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To: Superintendents, Principals, and School Counselors

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Subject: **UPDATED 2026-2027** New Indiana Diploma Course Eligibility Updates

As Indiana continues to transition to the new high school diploma, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in collaboration with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE), provides this guidance on eligible courses to support planning for the 2026-2027 school year. The table below provides updates for courses that were under review after the release of the last memo, or that were added/adjusted based on stakeholder feedback and other considerations. **Course additions are denoted with (*NEW*) following the course title.**

Additionally, a section has been added at the bottom of this document to better clarify courses that meet requirements specific to the Enrollment Honors Seal. Courses that meet these requirements are also denoted in the Course Titles and Descriptions Companion Document which reflects all the course eligibility updates provided in this memo.

As outlined in Indiana Code (IC) 20-19-2-21(b), Indiana's current graduation requirements will sunset October 1, 2028, making the new diploma requirements effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029 (current ninth-grade students). Although statewide implementation will not take place until the 2028-2029 school year, schools may opt to offer the new diploma and readiness seals beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
English: 8 Credits		
English 9: 2 Credits	1002 English 9 1012 English as a New Language (*NEW*)	
Communications-Focused: 1 Credit *Communications-Focused courses that	1064 Linguistics* 1070 Debate* 1074 Critical Thinking and Argumentation* 1076 Speech* 1078 Advanced Speech and Communication* 1080 Journalism* 1084 Digital Media*	2188 English as a New Language (*NEW*) 1124 Advanced English/Language Arts, College Credit (college course with communications focus) 2422 Dual Language HS 7306 Audio and Video Production Essentials (*NEW)* 7307 Mass Media Production 7308 Radio & TV Broadcasting Capstone

can meet additional English credits. A single course **cannot** meet more than one diploma requirement.	1086 Student Media* (e.g., newspaper) 1096 Technical Communications* 1104 AP Seminar: English 8234 Cambridge Advanced Digital Media and Design A Level 8236 Cambridge Advanced Digital Media and Design AS Level	4790 Introduction to Communications 4086 Visual Communication 5364 Interpersonal Relationships 0560 IB Theory of Knowledge 0553 IB Personal and Professional Skills I 0554 IB Personal and Professional Skills II 7144 Business Office Communications 4508 Technical/Business Communication

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
Additional English Credits: 5 Credits Communications-Focused courses that can meet additional English credits are noted above with an asterisk (*). A single course **cannot** meet more than one diploma requirement.	0551 AP Research 1004 English 10 1006 English 11 1008 English 12 1012 English as a New Language 1014 College Bridge: Literacy Ready 1020 American Literature 1022 Biblical Literature 1024 Biographies 1026 Classical Literature 1028 Dramatic Literature 1030 English Literature 1032 Ethnic Literature 1034 Film Literature 1036 Genres of Literature 1038 Indiana Literature 1040 Historical Literary Movements 1042 Novels	1044 Poetry 1046 Short Stories 1048 Themes in Literature 1050 Twentieth-Century Literature 1052 World Literature 1054 Contemporary Literature 1060 Etymology 1063 Grammar 1090 Composition 1092 Creative Writing 1094 Expository Writing 1096 Technical Communication 1098 Advanced Composition 1104 AP Seminar: English 1056 AP English Language Composition 1058 AP English Literature and Composition 1124 Advanced English /Language Arts, College Credit

Mathematics: 7 Credits		

Algebra I: 2 Credits	2520 Algebra I	

Personal Finance: 1 Credit	4540 Personal Financial Responsibility 4519 AP Business with Personal Finance 7150 Personal Finance and Banking	

| **Additional Math Credits: 4 Credits** *(Base Diploma)* | 2532 Geometry
2522 Algebra II
2524 Analytical Algebra II
2530 Finite Mathematics
2550 Quantitative Reasoning
2564 Pre-Calculus: Algebra
2566 Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry
2527 Calculus
2546 Probability and Statistics
2543 Advanced Mathematics, Special Topics | 7218 Technical Math
4512 Business Math
2595 PRIME Math
2570 AP Statistics
2562 AP Calculus AB
2572 AP Calculus BC
2563 AP Precalculus
2544 Advanced Mathematics, College Credit

Courses in Development:
Data Science Course(s) |

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
Science, Technology, Engineering: 7 Credits		
Biology: 2 Credits	3024 Biology I (L) 3020 AP Biology (L)	3032 IB Biology Higher Level 3034 IB Biology Standard Level 3090 Advanced Science, College Credit (L) (college course with a biology focus)
Computer Science: 1 Credit	4565 Computing Foundations for a Digital Age 4568 AP Computer Science Principles 4570 AP Computer Science A 8116 Cambridge Advanced Computer Science (A Level) 8118 Cambridge Advanced Computer Science (AS Level) 4584 IB Computer Science Higher Level 4586 IB Computer Science Standard Level	7183 Principles of Computing; *and one of the following:* *7351 Topics in Computer Science* *7352 Computer Science* *7178 Advanced Cybersecurity* *7179 Cybersecurity Fundamentals* *7180 IT Fundamentals* *7181 Networking and Cybersecurity Operations* *7182 Networking Fundamentals* *7184 Software Development* *7185 Website and Database Development*
Additional Science Credits: 2 Credits **(L) = Lab Science**	3026 Biology II (L) 3030 Life Science (L) 3044 Earth and Space Science (L) 3046 Earth and Space Science II (L) 3108 Integrated Chemistry and Physics(L) 3064 Chemistry I (L) 3066 Chemistry II (L) 3060 AP Chemistry (L) 3084 Physics I (L) 3086 Physics II (L) 3080 AP Physics (L) (Algebra-Based) 3081 AP Physics 2 (L) (Algebra-Based) 3087 AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism (L) 3089 AP Physics C: Mechanics (L) 3008 Science Research, Independent Study (L)	3010 Environmental Science (L) 3012 AP Environmental Science (L) 3102 Physical Science (L) 5276 Anatomy & Physiology (L) 3090 Advanced Science, College Credit (L) 3092 Advanced Science Special Topics (L) 5216 Human Body Systems (L) 5217 Medical Interventions (L) 5219 Biomedical Innovations (L) 7323 Physical Therapy Capstone 7321 Kinesiology 5008 Animal Science (*NEW*) 5070 Advanced Life Science, Animals (L) 5072 Advanced Life Science, Foods (L) 5074 Advanced Life Science, Plants and Soils (L)

Courses listed in any of the above science sections (except 4565 Computing Foundations for a Digital Age and 7183 Principles of Computing) can be used to fulfill the STEM-Focused credits. However, students may **not** count a single course for more than one Indiana diploma requirement.

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Requirements	Eligible Courses	
STEM-Focused Credits: 2 Credits	4818 Environmental Sustainability 5518 Aerospace Engineering 5534 Computer Integrated Manufacturing 5538 Digital Electronics 5644 Principles of Engineering 5650 Civil Engineering and Architecture 5698 Engineering Design and Development 7223 Mechanical Design Capstone 7100 Smart Manufacturing Systems 7222 Industry 4.0 - Smart Manufacturing Capstone 7106 Mechatronics Systems 7224 Industrial Automation and Robotics Capstone 7107 Advanced Precision Machining 7219 Precision Machining Capstone 5170 Plant and Soil Science 5274 Healthcare Fundamentals 7113 Crop Management 5132 Horticulture Science (*NEW*) 7232 Horticulture Capstone 7115 Landscape and Turf Management 7234 Landscape Management Capstone 7238 Agribusiness Capstone 5229 Sustainable Energy Alternatives 7271 Soil and Water Management 7270 Forest and Wildlife Management 5180 Natural Resources 7322 Human Performance 7228 Agriculture Mechanization and Technology Capstone 7167 Pharmacy Tech 7165 Emergency Medical Tech	7166 Healthcare Specialist: CNA 7170 Nutrition Planning and Therapy 7253 Software Development Capstone 7281 Veterinary Science (*NEW*) 7282 Veterinary Science Capstone (*NEW*) 7353 Computer Science Capstone 7262 Agricultural Research Capstone 7243 Cybersecurity Capstone 7247 Cloud and Server Operations Capstone 7484 Data Analytics and Informatics Operations 4590 AP Cyber: Networking (*NEW*) 4592 AP Cyber: Security (*NEW*) 7488 Software and Cloud Foundations (*NEW*) 7490 AI and Data Fundamentals (*NEW*) 7485 Informatics Capstone 7249 Cybersecurity Operations Capstone 7112 Agriculture Structures Fabrication and Designs 7119 Advanced Electrical 7163 Central Service Technician Fundamentals 7164 Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) 7263 Construction Trades Electrical Capstone 7316 Dental Career Fundamentals 7317 Advanced Dental Careers 7341 Biotech Manufacturing 7343 Advanced Biotech Manufacturing 7342 Biotech Regulatory Affairs 7344 Biotechnology Capstone 7376 Advanced Aviation Maintenance 7378 Aviation Maintenance Capstone	

Requirements	Eligible Courses	
Social Studies: 5 Credits		
U.S. History: 2 Credits	1542 U.S. History 1562 AP U.S. History 1574 Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit	8144 Cambridge Advanced History (American) (A Level) 8146 Cambridge Advanced History (American) (AS Level)
U.S. Government: 1 Credit	1540 United States Government 1560 AP United States Government and Politics 1574 Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit	

World Perspectives: 2 Credits	1570 Geography and History of the World 1548 World History and Civilization 1612 AP World History Modern 1502 Anthropology 1520 International Relations 1528 Modern World Civilization	1574 Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit (college course with a world perspective focus) 1590 IB History, Higher Level (*NEW*) 1592 IB History, Standard Level (*NEW*) **Any** World Language Level III-VI (Including AP World Languages)
Physical Education (PE)/ Health: 2 Credits		
Physical Education: 1 Credit	3542 Physical Education I 3544 Physical Education II 3560 Elective Physical Education	
Health & Wellness: 1 Credit	3506 Health and Wellness Education 3500 Advanced Health Education	
Personalized Electives: 12 Credits		
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 and Careers: 1 Credit		
College and Careers: 1 Credit	5394 Preparing for College and Careers (PCC)	

A Note on Principles of Biomedical Sciences (5218): Students enrolled in 5218 Principles of Biomedical Sciences in the 2025-2026 school year may use the course to meet the 2 STEM-Focused credits requirement of the new Indiana diploma due to the course's inclusion on the draft Course Eligibility Memo in December 2024. Beginning with enrollments in the 2026-2027 school year, Principles of Biomedical Sciences **does not** qualify as a STEM course, as is the case with all other CTE Principles courses. Questions can be shared with CTE@che.in.gov.

NOTE: Common International Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge International (CI) courses have been listed in this memo. A full list of IB and CI course eligibility as well as the updates provided here can be found in the CTD Companion Document.

Course Eligibility for Enrollment Honors Seals

This section outlines course eligibility for categories specific to the Enrollment Honors Seal. As a reminder, students must meet the requirements of the Enrollment Honors Seal to earn the Enrollment Honors Plus Seal.

Mathematics

Students earning the Enrollment Honors Seal must complete the Algebra I and Personal Finance requirements above, as well as Geometry. Additionally, students must earn either Algebra II and 2 Advanced Math credits from the courses below **OR** 4 advanced math credits from the courses below.

Advanced Math Credits - Enrollment Honors Seal	2530 Finite Mathematics 2550 Quantitative Reasoning 2564 Pre-Calculus: Algebra 2566 Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry 2527 Calculus 2546 Probability and Statistics 2595 PRIME Math	2570 AP Statistics 2543 Advanced Mathematics, Special Topics 2562 AP Calculus AB 2572 AP Calculus BC 2563 AP Precalculus 2544 Advanced Mathematics, College Credit

Science

Students earning the Enrollment Honors Seal must meet the Biology, Computer Science, and STEM Requirements provided above. For the Enrollment Honors Seal, they must take Chemistry (3064, 3066, or 3060) and then **EITHER** Physics (3084, 3086, 3080, 3081, 3087, or 3089) **OR** 2 credits of a Lab Science course from the options designated with an (L) in the above Additional Science credits section.

As noted above, a single course can be used to fulfill an Indiana diploma requirement and meet a requirement for a diploma seal.

Social Studies

In addition to meeting the U.S. History, U.S. Government, and World Perspectives requirements from the courses listed under those categories above, for the Enrollment Honors Seal a **sixth** Social Studies credit is required. Students may choose from the Social Studies courses below or a Social Studies course above to meet the sixth credit required for the Enrollment Honors Seal.

World Language III-VI **cannot** be utilized to meet the sixth Social Studies credit for the Enrollment Honors Seal. Students may use their World Perspectives credits (including World Language III-VI) to meet **two** of the Social Studies credit requirements for the Enrollment Honors Seal.

Social Studies Credit - Enrollment Honors Seal	1514 Economics (*NEW*) 1564 AP Macroeconomics (*NEW*) 1566 AP Microeconomics (*NEW*) 4558 Global Economics (*NEW*) 1518 Indiana Studies (*NEW*) 1552 AP Comparative Government and Politics (*NEW*)	1532 Psychology (*NEW*) 1534 Sociology (*NEW*) 1556 AP European History 1558 AP Psychology 1572 AP Human Geography 1574 Advanced Social Sciences, College Credit

Course Eligibility Review

School personnel may submit a request for a course to be considered for approval to meet one of the new diploma/seal requirements via the [Course Eligibility Review Request JotForm](#). Once IDOE receives the form, an internal group reviews the proposed course and consults with external course subject/requirement matter experts to approve or deny the request. The decision is then communicated to the individual who submitted the request. If a course eligibility change is approved, the course and its approved eligibility requirements are published in the CTD Companion Document. This process will be conducted annually.

Submissions for course eligibility changes must be received by IDOE by October 31 for consideration for the upcoming school year (e.g., Requests for changes in the 27-28 school year must be received by October 31, 2026).

Additional Resources for Superintendents, Principals, and School Counselors:

- [CTD Companion Document](#)

- [IDOE's Redesigning the Indiana Diploma Webpage](#)

- [Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS)](#)

- [IDOE's Dual Credit Webpage](#)

- [High School Credit for Courses Completed Prior to Grade Nine](#)

- [Civic Literacy Courses](#)

Contact IDOE's Engagement Team at engagement@doe.in.gov or the Commission's CTE Team at CTE@che.in.gov with additional questions.