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A Record Number of Students Now Have an Affordable Path to College Through the Indiana College Core

More than 300,000 Hoosier students can now save thousands of dollars by earning up to a full year of college credit in high school

(INDIANAPOLIS) – A record number of Indiana high schools now offer the [Indiana College Core](#), dramatically expanding affordable college opportunities for Hoosier families. In total, 328 high schools are participating across the state for the 2026-2027 school year— a 290 percent increase from five years ago, when only 84 high schools offered the Indiana College Core.

Thanks to these efforts, over 300,000 students can now earn 30 hours of general education credits, the equivalent of a full year of college, at little to no cost before graduating high school. The Indiana College Core transfers seamlessly to all Indiana public higher education institutions, as well as 11 participating private institutions, providing a huge affordability benefit to students and parents. Through this, not only do students save tuition costs, but they can choose to graduate early, saving additional money on campus fees and housing and jumpstarting their careers. This also gives students the flexibility to pick up additional specialized courses or multiple degrees.

“Affordable college pathways, like the Indiana College Core, empower students to earn real college credit in high school. This saves students thousands of dollars in tuition while also empowering them to step into the workforce sooner and start building their careers and earnings earlier,” said Governor Mike Braun. “When we equip young Hoosiers with the skills they need before graduation, we’re investing in their future success, as well as Indiana’s long-term prosperity.”

The Indiana College Core is essential to making higher education more affordable and accessible while helping more Hoosiers continue their education beyond high school. Students who earn the Indiana College Core in high school are more likely to enroll in college (90 percent in 2024), demonstrate academic success once they get there, and earn their degree on time or early. Recent [data](#) show nearly 3,300 high school students earned the Indiana College Core in 2024, an increase of 650 students from the previous year.

Implemented in 2012 and coordinated by the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission), the Indiana College Core is a block of 30 credit hours of college-level general education coursework that transfers seamlessly to all Indiana public higher education institutions, as well as 11 participating private institutions.

With the goal to ensure every Hoosier student has access to the Indiana College Core, the number of participating high schools has increased rapidly over the last few years. The Commission, in partnership with Indiana’s public higher education institutions, continues to work directly with high schools to support them in implementing this opportunity for their students.

“The student outcome data is clear: students who earn the Indiana College Core is one of the greatest investments we can make in our student’s future,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “This strong collaboration between K-12 and higher education is yet another example of how when we work together across the education continuum, our students and our state win.”

In December 2024, the Indiana State Board of Education approved new high school diploma requirements, effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029. This includes one base diploma with minimum requirements for every student, as well as the opportunity for students to earn readiness seals aligned with their unique path. Earning the Indiana College Core is one way for students to earn a credential of value, necessary for students pursuing the Enrollment and/or Employment Honors Plus Seals. Completing the Enrollment Honors Plus Seal guarantees students automatic acceptance to over 40 campuses, including all Indiana public higher education institutions and several private institutions that have opted in.

High schools that offer the Indiana College Core, including public, charter, and private schools, must enter into an agreement with an Indiana public higher education institution to be that school's primary postsecondary provider of the Indiana College Core. These institutions then provide access to courses through dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities. Students may also earn college credit through satisfactory scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International, and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams that may count toward earning the Indiana College Core. While all public institutions in Indiana accept the Indiana College Core as a block, the following public institutions award the Indiana College Core certificate to high school students:

- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Indiana University East
- Indiana University Indianapolis
- Indiana University Kokomo
- Indiana University Northwest
- Indiana University South Bend
- Indiana University Southeast
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Purdue University Northwest
- University of Southern Indiana
- Vincennes University

In addition, the following private, non-profit institutions also accept the Indiana College Core as a block:

- Anderson University
- Franklin College
- Goshen College (newly added)
- Grace College
- Indiana Tech
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Manchester University
- Marian University
- Trine University
- University of Evansville
- University of Indianapolis

Additional information on the Indiana College Core can be accessed via MyCollegeCore.org, where individuals can view a [map](#) of high school delivery sites and their corresponding primary postsecondary providers. The site offers a tool for students to build their Indiana College Core plans using the college-level coursework offered at their high school and allows students to share their plans with parents/guardians and school counselors. As students complete coursework, they can track their progress toward completing the Indiana College Core certificate.

Students, parents/guardians, school counselors, and administrators can also access information regarding early college opportunities, including dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International, and the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and how these earned credits or exam scores apply and transfer to Indiana's higher education institutions via the Commission's [TransferIN.net](https://www.transferin.net).

For more information or questions about the Indiana College Core, please contact ICC@che.in.gov.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's higher education coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through postsecondary education and training, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrated 35 years in 2025.