

# ▼ Diploma Criteria

## Indiana General High School Diploma

**Beginning with students who enter high school in 2007-2008, the completion of Core 40 becomes an Indiana graduation requirement. Indiana's Core 40 curriculum provides the academic foundation all students need to succeed in college and the workforce.**

**To graduate with less than Core 40, the following formal opt-out process must be completed:**

- The student, the student's parent/guardian, and the student's counselor (or another staff member who assists students in course selection) meet to discuss the student's progress.
- The student's career and course plan is reviewed.
- The student's parent/guardian determines whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by completing the general curriculum or the Core 40 curriculum.
- If the decision is made to opt out of Core 40, the student is required to complete the course and credit requirements for a general diploma, and the career/academic sequence the student will pursue is determined.

### Explanation of Credits

A student may earn one (1) credit in courses scheduled to meet for one semester. Credit totals for all diplomas must be earned in grades 9-12. Courses taken in middle school (e.g. Mathematics and World Language) will be acknowledged on the transcript, but will not count toward total number of credits needed for graduation or be factored into GPA.

A student may earn one-half (0.5) credit for each semester of Basic Skills Development.

## Academic Honors Diploma

<b>English</b>	<b>8 Credits</b>	<b>Physical Education I, II</b>	<b>2 Credits</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>8 Credits</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Higher Level Mathematics		<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>2 Credits</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>Electives</b>	<b>6-8 Credits</b>
2 Credits in Biology		<b>Complete one of the following:</b>	
2 Credits in Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry/Physics		1. Two Advanced Placement courses (four credits) and corresponding AP Exams	
2 Additional Credits in Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space Science, Advanced Biology		2. Academic, transferable dual high school/college courses resulting in 6 college credits	
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	3. Complete a combination of AP courses (2 credits), & corresponding AP exams, & dual H.S./college credit course(s) from the Core Transfer Library (3 credits).	
2 Credits in US History		4. Score of 1200 or higher combined SAT math and critical reading	
1 Credit in US Government		5. Score of 26 composite ACT	
1 Credit in Economics		6. An International Baccalaureate Diploma	
2 credits in World History or 2 credits in Geography and History of the World		<b>Total Required</b>	<b>47 Credits</b>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>6-8 Credits</b>	Student must earn a C- or higher in all AHD courses and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.	
Must include 6 credits in one language or 8 Credits in 2 languages		<b>Graduation Exam or ECA (class of 2012 and beyond)</b>	

## Core 40 with Technical Honors

<b>English</b>	<b>8 Credits</b>	<b>Physical Education I, II</b>	<b>2 Credits</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II		<b>Electives</b>	<b>6-8 Credits</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>Career-Technical Program</b>	<b>8-10 Credits</b>
2 Credits in Biology		<b>Complete two of the following, one must be A or B:</b>	
2 Credits in Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry/Physics		A. Score at or above the following levels on WorkKeys: Reading for Information - Level 6; Applied Mathematics - level 6; Location Information - Level 5	
2 Additional Credits in Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space Science, Advanced Biology		B. Complete dual high school/college credit courses in a technical area (6 college credits)	
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	C. Complete a Professional Career Internship course or Cooperative Education course (2 credits)	
2 Credits in US History		D. Complete an industry-based work experience as part of two-year technical education program (minimum 140 hours)	
1 Credit in US Government		E. Earn a state-approved, industry-recognized certification	
1 Credit in Economics		<b>Total Required</b>	<b>47 Credits</b>
2 Credits in World History or 2 Credits in Geography and History of the World		<b>Graduation Exam or ECA (class of 2012 and beyond)</b>	

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<b>English</b>	<b>8 Credits</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>Physical Education I, II</b>	<b>2 Credits</b>
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II		<b>Directed Electives</b>	<b>5 Credits</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>Electives</b>	<b>12 Credits</b>
2 Credits in Biology		Career Academic Sequence Recommended	
2 Credits in Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry/Physics		<b>Total Required</b>	<b>46 Credits</b>
2 Additional Credits in Advanced Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space Science, Biology		<b>Graduation Exam or ECA (class of 2012 and beyond)</b>	
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>		
2 Credits in US History			
1 Credit in US Government			
1 Credit in Economics			
2 Credits in World History or 2 Credits in Geography and History of the World			

## Minimum Diploma

<b>English</b>	<b>8 Credits</b>	<b>Flex Credits</b>	<b>5 Credits</b>
2 Credits in English 9, 10, 11, 12		Flex credits must complete one of the following:	
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	1. Additional courses to extend the career-academic sequence.	
Algebra I + 4 additional NHS math credits		2. Courses involving work place learning. Advanced Career-technical education, college credit.	
<b>Science</b>	<b>4 Credits</b>	3. Additional courses in language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, world languages, fine arts	
2 Credits in Biology		<b>Electives</b>	<b>8 Credits</b>
2 Credits in a physical science		<b>Total Required</b>	<b>46 Credits</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>Graduation Exam or ECA (class of 2012 and beyond)</b>	
2 Credits in US History			
1 Credit in US Government			
1 Credit in Economics			
2 Credits in World History or			
2 Credits in Geography and History of the World			
<b>Health</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>		
<b>Physical Education I, II</b>	<b>2 Credits</b>		
<b>Career Academic Sequence</b>	<b>6 Credits</b>		