fine Arts, and World Languages.
COLLEGE & CAREERS	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1 CREDIT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 credit: Preparing for College &amp; Careers</li> </ul>
TOTAL	<b>40 CREDITS</b>	<b>42 CREDITS</b>
<b>Hoosier high school students have the opportunity to earn approximately 60 credits.</b>		





**HONORS  
SEAL**

**HONORS  
PLUS  
SEAL**



**ENROLLMENT**



**EMPLOYMENT**



**ENLISTMENT &  
SERVICE**



# 4-Year Plan Suggestion

## 9th

- English 9
- Math
- ICP or Biology
- World History or Geography
- Health / Prep College/Careers
- Elective
- Elective

## 10th

- English 10 & Speech
- Math
- Biology or Pre-AP Chem
- Computer Sci / PE
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

## 11th

- English 11
- Math
- Science
- US History
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

## 12th

- English 12
- US Gov / Personal Finance
- Elective (Math Suggested)
- Elective (Science Suggested)
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective





# 9th Grade Scheduling



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Packet Contents

Students heard presentations from the high school counselors on Monday, February 3.

## Practice Course Selection

2025-2026 PIKE HIGH SCHOOL/FRESHMAN CENTER COURSE SELECTIONS  
DUE: February 19, 2025

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED SELECTIONS

<b>ENGLISH</b>		<b>MATH</b>	
_____ ENGLISH 9	2110-2120	_____ INTEGRATED MATH*	4604-4605
_____ ENGLISH 9 HONORS	2128-2129	_____ ALGEBRA I	4610-4620
<small>Determined by PHS</small> ENL (Year 1)*	2033-2034	_____ ALGEBRA II HONORS*	4643-4644
		_____ GEOMETRY*	4670-4680
		_____ GEOMETRY HONORS*	4688-4689
<b>SCIENCE</b>		<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	
_____ INTEGRATED CHEM/PHYSICS (ICP)	6410-6421	_____ GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY OF THE WORLD	7005-7006
_____ BIOLOGY HONORS*	6523-6524	_____ WORLD HISTORY	7010-7020
		_____ WORLD HISTORY HONORS*	7021-7022
		_____ AP WORLD HISTORY MODERN*	7025-7026
<b>HEALTH and TECHNOLOGY</b>			
_____ Health/Prep for College&Careers	6310-1745		

Please remember course requests are subject to change due to middle school grades and test scores.

### ELECTIVE SELECTIONS: Rank four (4) courses in priority order.

<b>YEAR LONG ELECTIVES</b>			
_____ FRENCH 1-1, 1-2	3121-3122	_____ THEATRE ARTS 1-2	2710-2720
_____ SPANISH 1-1, 1-2	3410-3420	_____ BEG. CHORUS - TENOR/BASS	5321-5322
_____ SPANISH 2-1, 2-2*	3430-3440	_____ BEG. CHORUS - TREBLE CHOIR	5323-5324
_____ INTRO TO ENGINEERING	4021-4022	_____ BEG. CONCERT BAND* - level TBD	5005-5006
_____ PRIN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**	4015-4016	_____ BEG. ORCHESTRA* -level TBD	5185-5186
_____ PRINCIPLES OF BROADCASTING	9974-9976	_____ APPLIED MUSIC - PERCUSSION	5000-5006
_____ PRINCIPLES OF DIGITAL DESIGN (2 periods)	1962-1963	_____ DANCE PERFORMANCE** (Audition)	5150-5160
_____ PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTING	1318-1319	_____ RESOURCE*	7971-7972
_____ AP COMPUTER SCI PRINCIPLES	4733-4734	<small>Determined by PHS</small> ENL NEWCOMER RESOURCE *	2041-2042
_____ PRINCIPLES OF SMART MANU (Robotics)	4025-4026	<small>Determined by PHS</small> ENL RESOURCE*	9997-9998
_____ ADV. NUTRITION & WELLNESS	3924-3925	<small>Determined by PHS</small> INTRO TO 2D ART, ADV 2D ART	1010-1020
_____ NAVAL SCIENCE (NJROTC)	5510-5520	_____ PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS MGMT DC	1412-1413
_____ PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION TRADES	8065-8066		
<b>SEMESTER ELECTIVES</b>			
_____ Journalism	2511	_____ Study Hall - first semester	9980
_____ Interpersonal Relations	3761	_____ Study Hall - second semester	9990
<b>ALTERNATE ELECTIVES</b>			

\*Level determined by middle school grades

\*\* See prerequisite in online Course Description Book

My student will NOT attend Pike High School during the 2025-2026 school year. Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Course descriptions are on the Pike High School website: <https://phs.pike.k12.in.us/guidance/academic-planner>

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## Prerequisites

### 2025-2026 ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND WORLD LANGUAGE PREREQUISITES AS DEFINED BY DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

#### English

- *English 9* – Regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts
- *Honors English 9* – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors and/or appropriate test scores and grades

#### Math

- *Integrated* – 8<sup>th</sup> grade math earning a D or E.
- *Algebra I* – 8<sup>th</sup> grade math with a C or higher in both semesters **OR** earned a B or lower in either semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra 1
- *Honors Geometry* – an A or a B in both semesters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I **AND** wants to continue in the honors track
- *Honors Algebra II* – An A or B in both semesters of Geometry or Geometry H **AND** an A or B in both semesters of 7<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I
- *Geometry* – an A or B in both semesters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I **AND** wants **out** of the honors track

#### Science

- *Integrated Chemistry/Physics (ICP)* – Regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade science; Biology will be the next class for the sophomore year
- *Honors Biology I* – ICP in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or an A or B average in 8<sup>th</sup> grade science and math

#### Social Studies

- *Geography & History of the World* – Counts toward Core 40 and AHD
- *World History* – B or C in 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies
- *Honors World History* – A or B in 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies
- *AP World History* – A or B in 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies

#### World Language

- *Level 1 Languages* – Recommendation of at least a B in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English. Level 1 is open to all students who have not already taken a Level 1 World Language or did not earn a B or higher in Level 1 World Language.
- *Level 2 Languages* – at least a B in Level 1 World Language
- All World Language classes are academic electives. Students will be expected to use critical-thinking skills and have good study habits.

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## Summer School Information

### Pike High School 2025 Summer School



Ask your counselor how you can earn credit and make Indiana Online your summer school destination!

Choose from over 120 online courses with Indiana Online. You'll have six weeks to complete each course with the help of an Indiana-certified teacher who is an expert in their subject area.

**Summer Session:**  
*June 2 - July 13, 2025*

**Registration Dates:**  
*Feb. 6 – May 28, 2025*

#### Courses you can take:

- *Health & Prep for College & Careers – it is highly recommended that students take both classes in the summer*
- *Repeat Algebra 1-1 or 1-2 (if you did not receive at least a B)*
- *Repeat Spanish 1-1 or 1-2 (if you did not receive at least a B)*



# IB, AP, and DC



Danielle Vohland, Coordinator



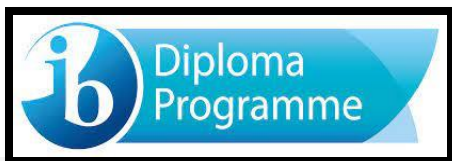
# Why are IB/AP/DC classes important?

- Demonstrate to colleges ability to do college-level work.
- College admission is competitive!
- Earning college credits in high school saves you time and money in college.
- In the State of Indiana, public colleges award college credit for IB and/or AP exams and DC classes.



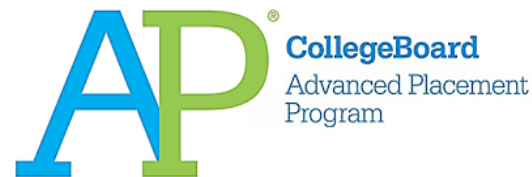
# IB Diploma Programme

- Most rigorous programs offered for grades 11 and 12
- Encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners
- Aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
- Over 2 years, 6 subject group classes, dependent on each other
- Geared towards well-rounded student
- Earn College Credit



# Advanced Placement

- Program to provide college-level courses to high school students
- Pike offers 28 AP courses in Math, English, Science, Social Studies, World Language, and Computer Science
- Each course has an approved syllabus and a specially trained teacher to teach the curriculum.
- Students can also earn College Credit through end of course exams
- Courses are independent of each other (take AP course(s) in strength areas)



# Dual Credit

- Earn college and high school credit
- Partnerships with IUB, Ivy Tech, ISU, Purdue and Vincennes
- Some colleges have certain test requirements, GPA, grade levels and/or fees
- Include both academic courses and career academic courses (courses taken at PHS Career and STEM Center)
- A complete list of DC courses appear in the Core Transfer Library found on the Learn More Indiana website



# High School Guidance Department

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# High School Guidance Department

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**Haley Mast**

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# High School Guidance Department

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**Qiana Miller**

Step-Z



**Torria Buckley**

District Graduation Coach





# PHS Connections Fair

## -PHS Cafeteria

- Guidance Counselors
- Department Chairs
- Career Center Instructors
- Clubs/Organizations





Thank You

