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To: Superintendents, Principals, and School Counselors

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Subject: New Indiana Diploma Implementation Support, **Final** Course Eligibility

As Indiana transitions to the [new high school diploma](#), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) provides this guidance on eligible courses to support planning for the 2025-2026 school year.

As outlined in Indiana Code (IC) 20-19-2-21(b), Indiana's current graduation requirements will sunset October 1, 2028, making the new diploma requirements effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029 (current eighth grade students). Although statewide implementation will not take place until the 2028-2029 school year, schools may opt in to offer the new diploma and readiness seals beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
English: 8 Credits		
English 9: 2 Credits	1002 English 9	
Communications-Focused Course: 1 Credit	1064 Linguistics	1124 Advanced English/Language Arts, College Credit (college course with communications focus)
	1070 Debate	2136 Workplace Spanish
	1074 Critical Thinking and Argumentation	2422 Dual Language HS
	1076 Speech	7307 Mass Media Production
	1078 Advanced Speech and Communication	7308 Radio & TV Broadcasting
	1080 Journalism	Capstone
	1084 Digital Media	4790 Introduction to Communications
	1086 Student Media (e.g., newspaper)	4086 Visual Communication
	1096 Technical Communications	5364 Interpersonal Relationships
	1104 AP Seminar: English	0560 IB Theory of Knowledge
	8234 Cambridge Advanced Digital Media and Design A Level	0553 IB Personal and Professional Skills I
	8236 Cambridge Advanced Digital	0554 IB Personal and Professional

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
	Media and Design AS Level	Skills II 7144 Business Office Communications 4508 Technical/Business Communication
Additional English Credits: 5 Credits	0551 AP Capstone Research 1004 English 10 1006 English 11 1008 English 12 1012 English as a New Language 1014 College Bridge: Literacy Ready 1020 American Literature 1022 Biblical Literature 1024 Biographies 1026 Classical Literature 1028 Dramatic Literature 1030 English Literature 1034 Film Literature 1036 Genres of Literature 1038 Indiana Literature 1040 Historical Literary Movements 1042 Novels 1044 Poetry 1046 Short Stories 1048 Themes in Literature 1050 Twentieth-Century Literature 1052 World Literature 1054 Contemporary Literature 1060 Etymology	1063 Grammar 1090 Composition 1092 Creative Writing 1094 Expository Writing 1098 Advanced Composition 1104 AP Seminar: English 1056 AP English Language Composition 1058 AP English Literature and Composition 1124 Advanced English /Language Arts, College Credit <i>Any additional approved English, reading, literature, or composition courses listed under Cambridge International or International Baccalaureate (IB) in the 2025-2026 High School Course Titles and Descriptions (CTD).</i>
Mathematics: 7 Credits		
Algebra I: 2 Credits	2520 Algebra I	
Personal Finance: 1 Credit	4540 Personal Financial Responsibility 7150 Personal Finance and Banking	
Additional Math Credits: 4 Credits	2532 Geometry 2522 Algebra II 2524 Analytical Algebra II 2514 College Bridge: Math Ready 2530 Finite Mathematics 2550 Quantitative Reasoning	2562 AP Calculus AB 2572 AP Calculus BC 2563 AP Precalculus 2544 Advanced Mathematics, College Credit 2595 PRIME Math

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
	2564 Pre-Calculus: Algebra 2566 Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry 2527 Calculus 2546 Probability and Statistics 2543 Advanced Mathematics, Special Topics 7218 Technical Math 4512 Business Math 2570 AP Statistics	Courses in Development: Data Science Course Sequence <i>Any additional approved math courses listed under Cambridge or IB in the 2025-2026 High School CTD.</i>
Science, Technology, & Engineering: 7 Credits		
Biology: 2 Credits	3024 Biology I 3020 AP Biology	3032 IB Biology Higher Level 3034 IB Biology Standard Level
Computer Science: 1 Credit	4565 Computing Foundations for a Digital Age 4568 AP Computer Science Principles 4570 AP Computer Science A 8116 Cambridge Advanced Computer Science (A Level) 8118 Cambridge Advanced Computer Science (AS Level) 4584 IB Computer Science Higher Level 4586 IB Computer Science Standard Level	7183 Principles of Computing; <i>and one of the following:</i> 7351 Topics in Computer Science 7352 Computer Science 7178 Advanced Cybersecurity 7179 Cybersecurity Operations 7180 IT Fundamentals 7181 Networking and Cybersecurity Operations 7182 Networking Fundamentals 7184 Software Development 7185 Website and Database Development
Additional Science Credits: 2 Credits (L)=Lab Science	3026 Biology II (L) 3030 Life Science (L) 3044 Earth and Space Science (L) 3046 Earth and Space Science II (L) 3108 Integrated Chemistry and Physics (L) 3064 Chemistry I (L) 3066 Chemistry II (L) 3060 AP Chemistry (L) 3084 Physics I (L) 3086 Physics II (L) 3080 AP Physics (Algebra-Based) 3081 AP Physics 2 (L) (Algebra-Based) 3087 AP Physics C:Electricity and	3102 Physical Science (L) 5276 Anatomy & Physiology (L) 3090 Advanced Science, College Credit (L) 3092 Advanced Science Special Topics (L) 5216 Human Body Systems 5217 Medical Interventions 5219 Biomedical Innovations 7323 Physical Therapy Capstone 7321 Kinesiology 7167 Pharmacy Tech 5070 Advanced Life Science, Animals (L) 5072 Advance Life Science, Foods

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	Magnetism (L) 3089 AP Physics C: Mechanics (L) 3008 Science Research, Independent Study (L) 3010 Environmental Science (L) 3012 AP Environmental Science (L)	5074 Advanced Life Science, Plants and Soils (L) <i>Any additional approved science course listed under Cambridge International or IB in the 2025-2026 High School CTD.</i>
STEM-Focused Credits: 2 Credits	4590 AP CK Cyber: Networking 4592 AP CK Cyber: Security 4818 Environmental Sustainability 5518 Aerospace Engineering 5534 Computer Integrated Manufacturing 5538 Digital Electronics 5644 Principles of Engineering 5650 Civil Engineering and Architecture 5698 Engineering Design and Development 7223 Mechanical Design Capstone 7100 Smart Manufacturing Systems 7222 Industry 4.0 - Smart Manufacturing Capstone 7106 Mechatronics Systems 7224 Industrial Automation and Robotics Capstone 7107 Advanced Precision Machining 7219 Precision Machining Capstone 5008 Animal Science 5070 Advanced Life Science, Animals 5072 Advance Life Science, Foods 5074 Advanced Life Science, Plants and Soils 5170 Plant and Soil Science 5274 Healthcare Fundamentals 7113 Crop Management 7232 Horticulture Capstone 7115 Landscape and Turf Management 7234 Landscape Management Capstone 7238 Agribusiness Capstone 5229 Sustainable Energy Alternatives	7170 Nutrition Planning and Therapy 7253 Software Development Capstone 7184 Software Development 7185 Website and Database Development 7351 Topics in Computer Science 7352 Computer Science 7353 Computer Science Capstone 5217 Medical Interventions 7262 Agricultural Research Capstone 7243 Cybersecurity Capstone 7247 Cloud and Server Operations Capstone 7484 Data Analytics and Informatics Operations 7485 Informatics Capstone 7249 Cybersecurity Operations Capstone 7112 Agriculture Structures Fabrication and Designs 7119 Advanced Electrical 7163 Central Service Technician Fundamentals 7164 Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) 7263 Construction Trades Electrical Capstone 7316 Dental Career Fundamentals 7317 Advanced Dental Careers 7341 Biotech Manufacturing 7343 Advanced Biotech Manufacturing 7342 Biotech Regulatory Affairs 7344 Biotechnology Capstone 7376 Advanced Aviation Maintenance

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	7271 Soil and Water Management 7270 Forest and Wildlife Management 5180 Natural Resources 7322 Human Performance 5216 Human Body Systems 7228 Agriculture Mechanization and Technology Capstone 5219 Biomedical Innovations 7167 Pharmacy Tech 7321 Kinesiology 7323 Physical Therapy Capstone 7165 Emergency Medical Tech 7166 Healthcare Specialist: CNA	7378 Aviation Maintenance Capstone <i>Any additional approved science or math courses listed under science, technology, engineering, math, AP, Cambridge International, or IB in the 2025-2026 High School CTD.</i>
Social Studies: 5 Credits		
U.S. History: 2 Credits	1542 U.S. History 1562 AP U.S. History 8144 Cambridge Advanced History (American) (A Level)	8146 Cambridge Advanced History (American) (AS Level)
U.S. Government: 1 Credit	1540 United States Government 1560 AP United States Government and Politics	
World Perspectives: 2 Credits	1570 Geography and History of the World 1548 World History and Civilization 1612 AP World History Modern 1502 Anthropology 1520 International Relations 1528 Modern World Civilization 1574 Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit (college course with a world perspective focus)	<u>Any</u> World Language Level III-VI (Including AP World Languages) <i>Any additional approved world history or world language (Level 3 and above) course listed under Cambridge International or IB in the 2025-2026 High School CTD.</i>
Physical Education (PE)/Health: 2 Credits		
Physical Education: 1 Credit	3542 Physical Education I 3544 Physical Education II 3560 Elective Physical Education	
Health & Wellness: 1 Credit	3506 Health and Wellness Education 3500 Advanced Health Education	

Requirements	Eligible Courses
Personalized Electives: 12 Credits	
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College and Careers: 1 Credit	
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Courses Under Review

The following courses will be assigned to a comprehensive standards review process to be completed by the end of 2025 and will not be included in the initial list of eligible courses for the new diploma requirements. These courses remain in the CTD and will continue to count as they always have toward Core 40 diploma requirements; however, they will not count toward any of the new categories listed below. After the comprehensive review is completed, these courses *may* be added to the list of eligible courses when IDOE releases the updated course titles and descriptions document for the 2026-2027 school year.

Communications-Focused Courses:

- 0518 Musical Theater (A),
- 4248 Theater Production (L) (A)
- 2188 English as a New Language (ELD)
- 2190 Language for Heritage Speakers
- 7139 Principles of Broadcasting
- 7306 Audio and Video Production Essentials

English Courses:

- 1120 Developmental Reading

Science Courses:

- 5008 Animal Science (STEM)

STEM Courses:

- 5132 Horticulture Science
- 7281 Veterinary Science
- 7282 Veterinary Science Capstone
- 7205 Automotive Services A - Brake Systems
- 7212 Automotive Services B - Steering and Suspension

**All relevant CTE Introductory and Principles Courses will be reviewed, including those listed in the initial draft list.*

World Perspectives Courses:

- 1564 AP Macroeconomics
- 1566 AP Microeconomics
- Fine Arts History (i.e. 4024 Art History (A), 4140 Dance History and Appreciation (A), etc.)

Health/Physical Education Courses:

- 5364 Interpersonal Relations

College and Career Courses:

- 0509 JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates)

As a reminder, schools remain able to submit a [Nonstandard Course Waiver Request](#) to offer courses that are not found in the Course Titles and Descriptions resource and companion document. Schools must receive IDOE approval of their waiver request prior to offering or awarding credit for a nonstandard course. Initial Nonstandard Course Waiver Requests should be submitted five months prior to the planned implementation date. Requests to enact a major modification in the operation of a school or corporation should be submitted eight months prior to the planned implementation. Requests for amendments to, or extensions of, a previous approval should be submitted three months prior to the planned implementation.

Additional Resources for Superintendents, Principals, and School Counselors:

- [IDOE's Redesigning the Indiana Diploma Webpage](#)
- [Next Level Programs of Study \(NLPS\)](#)
- [IDOE's Dual Credit Webpage](#)
- [High School Credit for Courses Completed Prior to Grade Nine](#)
- [Civic Literacy Courses](#)

Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities](#) with additional questions.