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**TITLE 511 INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Proposed Rule**  
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DIGEST

Amends [511 IAC 1-6-1](#), [511 IAC 6-7-1](#), [511 IAC 6-7.1-1](#), [511 IAC 6.1-1-2](#), [511 IAC 11-5-2](#), [511 IAC 11-6-1](#), [511 IAC 11-6-4](#), and [511 IAC 12-2-6](#) concerning the definition of "credit". Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[511 IAC 1-6-1](#); [511 IAC 6-7-1](#); [511 IAC 6-7.1-1](#); [511 IAC 6.1-1-2](#); [511 IAC 11-5-2](#); [511 IAC 11-6-1](#); [511 IAC 11-6-4](#); [511 IAC 12-2-6](#)

SECTION 1. [511 IAC 1-6-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[511 IAC 1-6-1](#) Definitions**

**Authority:** [IC 20-26-11-16](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-26-11](#)

Sec. 1. As used in **The following definitions apply throughout** this rule: [511 IAC 1-6](#):

- (1) "Curriculum offering" means an academic or vocational course offered for credit. ~~as defined at [511 IAC 6-1-1](#).~~ The term does not include noncredit, extracurricular activities such as athletics or school clubs.
- (2) "Transferee" means the school corporation to which a transfer is requested or granted.
- (3) "Transferor" means the school corporation in which the student has legal settlement, as provided by [IC 20-26-11](#).

*(Indiana State Board of Education; Rule A-4, Sec 2; filed Aug 31, 1981, 10:00 a.m.: 4 IR 1974; filed Oct 13, 1987, 2:38 p.m.: 11 IR 935; readopted filed Oct 12, 2001, 12:55 p.m.: 25 IR 937; errata filed Jul 11, 2005, 10:00 a.m.: 28 IR 3306; readopted filed Nov 20, 2007, 11:36 a.m.: [20071219-IR-511070386RFA](#)) NOTE: Transferred from the Commission on General Education ([510 IAC 2-4-2](#)) to the Indiana State Board of Education ([511 IAC 1-6-1](#)) by P.L.20-1984, SECTION 206. Effective July 1, 1984.*

SECTION 2. [511 IAC 6-7-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[511 IAC 6-7-1](#) Definitions**

**Authority:** [IC 20-19-2-8](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-26-5-1](#); [IC 20-30-5-7](#)

Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this rule.

(b) "Academic honors diploma" means a certificate of graduation issued by the governing body of the school corporation certifying that the student has satisfied requirements as specified in section 6.5 of this rule.

(c) "Area of study" means a curriculum area under which course titles ~~can be~~ **are** grouped in order to define concentrations in the student's program to meet the requirements for majors and minors. ~~These curriculum areas are as follows:~~

- (1) English language arts.
- (2) Social studies.
- (3) Foreign languages.
- (4) Mathematics.
- (5) Science.
- (6) Health, physical education, and safety.
- (7) Art.

- ~~(8) Music.~~
- ~~(9) Business technology education.~~
- ~~(10) Family and consumer sciences.~~
- ~~(11) Technology education.~~
- ~~Vocational technical:~~
- ~~(12) Agricultural science and business.~~
- ~~(13) Business services and technology.~~
- ~~(14) Health occupations.~~
- ~~(15) Family and consumer sciences.~~
- ~~(16) Occupational family and consumer sciences.~~
- ~~(17) Trade and industrial education.~~
- ~~(18) Interdisciplinary cooperative education.~~
- ~~(19) Marketing education.~~ **the Indiana state approved course titles and descriptions.**

(d) "Credit" means a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) minutes of instruction per week for one (1) semester except in the case of basic physical education. One (1) school year of instruction is required for one (1) credit in basic physical education. **demonstration of proficiency against the academic standards in a course that meets the following requirements:**

- (1) The course is an approved course and complies with the approved course description.**
- (2) For those courses for which Indiana academic standards are defined, the course is consistent with Indiana academic standards.**
- (3) For those courses for which there is a Core 40 end of course assessment, the required proficiency is at or greater than that required to pass the assessment.**

**Multiple credit may not be awarded for the same course unless the approved course description permits multiple credits to be awarded.**

(e) "High school diploma" means a certificate of graduation issued by the governing body of a school corporation certifying that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for graduation from a high school of the school corporation.

(f) "Major" means six (6) or more credits earned in the same area of study.

(g) "Minor" means four (4) or more credits earned in the same area of study.

(h) "Semester" means half **one-half (1/2)** of a regular school year.

(i) "State board" means the Indiana state board of education.

*(Indiana State Board of Education; Rule G, Sec 1; filed May 8, 1978, 3:21 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1979, p. 119; filed Mar 29, 1982, 2:25 p.m.: 5 IR 983; filed Aug 26, 1983, 3:04 p.m.: 6 IR 1920; filed Mar 24, 1987, 3:00 p.m.: 10 IR 1694; filed Oct 6, 1997, 5:20 p.m.: 21 IR 385; filed May 28, 1998, 4:57 p.m.: 21 IR 3823; readopted filed Sep 7, 2004, 5:10 p.m.: 28 IR 323) NOTE: Transferred from the Commission on General Education (510 IAC 9-1-1) to the Indiana State Board of Education (511 IAC 6-7-1) by P.L.20-1984, SECTION 206, effective July 1, 1984.*

SECTION 3. [511 IAC 6-7.1-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### **[511 IAC 6-7.1-1](#) Definitions**

**Authority:** [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-30-5](#); [IC 20-30-10-2](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-30-4-2](#); [IC 20-30-5-7](#)

Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this rule.

(b) "Board" means the Indiana state board of education.

(c) "Career-academic sequence" means a flexible sequence of career-technical and academic courses that:

- (1) help a student explore and prepare for a specific career area or group of related occupations;
- (2) are selected and defined by school corporations; **and**
- (3) include progressive exposure to the world of work, with some leading to a certificate recognized by business and industry.

As a student progresses in a sequence and learns more about a specific career area, the student may remain in the same career area throughout high school, explore an additional career area, or enroll in a multicredit career-technical program designed to help the student develop knowledge and skills related to a specific occupation.

(d) "Credit" means ~~satisfactory completion~~ **demonstration of proficiency against the academic standards** in a course that meets the following requirements:

(1) The course is an approved course under ~~511 IAC 6.1-5.1~~ **and complies with the approved course description.**

(2) **For those courses for which Indiana academic standards are defined**, the course is consistent with Indiana academic standards.

~~(3) The course includes:~~

~~(A) a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) minutes of instruction per week for one (1) semester for a school operating on a traditional schedule;~~

~~(B) a minimum of eighty five (85) minutes of instruction per class period, exclusive of passing time, for a school operating on a block schedule; or~~

~~(C) a minimum of seventy (70) minutes of instruction per class period, exclusive of passing time, for a school trimester schedule~~

**(3) For those courses for which there is a Core 40 end of course assessment, the required proficiency is at or greater than that required to pass the assessment.**

Multiple credit may not be awarded for the same course unless the approved course description permits multiple credits to be awarded.

(e) "High school diploma" means a certificate of graduation issued by the governing body of a school corporation certifying that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for graduation from a high school of the school corporation.

(f) "Semester" means one-half (1/2) of a regular school year.

*(Indiana State Board of Education; [511 IAC 6-7.1-1](#); filed Oct 20, 2005, 11:30 a.m.: 29 IR 801)*

SECTION 4. [511 IAC 6.1-1-2](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

#### **[511 IAC 6.1-1-2](#) Definitions**

**Authority:** [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-4-17](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-28-11](#); [IC 20-31-4](#); [IC 20-32-5](#); [IC 20-32-8](#)

Sec. 2. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this article.

(b) "Academic standards" means the skills and knowledge base expected of students for a particular subject area at a particular grade level.

(c) "Accreditation year" means the year from July 1 to June 30.

(d) "Attendance center" means one (1) or more buildings where the school's program serves pupils who reside in an attendance area.

(e) "Credit" means ~~a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) minutes of instruction per week for one (1) semester, except in the case of basic physical education courses where one (1) school year of instruction is required for one (1) credit~~ **has the meaning set forth in [511 IAC 6-7.1-1\(d\)](#).**

(f) "Curriculum" means the planned interaction of pupils with instructional content, materials, resources, and processes for evaluating the attainment of educational objectives.

(g) "Department" means the Indiana department of education.

(h) "Dropout" means a student who:

- (1) was enrolled in school during the current school year or the previous summer recess;
- (2) left the educational system during the current school year or the previous summer recess;
- (3) has not graduated from high school; and
- (4) does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:
  - (A) Death.
  - (B) Temporary absence due to suspension or a school excused absence.
  - (C) Transfer to a public or nonpublic school.

(i) "Dropout rate" means the number determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of students enrolled on October 1 or the date closest to October 1 that school is in session.

STEP TWO: Determine the number of students who drop out of school during the current school year and the previous summer recess.

STEP THREE: Determine the quotient of:

- (A) the amount determined under STEP TWO; divided by
- (B) the amount determined under STEP ONE.

~~(j) "Fine arts education" means instruction in art, music, and other arts areas that encompass visual, aural, performing, and creative modes of student learning.~~

~~(k) "Graduation rate", for classes of students who graduate prior to the 2005-2006 school year, means the number determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:~~

~~STEP ONE: Determine the dropout rates for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.~~

~~STEP TWO: Determine the remainder of:~~

~~(A) 1.0; minus~~

~~(B) the amount determined under STEP ONE for each of the above four (4) grades.~~

~~STEP THREE: Determine the product of the four (4) amounts determined under STEP TWO.~~

~~(l)~~ (j) "ISTEP" means Indiana statewide testing for educational progress as established under [IC 20-32-5](#), [IC 20-32-8](#), and [511 IAC 5-2](#).

~~(m) "Laboratory course" means a course in which a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total instructional time is devoted to laboratory activities. Laboratory activities are those activities in which the pupil personally utilizes appropriate procedures and equipment in accomplishing that learning task.~~

~~(n)~~ (k) "Legal standards" means those Indiana statutes and state board rules that apply to school accreditation.

~~(o) "Level", when used in course titles, means a course that lasts one (1) full school year in grades 9 through 12, except that in the highest level of a sequence a course of shorter duration may be offered.~~

~~(p) "Practical arts education" means instruction in the curriculum areas of:~~

- ~~(1) agricultural science and business;~~
- ~~(2) business technology education;~~
- ~~(3) family and consumer sciences; and~~
- ~~(4) technology education;~~

~~of a nonvocational or prevocational nature, which provides learning experiences in consumer knowledge, family living, creative expression, manual skills, technical skills, leisure time interests, and similar areas of practical application to everyday life.~~

(¶) **(l)** "Principal" means a properly certified person who is assigned as the chief administrative officer of a school.

(¶) **(m)** "School classification" refers to the following school types:

(1) An elementary school, which includes:

- (A) grade 1, 2, or 3;
- (B) grade 1, 2, or 3 in combination with other grades; or
- (C) any school that has grade 6 as its highest grade.

(2) A high school, which includes:

- (A) grade 10, 11, or 12; or
- (B) grade 10, 11, or 12 in combination with other grades.

(3) A middle school or junior high school, which includes any grade or combination of grades that is not defined as an elementary school or a high school.

If a school includes grades kindergarten through **grade** 12, the school superintendent shall designate the division of the grades within the school into at least two (2) school classifications.

(¶) **(n)** "School corporation" means any public school corporation established by, and under the laws of, the state of Indiana. The term includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any:

- (1) school city;
- (2) school town;
- (3) school township;
- (4) consolidated school corporation;
- (5) county school corporation;
- (6) metropolitan school district;
- (7) township school corporation;
- (8) united school corporation; or
- (9) community school corporation.

(¶) **(o)** "Semester" means half **one-half (1/2)** of a regular school year.

(¶) **(p)** "State board" means the Indiana state board of education.

(¶) **(q)** "Student attendance rate" means the aggregate number of days of attendance for the regular school year divided by the number of aggregate days of enrollment, as determined under ~~511 IAC 1-3-1(l)~~. **as follows:**

- (1) Attendance shall be taken twice during each full student instructional day, once in the morning session and once in the afternoon session. A student in attendance during any part of the day, up to and including one-half (1/2) of the day, shall be counted as one-half (1/2). A student in attendance for more than one-half (1/2) of the day shall be counted as one (1). A full student instructional day shall be counted as one (1) in determining the number of student instructional days in the regular school year.**
- (2) Attendance shall be taken once during each partial student instructional day. A student in attendance during any part of the day shall be counted as one-half (1/2). A partial student instructional day counts as one-half (1/2) in determining the number of student instructional days in the regular school year.**

(¶) **(r)** "Superintendent" means the chief administrative officer of a school corporation, generally referred to as the superintendent of schools, except, in the case of township schools, the term refers to the county superintendent of schools.

(¶) **(s)** "Teacher" means a properly certified, licensed person who is assigned to instruction.

*(Indiana State Board of Education; [511 IAC 6.1-1-2](#); filed Jan 9, 1989, 11:00 a.m.: 12 IR 1184; filed Jul 18, 1989, 5:00 p.m.: 12 IR 2259; filed Nov 8, 1990, 3:05 p.m.: 14 IR 652; filed Oct 6, 1997, 5:20 p.m.: 21 IR 389; filed May 28, 1998, 4:57 p.m.: 21 IR 3824; filed Feb 20, 2002, 9:43 a.m.: 25 IR 2231; filed Jul 14, 2004, 9:30 a.m.: 27 IR 4007; errata filed Jul 11, 2005, 10:00 a.m.: 28 IR 3306)*

SECTION 5. [511 IAC 11-5-2](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**511 IAC 11-5-2 Credit**

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#)

Affected: [IC 20-26-5-1](#); [IC 20-30-6](#)

Sec. 2. (a) Except as specified in subsection (b), one (1) credit is at least sixty (60) hours and no more than seventy five (75) hours of class time and a one-half (1/2) credit course is at least thirty (30) hours and no more than thirty eight (38) hours of class time.

(b) At least sixty (60) hours and no more than seventy five (75) hours of class time are required to earn one-half (1/2) of a credit in physical education.

(c) In addition to the credit awarded for authorized ASC courses, credit may be awarded in any of the following ways:

(1) Credit by examination. A program wishing to grant credit by examination must locally adopt written policies and procedures that provide for:

(A) the development of a test;

(B) approval of the test by a local evaluation committee appointed by the local superintendent and whose membership includes, among others, an adult education administrator and a teacher certified in the subject area of the test;

(C) test security measures; and

(D) who may take the test.

A copy of the examination shall be submitted to the department of education.

(2) Credit for work experience. A program wishing to grant credit through work experience must locally adopt written policies and procedures that provide for evaluation of the work experience by a local evaluation committee appointed by the local superintendent and whose membership includes, among others, an adult education administrator and a teacher certified in the subject area in which credit is granted.

(3) Supervised, self-paced study. Credit shall be granted for supervised, self-paced study that meets the following criteria:

(A) satisfactory performance on a proficiency examination;

(B) successful completion of curricular units, steps, or phases that have been established by the local school corporation as the equivalent of the amount of credit granted.

(4) Correspondence courses. Credit may be granted for correspondence courses in accordance with the requirements specified in [511 IAC 6-7-7](#).

(5) Post-secondary credit. Credit may be granted for post-secondary courses in accordance with the requirements specified in [511 IAC 6-7-8](#).

(6) Military experience. Credit may be granted for military experience in accordance with the requirements specified in [511 IAC 6-7-8](#).

High school credit in adult secondary credit programs shall be awarded under [511 IAC 6-7](#) and [511 IAC 6-7.1](#).

(Indiana State Board of Education; [511 IAC 11-5-2](#); filed Oct 22, 1985, 8:35 a.m.: 9 IR 511; readopted filed Oct 12, 2001, 12:55 p.m.: 25 IR 937; readopted filed Nov 20, 2007, 11:36 a.m.: [20071219-IR-511070386RFA](#))

SECTION 6. [511 IAC 11-6-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**511 IAC 11-6-1 Applicability**

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#)

Affected: [IC 20-26-5-1](#); [IC 20-30-6](#)

Sec. 1. Except as provided by sections 2 through and 3 of this rule, a student may graduate from high school by earning ASC credits if the student meets the requirements of [511 IAC 6-7-4](#) and [511 IAC 6-7-6](#), [511 IAC 6-7](#) or [511 IAC 6-7.1](#).

(Indiana State Board of Education; [511 IAC 11-6-1](#); filed Oct 22, 1985, 8:35 a.m.: 9 IR 511; filed Feb 19, 1990, 1:15 p.m.: 13 IR 1164; readopted filed Oct 12, 2001, 12:55 p.m.: 25 IR 937; readopted filed Nov 20, 2007, 11:36 a.m.: [20071219-IR-511070386RFA](#))

SECTION 7. [511 IAC 11-6-4](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[511 IAC 11-6-4](#) Minimum number of credits**

**Authority:** [IC 20-19-2-8](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-26-5-1](#); [IC 20-30-6](#)

Sec. 4. A waiver granted under ~~sections~~ **section 2** or 3 of this rule does not change the minimum number of credits required for graduation under ~~[511 IAC 6-7-6](#)~~, [511 IAC 6-7](#) or [511 IAC 6-7.1](#).

*(Indiana State Board of Education; [511 IAC 11-6-4](#); filed Oct 22, 1985, 8:35 a.m.: 9 IR 511; filed Feb 19, 1990, 1:15 p.m.: 13 IR 1165; readopted filed Oct 12, 2001, 12:55 p.m.: 25 IR 937; readopted filed Nov 20, 2007, 11:36 a.m.: [20071219-IR-511070386RFA](#))*

SECTION 8. [511 IAC 12-2-6](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[511 IAC 12-2-6](#) High school credit**

**Authority:** [IC 20-30-7](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-26-5-1](#)

Sec. 6. (a) A High school credit class for the 1987-88 school year must meet at least seventy-three (73) hours per credit; and for the 1988-89 and all subsequent school years, seventy-five (75) hours per credit. **in summer school programs shall be awarded under [511 IAC 6-7](#) and [511 IAC 6-7.1](#).**

(b) Reimbursement for high school classes is limited to the cost of instruction for two (2) high school credits per student.

*(Indiana State Board of Education; [511 IAC 12-2-6](#); filed Dec 2, 1987, 11:15 a.m.: 11 IR 1267; readopted filed Oct 12, 2001, 12:55 p.m.: 25 IR 937; readopted filed Nov 20, 2007, 11:36 a.m.: [20071219-IR-511070386RFA](#))*

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