INDIANA DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

THE NEW INDIANA DIPLOMA: EARNING CREDITS FOR SY 2025-2026

The new Indiana diploma, effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029, includes a base (minimum requirements) for every student, plus the opportunity to earn readiness seals aligned with their unique path. Students are encouraged to seize this flexibility by personalizing their high school experience. The new seals provide additional intentionality to maximize readiness and are designed to be permeable, allowing students to update their graduation plan and pivot, if their original interests and goals change. Students who do not earn a seal must still complete components 2 and 3 of Graduation Pathways.

		REQUIRED CREDITS	FLEXIBLE CREDITS
ENGLISH	8 CREDITS	• 2 credits: English 9 • 1 credit: Communications-focused course	• 5 additional English credits ○ Ex.: English 10-12, American Literature, World Literature, Expository Writing, etc.
MATH	7 CREDITS	• 2 credits: Algebra I • 1 credit: Personal Finance	• 4 additional math credits ○ Ex. Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Business Math, etc.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENGINEERING	7 CREDITS	• 2 credits: Biology I
		• 1 credit: Computer Science
			• 2 additional science credits
			  ○ Ex. Biology II, Chemistry I, Physics I, etc.
			• 2 STEM-focused credits
			  ○ Ex. Plant and Soil Science, Principles of Engineering, Software Development, etc.

SOCIAL STUDIES	5 CREDITS	• 2 credits: U.S. History • 1 credit: U.S. Government	• 2 credits: World Perspectives ○ Ex. Geography and History of the World, AP World History, French III, etc.
PE/HEALTH	2 CREDITS	• 1 credit: Physical Education • 1 credit: Health & Wellness	
PERSONALIZED ELECTIVES	12 CREDITS	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 Career and Technical Education (CTE), Performing or Fine Arts, and World Languages.	
COLLEGE & CAREERS	1 CREDIT	• 1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers	Preparing for College and Careers can be offered in middle school to provide additional flexibility in a student's high school schedule.

A complete list of eligible courses for the 2025-2026 school year can be found here.

Note: The federally-required alternate diploma for students in special education with a significant cognitive disability is still available.

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BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS: READINESS-SEALS

Readiness seals are designed to be permeable, allowing students to update their graduation plan and pivot, if their original interests and goals change. Although seals are optional, students are encouraged to utilize the blueprints below to focus their flexible credits into a connected pathway that aligns with their future goals. Students may earn one or multiple seals. Graduation Pathways requirements will be satisfied through completion of any seal.

	ENROLLMENT	EMPLOYMENT	ENLISTMENT & SERVICE

HONORS SEAL	• Complete at least 4 World Language and 6 Social Studies credits
	• Complete at least 8 Math credits
	  ○ Algebra I plus Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus or any advanced math credits aligned to their course of study
	• Complete at least 6 Science credits
	  ○ Biology I plus Chemistry and Physics or any advanced lab science credits aligned to their course of study
	• Earn a C or higher in all courses and earn a cumulative B average
	• Complete one of the following:
	  ○ Earn 4 credits in AP, IB, or Cambridge courses and take corresponding exams
	  ○ Earn 6 college credits
	  ○ Score a 1250 on the SAT or a 26 on the ACT
	  ○ Earn two of the following:
	  ▪ At least 3 college credits
	  ▪ 2 credits in AP courses and take corresponding exams
	  ▪ 2 credits in IB courses and take corresponding exams
	  ▪ 2 credits in Cambridge courses and take corresponding exams
		• Complete one of the following:
		  ○ A market-driven credential of value aligned to a specific occupation
		  ○ 3 courses in a Career and Technology Education (CTE) pathway
		  ○ An approved career preparation experience aligned to Indiana's CSA program, or
		  ○ An approved, locally-created pathway
		• Complete 150 hours of work-based learning (may include multiple experiences that are paid, unpaid, on-site, or simulated)
		• Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
		• Meet attendance goal:
		  ○ At least 1 school year with no more than 3 days of unexcused absences; or
		  ○ At least 150 hours of work-based learning experience with no more than 3 unexcused absences.
			• Complete one of the following:
			  ○ Introduction to Public Service course or approved locally-created equivalent
			  ▪ Emphasis on developing an awareness of the physical standards and character required for service
			  ○ One year of JROTC or Civil Air Patrol in high school
			• Achieve a score of 31 on the ASVAB and complete one of the following:
			  ○ All three components of the Career Exploration Program
			  ○ A career exploration tool approved by IDOE
			• Meet attendance goal:
			  ○ At least 1 school year with no more than 3 days of unexcused absences
			• Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
			  ○ Externally verified through a mentorship experience with current military personnel, veterans, or other public safety professionals

HONORS PLUS SEAL	Earn the Honors Enrollment Seal, **plus**:
	• Earn a credential of value that may include, for example:
	  ○ Associate degree;
	  ○ Technical Certificate;
	  ○ Indiana College Core;
	  ○ AP Scholar with Distinction;
	  ○ Cambridge AICE Diploma; or
	  ○ IB Diploma
	• Complete at least 75 hours of work-based learning (may include multiple experiences that are paid, unpaid, on-site, or simulated)
	• Demonstrate skill development in the following areas: Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
		Earn the Honors Employment Seal, **plus**:
		• Earn a market-driven credential of value that may include, for example:
		  ○ Associate degree;
		  ○ Technical Certificate;
		  ○ Indiana College Core; or
		  ○ Advanced industry certificate
		• Complete additional work-based learning (total of 650 hours in one or more experiences) that may include, for example:
		  ○ Pre-Apprenticeship
		  ○ Modern Youth Apprenticeship
		• Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, Work Ethic, and any additional skills determined locally
			Earn the Honors Enlistment Seal, **plus**:
			• Complete one of the following:
			  ○ Achieve a score of 50 or higher on the ASVAB
			  ○ Enrollment in ROTC at the collegiate level
			  ○ Acceptance to a service academy
			• Demonstrate excellence in leadership through one of the following:
			  ○ Completion of at least 100 hours of public service;
			  ○ Holding a leadership role in a co/extracurricular activity;
			  ○ Completion of two seasons of a team-based physical sport or activity