INDIANA DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

THE NEW INDIANA DIPLOMA: ELIGIBLE COURSES

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
			  ○ Ex. Speech, Journalism, Visual Communications, etc.
			• 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.

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