



Indiana Diploma Requirements

Class of 2029 and beyond



The “Why” of the New Indiana Diploma

- Fewer 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 9-12th

The Goals of the New Indiana Diploma

- Maximize flexibility for students to personalize their journey while maintaining rigor
- Increase simplicity for students, parents, and schools
- Increase access to work-based learning and credentials of value

The New Indiana Diploma

English	9 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 8 English credits → 1 Communication-Focused credit
Math	7 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2 credits: Algebra 1 → 4 credits: Geometry, Algebra 2 OR Analytical Algebra 2* → 1 credit: Personal Finance <p>*Sign-off sheet required for courses less than noted. See pg. 45 for more details</p>
Science, Technology, & Engineering	7 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2 credits: Biology → 2 credits: Additional Science → 2 credits: Additional Science or STEM → 1 credit: Computer Science
Social Studies	6 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2 credits: World History or Geography → 2 credits: US History → 1 credit: US Government → 1 credit: Economics
PE/Health	3 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2 credits: PE I and PE II → 1 credit: Health
Preparing for College & Careers	1 credit	→ 1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers
Personalized Electives	12 credits	
Total Credits	45 credits	

Indiana Diploma (45 Credits)

Name _____

English- 9 credits	1. English 9	2. English 9	
8 credits in Eng 9-12 1 credit communication focused course	3. English 10	4. English 10	
	5. English 11	6. English 11	
	7. English 12	8. English 12	
	1. Communication-Focused:		

Math - 7 Credits	1. Algebra I	2. Algebra I	
2 credits in Alg 1 4 additional credits - sign-off for lesser course requirements 1 credit in Personal Finance **QR requirement is gone	3. Geometry	4. Geometry	
	5. Algebra II	6. Algebra II	
	1. Personal Finance		

Science, Technology, Engineering - 7 credits	1. Biology	2. Biology	
2 credits Biology 2 additional science credits 2 STEM focused credits 1 credit Computer Science	3.	4.	
	5.	6.	
	1. Computing Foundations		

Social Studies - 6 credits	1. Geog or W. Hist	2. Geog or W. Hist	
2 credits World History/Geography 2 credits US History 1 credit Government 1 credit Economics	3. US History	4. US History	
	5. Government	6. Economics	

PE/Health- 2 credits	1. PE I	2. PE II	
	3. Health		

College & Career - 1 credit	1. PCC		
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Personalized Electives - 12 credits	1.	2.	
Students are encouraged to utilize the 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, World Languages.	3.	4.	
	5.	6.	
	7.	8.	
	9.	10.	

Next Level Program of Study (NLPS)	1.	2.	
-Agriculture -Business -Computer Science -Engineering & Technology -Family & Consumer Science (FACS)	3.	4.	
	5.	6.	
	7.	8.	
*Pathway to have a C or better average	9.	10.	

MVHS Core 40 (45 Credits)

Name _____

English- 8 credits	1. English 9	2. English 9	
Regular, Honors, AP	3. English 10	4. English 10	
	5. English 11	6. English 11	
	7. English 12	8. English 12	

Math - 6 Credits (8 recommended)	1. Algebra 1	2. Algebra 1	
Beginning with class of 2018: All students must earn 6 math credits during grades 9-12. Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year of high school. Math credits earned in middle school count toward elective credits.	3. Geometry	4. Geometry	
	5. Algebra 2	6. Algebra 2	
	7.	8.	

Science 6 credits (8 recommended)	1. Biology	2. Biology	
	3. Chem, Phy, or ICP	4. Chem, Phy, or ICP	
	5.	6.	

Social Studies-6 credits	1. Geog or W. Hist	2. Geog or W. Hist	
	3. US History	4. US History	
	5. Government	6. Economics	

PE/Health- 3 credits	1. PE I	2. PE II	
	3. Health		

Business Education - 1 credit	1. Personal Finance		
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Electives to Equal 45 Credits	1.	2.	
	3.	4.	
	5.	6.	
	7.	8.	
	9.	10.	

Other notes:

Readiness Seals

Enrollment Seals

HONORS

- **Complete 4 World Language Credits**
- **Complete Specific Credits**
 - 6 Social Studies Credits
 - 8 Math Credits
 - 6 Science Credits (must include Biology I and Chemistry)
 - 2 Fine Arts Credits
- **Complete all courses with a C or higher and a cumulative 3.0 GPA**
- **Complete one of the following:**
 - 4 credits in AP courses and take exam
 - 6 college credits in Dual Credit classes
 - A combination of 3 DC and 2 AP credits
 - Score a 1250 on SAT or 26 on ACT

HONORS PLUS

Earn the Honors Enrollment Seal, plus:

- **Earn a credential of value:**
 - Associate Degree
 - Technical Certificate
 - Indiana College Core
 - AP Scholar with Distinction
- **Complete 75 Work Based Learning hours**
- **Demonstrate skill development in communication, collaboration, and work ethic**

Employment Seals

HONORS

- **Complete one of the following:**
 - A market-driven credential of value
 - 3 courses in a CTE Pathway
- **Complete 150 Work Based Learning hours**
- **Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic**
- **Meet attendance goal**
 - No more than 3 unexcused absences in a school year

HONORS PLUS

Earn the Honors Employment Seal, plus:

- **Earn a credential of value:**
 - Associate Degree
 - Technical Certificate
 - Indiana College Core
 - Advanced Industry Certificate
- **Complete 650 Work Based Learning hours**

A Seal is not required for graduation. However, if a student does not earn a Seal, then students must complete Employability & Post Secondary Readiness Competencies above.

Enlistment Seals

HONORS

- **Complete one of the following:**
 - Introduction to Public Service course
 - Approved locally-created equivalent
- **Achieve a score of 31 on the ASVAB & complete one of the following:**
 - All 3 components of the Career Exploration Program
 - A career exploration tool approved by IDOE
- **Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, & Work Ethic**
 - Externally verified through a mentorship experience with current military personnel, veterans, or other public safety professionals
- **Meet attendance goal**
 - No more than 3 unexcused absences in a school year

HONORS PLUS

Earn the Honors Enlistment Seal, plus:

- **Complete one of the following:**
 - Achieve a 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

Differences between the Indiana Diploma Requirements and the 2029 and Beyond MVHS Diploma Requirements

- One additional English Credit
- One additional Social Studies Credit (Economics)
- One additional PE Credit
- Students would take PE1/PE2 to fulfill their PE requirements but could use a PE waiver for one of the two credits.
- 45 Overall Credits
- 2 Fine Arts Credits for the Honors Seal

Course Planning Considerations

- Almost all colleges require 4 full years of English. Some colleges may not count the communications-focused courses as English credit for admission purposes.
- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II is the minimum for many college admissions.
- Personal Finance would not be considered a math credit for admission at most colleges.
- Many colleges specify Chemistry for admission as well as 2 credits of a lab science. Some STEM-focused courses may not count as science credits at colleges.
- Many colleges specify World History or Geography as a minimum. They also require 3 years of social sciences.
- World Language courses will not count as social sciences at most colleges.
- Students interested in collegiate athletics should understand minimum eligibility requirements. Some courses that count towards the Indiana Diploma may not satisfy athletic eligibility requirements. Prioritizing core course credits will maximize student athletic eligibility at the college level.
- Students would be permitted to use an athletic waiver for one of their two PE credits.

Questions, comments, thoughts?