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More Than 300 Indiana High Schools Now Offer the Indiana College Core

Indiana College Core offerings have increased over 250 percent in four years

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) (Commission) announced the [Indiana College Core](#) is now offered at 312 high schools across the state for the 2025-2026 school year. This equates to over a 250 percent increase in participating high schools from four years ago, when only 84 high schools offered the Indiana College Core.

Implemented in 2012, the Indiana College Core is a block of 30 credit hours of college-level general education coursework that applies and transfers seamlessly to all Indiana public higher education institutions and some private institutions and is made up of courses in six competency areas. The certificate allows high school students to earn the equivalent of a full year of college general education credits for little to no cost.

The number of high schools offering the Indiana College Core has increased rapidly over the last few years due to refocused efforts by the Commission and increased collaboration with Indiana high schools and higher education institutions. In 2024, 281 high schools offered the certificate, up from 222 schools in 2023, 141 in 2022, and 84 in 2021. That number is expected to continue to rise in the coming years due to Senate Enrolled Act 8-2024, which specifies all Indiana high schools are required to offer the Indiana College Core, submit an implementation plan to offer the Indiana College Core by the 2026-2027 school year, or submit a feasibility report if they do not plan to offer the certificate. The Commission will work directly with all high schools not currently offering the Indiana College Core to support them through implementation.



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 complete a credential of value, necessary to earn the Enrollment Honors Plus Seal, which guarantees students automatic acceptance to over 40 campuses, including all Indiana public institutions and any private institution that has opted in.

“The Commission has not only focused its efforts to increase the number of schools offering the Indiana College Core, but to expand access to schools in all areas of the state, including rural and urban areas, low-income areas, and predominately first-generation areas,” said Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “The Indiana College Core is an incredible tool to increase college-going rates and college preparedness and to help lower costs to attend college for Hoosiers.”

The Indiana College Core is central to the Commission’s goals of increasing college-going and college completion rates. Students who earn the Indiana College Core in high school are more likely to graduate from college on time or early.

Recent [data](#) show over 2,600 high school students earned the Indiana College Core in 2023, and 91 percent of those students went on to attend college.

Each Indiana high school that offers the Indiana College Core must have an agreement with an Indiana public higher education institution to be that school's primary postsecondary provider. Those institutions deliver the Indiana College Core to students through dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities. 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 commit to accepting the Indiana College Core as a block, with five additional institutions added within the past year for a total of 11 private institutions who accept the credential:

- Marian University
- University of Indianapolis
- Trine University
- Indiana Tech
- Manchester University
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Franklin College (newly accepting)
- Oakland City University (newly accepting)
- Grace College (newly accepting)
- Anderson University (newly accepting)
- University of Evansville (newly accepting)

Information on the Indiana College Core can be accessed via [MyCollegeCore.org](https://mycollegecore.org), where students can view a [map](#) of high school delivery sites and their corresponding campus partners. The site offers a tool for students to build their Indiana College Core plans around the college-level coursework offered at their high school and allows students to communicate their plans with parents/guardians and school counselors. As students complete their coursework, they can track their progress toward completing the Indiana College Core certificate.

Students, parents/guardians, and 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 higher education institutions via the Commission's [TransferIN.net](https://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 coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through higher education, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission's [HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities & Possibilities through Education\) Agenda](#) serves as the agency's strategic plan and mission through 2030, providing seven goals around enrollment,

completion, and graduate retention efforts. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrates 35 years in 2025.