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To: Indiana State Board of Education

From: Mary Hannah, Director, Office of School Accountability

Date: December 11, 2024

Subject: 2024 Excessive Homeschool Recommendation

Background

Indiana Code (IC) 20-26-13-10(b) provides that any high school where a significant percentage of students in the cohort were removed to attend homeschool and not on track to graduate at the time of removal must submit a request to the State Board of Education (SBOE) for these students be considered mobile and not dropouts. SBOE reviews the request, and denial is determined if the high school fails to demonstrate “good cause” to justify the student’s mobility to homeschooling. Any student for which a request is denied by SBOE shall be returned to the high school’s cohort and considered a dropout for purposes of graduation rate calculations.

Process

Following the process approved by SBOE in July 2023, principals and superintendents from 52 high schools (see list in Appendix A) were notified via email between November 18-21, 2024, that their high school had exceeded the statutory threshold for homeschool exits of students not on track to graduate. Course and credit data previously submitted to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) by the schools is used to determine the number of credits earned by each student. The following credit thresholds are used for determining on track status:

Exited between	Exit Description	Credits Required
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	Freshman Year	0
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	Sophomore Year	10
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Junior Year	20
July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	First Semester Senior Year	30
January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024	Second Semester Senior Year	35

The notification email contained a form to be completed and signed by the principal, superintendent, and board president of the applicable school. Principals were separately sent an encrypted email with a list of the students (identified by student number) exited to homeschool and their respective number of credits. Any identifiable student information (i.e., student numbers, etc.) has been redacted.

All schools returned a completed form. Accordingly, IDOE recommends students at all 52 schools continue to be exited from the cohort and not included in the 2024 graduation rate calculation. A list of schools can be found in Appendix A of this document and the returned forms in Appendix B.



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Appendix A: List of Schools

Corporation	School	Number of Homeschool Exits not on track	Percentage of Cohort not on track homeschool exits
MSD Southwest Allen County Schls (0125)	eSACS Virtual School (0188)	5	16.7%
Blackford County Schools (0515)	Blackford Jr-Sr High School (0489)	7	5.1%
Lebanon Community School Corp (0665)	Lebanon Senior High School (0553)	31	12.2%
Clay Community Schools (1125)	Clay City Jr-Sr High School (0897)	6	10.0%
Clay Community Schools (1125)	Northview High School (0933)	35	13.3%
Washington Community Schools (1405)	Washington High School (1125)	19	9.5%
Greensburg Community Schools (1730)	Greensburg Community High School (1268)	19	10.3%
Fairfield Community Schools (2155)	Fairfield Jr-Sr High School (1613)	9	6.1%
Fayette County School Corporation (2395)	Connersville Sr High School (1889)	19	6.4%
Attica Consolidated School Corp (2435)	Attica High School (2053)	5	10.4%
Franklin County Community Sch Corp (2475)	Franklin County High (2083)	10	5.3%
Rochester Community School Corp (2645)	Rochester Community High School (2173)	7	5.1%
Madison-Grant United School Corp (2825)	Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School (2321)	9	8.7%
Marion Community Schools (2865)	Marion High School (2351)	26	8.8%
New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch (2400)	NAFC Virtual Academy (2408)	1	25.0%
Linton-Stockton School Corporation (2950)	Linton-Stockton High School (2437)	9	7.3%
New Castle Community School Corp (3445)	New Castle High School (2825)	28	11.3%
Huntington Co Com Sch Corp (3625)	Huntington North High School (3065)	30	8.1%
Medora Community School Corp (3640)	Medora Jr & Sr High School (3093)	4	17.4%
Rensselaer Central School Corp (3815)	Rensselaer Central High School (3201)	9	7.8%
Jennings County School Corporation (4015)	Jennings County High School (3345)	27	8.9%
Edinburgh Community School Corp (4215)	Edinburgh Community High School (3447)	11	15.7%
Greenwood Community Sch Corp (4245)	Greenwood Community High Sch (3473)	29	9.1%
North Knox School Corp (4315)	North Knox Jr-Sr High School (3537)	16	14.0%
Vincennes Community School Corp (4335)	Washington Learning Academy (4319)	28	50.0%
La Porte Community School Corp (4945)	LaPorte High School (4741)	26	5.9%



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Corporation	School	Number of Homeschool Exits not on track	Percentage of Cohort not on track homeschool exits
Michigan City Area Schools (4925)	Michigan City High School (4795)	47	10.8%
North Lawrence Com Schools (5075)	Bedford-North Lawrence High School (4911)	46	12.2%
Anderson Community School Corp (5275)	Anderson High School (4945)	38	8.9%
MSD Wayne Township (5375)	Achieve Virtual Education Academy (5288)	18	6.4%
Monroe County Community Sch Corp (5740)	Bloomington High School North (6168)	28	6.4%
Monroe County Community Sch Corp (5740)	Bloomington Graduation School (6220)	18	31.6%
South Montgomery Com Sch Corp (5845)	Southmont Sr High School (6257)	9	6.8%
East Noble School Corporation (6060)	East Noble High School (6458)	26	10.2%
Paoli Community School Corp (6155)	Paoli Jr & Sr High School (6581)	7	5.8%
Springs Valley Com School Corp (6160)	Springs Valley Comm High School (6589)	8	12.5%
North Central Parke Comm Schl Corp (6375)	Parke Heritage High School (6654)	7	6.5%
Career Academy High School (9880)	Career Academy High School (7567)	16	17.4%
Oregon-Davis School Corp (7495)	Oregon-Davis Jr-Sr High School (7831)	5	12.2%
Tippecanoe School Corp (7865)	William Henry Harrison High School (8029)	35	6.2%
Lafayette School Corporation (7855)	Jefferson High School (8069)	47	8.6%
Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp (7995)	Harwood Career Prep High School (8271)	10	15.9%
West Washington School Corp (8220)	West Washington Jr-Sr High School (8869)	9	11.7%
Western Wayne Schools (8355)	Lincoln Middle/ High School (8961)	9	12.3%
Richmond Community Schools (8385)	Richmond High School (8993)	44	12.0%
Options Charter Schools (9325)	Options Indiana (9329)	16	6.1%
Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy (9000)	Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy (9992)	7	15.6%
Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)	Clinton Christian School (A875)	2	15.4%
Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)	Kinwell Academy Inc (B118)	1	10.0%
Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)	Lakeland Christian Academy (B595)	4	14.8%
Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)	Indiana Christian Academy (C175)	2	22.2%
Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)	Tabernacle Christian School (C940)	3	10.0%

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Appendix B: Returned Forms



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	MSD Southwest Allen County Schls (0125)
School Name:	eSACS Virtual School (0188)
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Kent DeKoninck
Principal Name:	Susan Summers
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Jennifer Bennett
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	5
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	5
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	30
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	16.7%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Based on their individual circumstances, each family felt that homeschool was the best academic fit for their child. They preferred the synchronous learning format compared to asynchronous school environment of eSACS.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Blackford County Schools (0515)</i>
School Name:	<i>Blackford Jr-Sr High School (0489)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Chad Yencer</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Jason Ridge</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Phil Jones</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>7</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>7</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>136</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>5.1%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	Seven students left our school to pursue homeschooling for various reasons. Some sought to avoid attendance consequences, others wanted more flexibility to gain employment, and one student was dealing with anxiety. Before withdrawing, each family participated in an exit interview with an administrator, during which potential challenges and consequences of homeschooling were discussed. Ultimately, the decision to transition to homeschooling rests with the parents.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Lebanon Community School Corp (0665)</i>
School Name:	<i>Lebanon Senior High School (0553)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Jon Milleman
Principal Name:	Mr. Frank Meyer
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mr. Craig Parks
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>36</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>31</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>254</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>12.2%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as “exited to homeschool” (1026 characters allowed):	<p>In short, there is no good cause other than poor processes and a failure to track student progress as closely as necessary to provide the support to maintain on-track status for graduation. This audit and acknowledgement provides fodder for reflection and growth.</p> <p>Registrar processes for enrollments and withdrawals at Lebanon High School need refinement. This is also an opportunity for counselors and administrators to build stronger relationships earlier with students and parents. Proactive work with grade, behavior, and attendance tracking by administration and counselors will go a long way to minimize the number of students who are or may become credit deficient.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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Corporation Name:	<i>Clay Community Schools (1125)</i>
School Name:	<i>Clay City Jr-Sr High School (0897)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Tim Rayle
Principal Name:	Mr. Michael Owens / Harley Skinner (Designee)
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Tom Reberger
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>6</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>6</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>60</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>10.0%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as “exited to homeschool” (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	The six students in this cohort exited to homeschool. As they came back to school from COVID, many students had a hard time adjusting to being back in person full time. 4 of the students exited to get GEDs.



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Principal Signature:

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Superintendent Signature:

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Board President Signature:

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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Clay Community Schools (1125)</i>
School Name:	<i>Northview High School (0933)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Tim Rayle
Principal Name:	Christopher Mauk
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Tom Reberger
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	39
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	35
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	264
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	13.3%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	We have reviewed the data for the students who withdrew to Homeschool. Many the students listed, enrolled in NHS, from other school corporations, already behind in credits. Several of the students' parents withdrew them due to discipline of attendance concerns. The rest of the students struggled in school, and felt the negative implications of losing their freshman year to COVID-19, and had issues catching up the subsequent year they returned. This impacted their academic performance, and regardless of remediation efforts, students developed anxiety, and a feeling that they were incapable of completing high school.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Washington Community Schools (1405)</i>
School Name:	<i>Washington High School (1125)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Kevin Frank
Principal Name:	Brian Holland
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Scott Arthur
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>19</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>19</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>199</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>9.5%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	After reviewing the records for each student, the parents have enrolled their child into a homeschool environment. We have spoken with the parents and students prior to transferring to home schools to explain all of the options we can offer. Many parents have decided that the school choice option for other educational opportunities met their needs.
Principal Signature:	<i>Brian Holland</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Kevin Frank</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Scott Arthur</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Greensburg Community Schools (1730)</i>
School Name:	<i>Greensburg Community High School (1268)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Thomas Hunter
Principal Name:	Michael Myers
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mark Bower
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>21</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>19</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>184</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>10.3%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>Given the transient nature of many of these students, oftentimes they and their families arrive in our office to enroll in school with sufficient evidence that the student, in fact, lives in our district. However, the reality is that they may be here for only a short amount of time or have little commitment to their education. As we work through our many layers to find success with these students, our local and county legal system provides little support for accountability in attendance and truancy.</p> <p>To combat our reality in this community, we have provided several alternative educational opportunities for students to succeed. We utilize specific facilities on our campus that support CTE classes and the pathway available through Next Level Programs of Study. Our comprehensive counseling team and staff work tirelessly to develop lasting relationships with these students. We feel confident that we go to great lengths to help these students find success.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Fairfield Community Schools (2155)</i>
School Name:	<i>Fairfield Jr-Sr High School (1613)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Carrie Cannon
Principal Name:	Jason Grasty
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Sarah Elledge
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	13
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	9
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	147
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	6.1%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	5 students signed out and 4 were not credit deficient when they left. 3 had the full 14 credits from freshman year and one had the full 28 credits from sophomore year. 1 student left after one semester of freshman year. All were pursuing online options for school. 1 student came from _____ with 39 credits. He earned one at FJSHS before withdrawing due to an unplanned move by his father. He shows 1 credit but actually had 40. 2 students signed out to homeschool to pursue their GED. 3 students came from other school systems, were not enrolled with us for a full year and signed out within a few months of being here. Their family situation created a constant enrollment back and forth between traditional schools as well as online schools. 1 student signed out in order to go to work to help his father pay the bills. The intent was for the student to pursue classes online and work at the same time. 1 student moved out of state with his father and dad signed him out prior to leaving.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Fayette County School Corporation (2395)</i>
School Name:	<i>Connersville Sr High School (1889)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Jeremy Duncan
Principal Name:	Kelly Pflum
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Leslie Jacobs
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	22
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	19
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	296
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	6.4%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	The students indicated as "exited to homeschool" were withdrawn from Connersville High School by their legal guardian(s) to homeschool. Per the withdrawal process, the student and guardian meet with the high school principal to discuss the withdrawal reason. Options to remain a Connersville High School student as an alternative to withdrawing for homeschool are discussed in the individual meetings. If a legal guardian chooses to exit to homeschool, the exit interview occurs. In this interview, the student's statistics are discussed as well as what life without a high school diploma may look like. The legal guardian must obtain a homeschool number prior to students being allowed to "exit to homeschool." These students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" due to Fayette County School Corporation and Connersville High School's diligence in offering alternatives prior to the legal guardian deciding homeschool was the best option for their student.
Principal Signature:	<i>Kelly A. Pflum</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Jeremy Duncan</i>
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Attica Consolidated School Corp (2435)</i>
School Name:	<i>Attica High School (2053)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Dr. Matthew Williams</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Mrs. Barbi Balensiefer</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Mrs. Kelly Hiller</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>5</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>5</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>48</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>10.4%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>This is my first year as principal at Attica HS and my third year in the district, therefore, my knowledge of the mentioned students is limited. When a student struggles with attendance, they are placed on attendance contracts and probation often becomes involved. Homeschooling appears to be an option many of these students pursue to allow for flexibility in course scheduling and adjustability in time constraints. Additionally, many of our high school students report that they have jobs beyond the school day that contribute to the family's well-being and financial stability. With that expectation, homeschooling allows for flexibility in the day that might be constrained by the school day hours.</p>
Principal Signature:	<i>Barbi Balensiefer</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Matthew Williams</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Kelly Hiller</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Franklin County Community Sch Corp (2475)</i>
School Name:	<i>Franklin County High (2083)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dustin Gehring
Principal Name:	Michelle South
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Francis Brumback
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>11</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>10</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>190</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>5.3%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	The student's parents or guardian withdrew them for the purpose of homeschooling them and gave their rationale and purpose at the time of withdrawal.
Principal Signature:	<i>Michelle South (electronic approval)</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Dustin Gehring (electronic approval)</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Francis Brumback (electronic approval)</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Rochester Community School Corp (2645)</i>
School Name:	<i>Rochester Community High School (2173)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Jana Vance
Principal Name:	Oscar Haugs
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Katie Miller
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	8
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	7
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	136
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	5.1%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	Students categorized as "exited to homeschool" found they had barriers to their in person in a traditional school setting. Students also did not want to participate in our structured online learning program. Students who exited to homeschool may want a different style of homeschool learning than what we provide. Families at that time make a personal choice to pull them from traditional schooling to homeschooling
Principal Signature:	<i>O. C. Haugs</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Jana K. Vance</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Katie Miller</i>

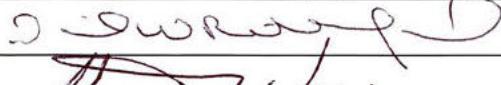
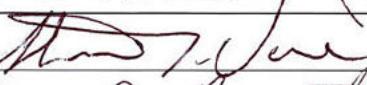
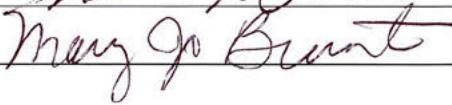


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Corporation Name:	<i>Madison-Grant United School Corp (2825)</i>
School Name:	<i>Madison-Grant Jr./Sr. High School (2321)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Steve Vore
Principal Name:	David Rutherford
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mary Jo Brunt
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	10
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	9
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	103
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	8.7%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>████████ Withdrawal to Home School paperwork completed on ██████████</p> <p>████████ - No Home School Paperwork completed - Transferred to High School Equivalency on ██████████</p> <p>████████ - Records request from ██████████</p> <p>████████ dated ██████████ - Withdraw here on ██████████ - only here one semester.</p> <p>████████ - Enrollment verification of her attending ██████████, a homeschool dated ██████████ - withdrew here due to illness. She was on track before withdrawal</p> <p>████████ - Withdrawal to Home School paperwork completed on ██████████ - New Mom</p> <p>████████ - Withdrawal to Home School paperwork completed on ██████████ - only here for 1 year</p> <p>████████ - Withdraw to Home School on ██████████</p> <p>████████ - Withdraw to Home School on ██████████</p>

	<p>[REDACTED] - Withdrawal to Home School paperwork completed on [REDACTED] - she was here for less than one semester.</p> <p>[REDACTED] - Records request from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]. He withdrew here transferring to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Marion Community Schools (2865)</i>
School Name:	<i>Marion High School (2351)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Mr. Keith Burke</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Dr. Stacey Y.S. Hunt</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Mr. Todd Nicholson</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>26</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>26</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>294</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>8.8%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p><i>Parents have signed their student out to homeschool for the following reasons that include but may not be limited to:</i></p> <p><i>1. Student is unsuccessful in a classroom setting and has attempted to go to online learning but has not been successful in completing online courses.</i></p> <p><i>2. Students are having specific personal or social/emotional issues and were not successful in class or attending school regularly.</i></p> <p><i>3. Students have stopped making attempts to attend classes and completed forms to</i></p>

	<i>release them from the school and avoid exit interviews with school administrators.</i>
Principal Signature:	<i>Dr. Tracy Y. Hunt 11.21.2024</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Ken A. Ish 12-2-2024</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Todd Neale 12-3-2024</i>

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Corporation Name:	<i>New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch (2400)</i>
School Name:	<i>NAFC Virtual Academy (2408)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Travis Madison
Principal Name:	School is no longer open. Principal is no longer employed with us.
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mrs. Jenny Higbie
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>1</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>1</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>4</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>25%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	This one student exited to homeschool on 5/9/22. The student had been attending NAFC Virtual Academy which we opened during that school year. School 2408 was open for one year only as it was decided that our school district did not want to have a virtual program moving forward and voted to close it. The students knew that they were not going to have this opportunity any longer in our school district. Each student was told that they had to move back to the traditional school setting. Some students/parents were extremely upset. This student/parent chose to exit to homeschool prior to their online courses being completed with us.
Principal Signature:	<i>N/A</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Dr. T. Madison</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Jenny Higbie</i>



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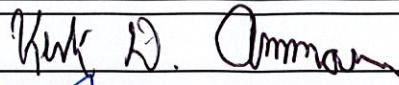
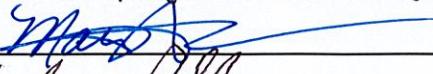
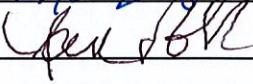
2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Linton-Stockton School Corporation (2950)</i>
School Name:	<i>Linton-Stockton High School (2437)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Tim Grove</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Michael Riggelman</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Eric Wilson</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>14</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>9</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>123</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>7.3%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	I submit this response to explain why 14 students in the 23-24 cohort are categorized as Exited to Homeschool. Linton-Stockton MS/HS School does not recommend or encourage homeschooling and parents are required to meet with the building principal to discuss alternatives. We do everything possible to retain students and support them in earning a diploma. Despite these efforts, families made decisions based on unique circumstances: 1 student faced pregnancy and substance abuse issues, 1 faced transportation issues (lived outside our district), 1 helped work in the family business, 2 struggled with attendance/grades, 3 lacked motivation for traditional learning, 3 cited mental health concerns, and 3 left for full-time jobs due to poverty. Although we objected, these families believed homeschooling was best. We remain committed to supporting all students and ensuring every opportunity for success.
Principal Signature:	<i>Michael Riggelman</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Tim Grove</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Eric Wilson</i>



2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>New Castle Community School Corp (3445)</i>
School Name:	<i>New Castle High School (2825)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Matthew Shoemaker
Principal Name:	Mr. Kirk Amman
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mrs. Nannett Polk
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	34
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	28
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	248
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	11.3%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	In summary, there are 15 students with discrepancies we have more credits received than shown on the report sent. There are some that are doubled what is shown on the DOE report sent to our school. There were several students doing online courses for credit recovery that may not have been reported correctly through DEX. Some are a result of the virtual education in 2020 and they got behind on credits. There were 3 students that were corrected because of the unknown status on the cohort, the withdraw dates are incorrect because these corrections. They were non-public, but chose to receive services while home schooling. When those services stopped they withdrew them and that created an unknown status. This was corrected based on the directions we are given to correct an unknown cohort status. The dates on the report are the correction date not the original home school transfer date.

Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Huntington Co Com Sch Corp (3625)</i>
School Name:	<i>Huntington North High School (3065)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>John Trout</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Patrick McLaughlin</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Matt Roth</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>32</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>30</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>371</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>8.1%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>Since taking over as building principal in the fall of 2022 we have worked hard to reduce the number of students who have been exited to homeschool. If you look at our percentage of students who have been exited to homeschool since 2022, you will see a decrease each year in the number of students who were exited to homeschool.</p> <p>It is now our practice not to withdraw any students to homeschool unless they are planning to enroll in an online institution that provides instruction.</p> <p>Our goal moving forward is to continue to work toward all of our students who enter Huntington North, graduating from Huntington North High School unless they move out of our district and transfer to another school district.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Medora Community School Corp (3640)</i>
School Name:	<i>Medora Jr & Sr High School (3093)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Roger Bane
Principal Name:	Kara Hunt
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Joe Campbell
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	9
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	4
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	23
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	17.4%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Since COVID, the amount of parents/guardians who are choosing to withdraw students to homeschool in our school district has increased significantly. Unfortunately, parents/guardians are pulling students to homeschool for the wrong reasons. Per IC 20-33-2-25, our district follows the policies for our county. Additionally, parents/guardians receive a phone call each time their student has an unexcused absence. Parents/guardians also receive a letter upon their student's third, fifth and seventh unexcused absence. Upon a student receiving their tenth unexcused absence, a certified letter is sent home to parents stating that an affidavit regarding repeated truancy of a minor will be sent to the county prosecutor's office upon another unexcused absence. Once they receive this letter, parents/guardians choose to withdraw their student as opposed to ensuring their attendance. Since there is no accountability system for homeschooled students in Indiana, the majority of parents choose this option.
Principal Signature:	<i>Kara Hunt</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Roger Bane</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Joe E. Campbell</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	Rensselaer Central School Corp (3815)
School Name:	Rensselaer Central High School (3201)
Superintendent Name:	Mr. Curt Craig
Principal Name:	Mr. Andrew J. Jones
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mr. Gary Braasch
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	11
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	9
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	116
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	7.8%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Many of the students who withdrew from Rensselaer Central High School shared similar characteristics. Many of them struggled academically throughout elementary and middle school. Their academic struggles came to a tipping point once they started high school. Their academic struggles became behavioral struggles and attendance issues. The majority of them began their high school career following the COVID shutdown and they struggled or resisted transitioning back with the mandates we had in place. Many of the students reported they were transferring to online programs but the transfer paperwork was never received. Some of them reported they were moving out of state or country and we never received the transfer paperwork. The RCHS Administration and/or Guidance Counselors met with students and parents before withdrawing.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Jennings County School Corporation (4015)</i>
School Name:	<i>Jennings County High School (3345)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Nicole Johnson</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Dustin Roller</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Amy Pettit</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>39</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>27</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>304</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>8.9%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Please See Attachment
Principal Signature:	<i>Dustin Roller</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Nicole Johnson</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Amy Pettit</i>

Jennings County High School: Addressing Excessive Homeschool Exits

Jennings County High School has demonstrated due diligence and good cause regarding the 27 students who exited to homeschool. This was achieved by adhering to the Jennings County School Corporation (JCSC) attendance protocols, implementing COVID-19 policies, and offering alternative education solutions.

- **Attendance Agreements:** 78% of these students had previously been placed on attendance agreements and engaged with the JCSC attendance protocols. Despite the school's efforts, these students ultimately chose to transition to homeschool.
- **COVID-19 Challenges:** 42% of the students faced significant challenges due to extended absences during COVID-19 quarantines. Parents and guardians determined that homeschooling would provide more consistency for their children, mitigating the risk of further disruptions from potential quarantines.
- **Alternative Education Solutions:** 56% of the students were transitioned to alternative education pathways in efforts to keep them enrolled and on track for graduation. The school collaborated closely with counselors, teachers, administrators, and families to provide tailored support within its capacity.
- **Social Anxiety:** 37% of the students cited social anxiety related to being in the school building as a reason for their exit. To address this, the school offered a single-classroom alternative setting. However, these students and their parents or guardians opted for homeschooling instead.

Jennings County High School and the Jennings County School Corporation remain committed to ensuring that students stay on track to graduate. The school continues to offer a **MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports)** team within the alternative education department to intervene earlier and prevent students from falling through the cracks.

The school provides a comprehensive range of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 interventions to meet the diverse needs of its students. Efforts to maintain an engaging curriculum and offer opportunities for students to learn real-world skills have yielded positive results, with **90%** of students finishing last school year on track to graduate.

While the school recognizes and respects the decisions made by families, it is continuously striving to improve its services and create an environment where homeschooling is not viewed as the more viable option.



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Edinburgh Community School Corp (4215)</i>
School Name:	<i>Edinburgh Community High School (3447)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Jim Halik
Principal Name:	Mr. Kevin Rockey
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mr. Daniel Teter
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>14</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>11</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>70</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>15.7%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	We have documentation for all students where parents removed them from school for various reasons. Three students moved in from other districts where they were behind on credits and had numerous disciplinary issues so parents removed them to try a different learning environment. Three students experienced the death of their primary guardians and were placed in other home environments where new guardians opted to home school rather than enroll in a new school corporation. Other students in the cohort were negatively affected by the COVID shut down and continuous quarantines that forced students to learn from home. This resulted in many parents opting to homeschool their children because these students preferred the convenience of learning from home. As a small school, we can account for each of our students and parent meetings were held to discuss other interventions and support we could provide. Ultimately, the state strongly promotes educational choice for all parents and this is an available option they choose.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Greenwood Community Sch Corp (4245)</i>
School Name:	<i>Greenwood Community High Sch (3473)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Terry Terhune
Principal Name:	Michael Gasaway
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Chris Zaborowsky
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	37
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	29
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	318
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	9.1%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	To justify categorizing these students as "exited to homeschool," we can demonstrate that their transition was based on valid, substantial reasons. These may include a unique educational need that could not be met within the traditional school system, such as specialized learning support or a curriculum that better suits their learning style. Additionally, personal or family circumstances—such as health issues, frequent relocation, or a desire for a more flexible schedule—may warrant homeschooling. The students may also have been impacted by social, emotional, or safety concerns within the school environment, making homeschooling a more suitable and supportive option. This decision aligns with the students' best interests, allowing them to thrive academically and personally. Documentation of these circumstances, as well as a solid homeschool plan, will confirm that the decision is in their best educational interest.
Principal Signature:	<i>Mike Gasaway</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Terry Terhune</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Chris Zaborowsky</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>North Knox School Corp (4315)</i>
School Name:	<i>North Knox Jr-Sr High School (3537)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Darrel Bobe
Principal Name:	Scott Sturgeon
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Elaine Pepmeier
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>21</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>16</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>114</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>14.0%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	<p><u>Anxiety</u> 5 students Parents decided to homeschool due to these students having social anxiety issues within school population/setting or large groups in public spaces.</p> <p><u>Discipline</u> 3 students Parents decided to homeschool due to the parents believing their students could not follow rules due to peer influence and the resulting choices their children were making. Parents believed their children would be better served attending homeschool.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> 2 students Parents could not get students to attend school regularly. Attendance more sporadic post COVID. The school administration tried diligently to work with the parents and students to attend but were unsuccessful. Parents chose to exit the student to homeschool.</p>

	<p><u>Moved Out of District</u></p> <p>1 student</p> <p>Student moved out of the district. Due to discipline record, receiving school would not enroll student. Parents chose to exit student to homeschool.</p> <p><u>IDOE Data Reporting/Receiving Errors (Students Earned Credits and On Track)</u></p> <p>5 students total</p> <p>4 students (Out of State Transfers)</p> <p>On track</p> <p>Students were out of state transfers that enrolled with previous credits earned. Students had ample credits to be classified as “on track” per IDOE guidelines. However, due to a data reporting irregularity, each student’s transfer credits were not accounted for and validated in IDOE Data Exchange. Thus, students were classified in error on the excessive homeschool exit notification as not being “on track” for graduation at the time of exit.</p> <p>1 student</p> <p>On track - Incorrect Exit Date</p> <p>Student exit date is incorrect on excessive homeschool exit notification. Student was previously incorrectly coded with “unknown” exit status instead of “removed by parents”. NK contacted the IDOE for resolution. IDOE instructed the school to perform a 1 day enrollment and exit which altered the original exit date. This resulted in the student being incorrectly classified as not “on track”.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Vincennes Community School Corp (4335)</i>
School Name:	<i>Washington Learning Academy (4319)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Greg Parsley</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Jared Blue</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Aaron Bauer</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>30</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>28</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>56</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>50.0%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Washington Learning Academy serves the most at-risk students in the Vincennes Community. Students are often credit deficient, ATE, parents, full-time workers, etc. Washington Learning Academy offers many services to the at-risk students that include, but not limited to, therapy through the Willows, work based community partners, internships, and many more. Students and parents sometimes chose to pursue to homeschooling as the parents deems it is in their student's best interest. All parents fill out the IDOE form
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>La Porte Community School Corp (4945)</i>
School Name:	<i>LaPorte High School (4741)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Dr. Sandra Wood</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Scott Upp</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Ryan Seaburg</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>30</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>26</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>440</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>5.9%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p><i>When a student and parent come to our school to withdraw we follow the procedures listed below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Ask the reason why the withdrawal request is being made.</i><i>2. Is there anything that we can do to help keep your student enrolled in school?</i><i>3. What are the plans for the student's education if the student is not enrolled at LPHS?</i><i>4. On the IDOE student exit form it states that the parent is responsible for the continuing education of the student. We reiterate that the parent understands that as the parent it is their responsibility to ensure the education of your child? IC 20-33-2-27 & 28</i><i>5. The parent then signs the home school form or works with us to keep them enrolled at LPHS. On page 74 in the Parents Bill of Rights: A parent may withdraw their student from school at any time for the purpose of transferring that student to another public school, private school, or homeschool.</i>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Michigan City Area Schools (4925)</i>
School Name:	<i>Michigan City High School (4795)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Dr. Wendell McCollum</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Kyle Dean</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Marty Corley</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	51
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	47
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	434
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	10.8%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	<i>Parents requested homeschool.</i>
Principal Signature:	<i>Kyle Dean</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>North Lawrence Com Schools (5075)</i>
School Name:	<i>Bedford-North Lawrence High School (4911)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Kevin Yancey</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Matthew Canada</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Wendy Miller</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>58</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>46</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>378</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>12.2%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>Upon review of the student profiles shared by the IDOE, Bedford North Lawrence High School requests for these students to be categorized as 'exited to homeschool'. Their exit was after the choice of the guardian to homeschool, and many attempts by BNL to support the students academic progress.</p> <p>Specifically for this cohort, many of the students were exited during the COVID year as freshman in 2020-2021 or as sophomores in 2021-2022, after failed attempts in our virtual learning platform and parents choosing homeschool instead of in-person learning.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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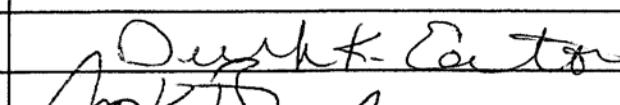
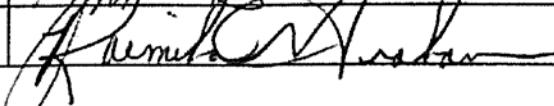
Corporation Name:	<i>Anderson Community School Corp (5275)</i>
School Name:	<i>Anderson High School (4945)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Dr. Joseph Cronk</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Alan Landes</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Dr. Patrick Hill</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>42</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>38</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>429</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>8.9%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	<p>The parents and guardians of these students withdrew them from Anderson High School because they believed a homeschool environment was the best educational setting for their child.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>MSD Wayne Township (5375)</i>
School Name:	<i>Achieve Virtual Education Academy (5288)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Jeff Butts
Principal Name:	Mr. Derek Eaton
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mrs. Raimeka Graham
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>24</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>18</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>282</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>6.4%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	We are an alternative school that serves a diverse range of students, many of whom have unique needs that are best supported by the flexibility our online platform offers. For families transitioning from other schools, we often become their last resort to remain enrolled in public education, with the goal of earning a high school diploma. Unfortunately, some families choose to withdraw and return to homeschooling when their students fall behind in our classes, especially after our truancy protocols are implemented, or when they feel that our school is no longer meeting their needs and they begin to become disengaged.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Monroe County Community Sch Corp (5740)</i>
School Name:	<i>Bloomington High School North (6168)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Dr. Markay Winston</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Matthew Stark</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>April Hennessey</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>38</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>28</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>440</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>6.4%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	<p>According to our records and student transcripts we have 6 students that meet the credit requirement at the time of withdraw to homeschool as on track. We can provide documentation on this.</p> <p>Additionally, I have concerns that 5 students were accepted on transfer to BHHSN already with credit deficiency and then again left. We admitted them from outside our school boundaries to help them get back on track. This feels like a penalty to our school for taking a chance on students that have not been successful in other places.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Monroe County Community Sch Corp (5740)</i>
School Name:	<i>Bloomington Graduation School (6220)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Markay Winston
Principal Name:	Lucas Calhoun
Board President (or Similar) Name:	April Hennessy
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	19
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	18
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	57
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	31.6%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Bloomington Graduation School (BGS), part of the Monroe County Community School Corporation, is an alternative high school focused on supporting at-risk students, including those falling behind academically or socially, and not on track to graduate. Graduation remains our core priority, and we proactively intervene to re-engage students before families consider homeschooling. Key interventions include: flexible schedule options, weekly staff time dedicated to at-risk students, individualized 1-on-1 check-ins to address needs, on-site therapeutic support offerings, connections to community supports, school staff home visits, and family conferences focused on problem-solving. Despite these efforts, 19 students' families ultimately opted for homeschooling, citing personal reasons. BGS remains committed to its mission of helping all students succeed and earn a diploma.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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Corporation Name:	<i>South Montgomery Com Sch Corp (5845)</i>
School Name:	<i>Southmont Sr High School (6257)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Stephanie Hofer
Principal Name:	Mrs. Ashley Hammond
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mr. Daryl Hudson
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>11</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>9</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>132</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>6.8%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>Our records indicate that the students in question had all necessary paperwork on file, and our administration engaged in thorough conversations with parents/guardians to confirm the intent to pursue homeschooling. Of these students, only 3 were identified by the school as not being on track to graduate from high school at the time of their withdrawal based on student transcripts. Therefore, the data does not accurately reflect the students' progress or graduation status.</p> <p>The Director of Accountability shared that we cannot replace any data that was certified by the previous school leadership (and was erroneously reported) with new data that is considered uncertified. We recognize this reporting inaccuracy and are actively working to correct the data and prevent errors in the future by formalizing data reporting procedures. These measures will provide consistency and accuracy in how information is collected, verified, and submitted.</p>
Principal Signature:	<i>Ashley Hammond</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Stephanie Hofer</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Daryl Hudson</i>

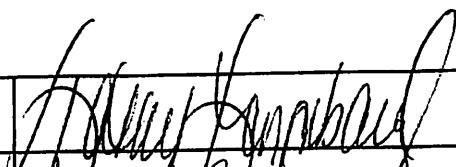


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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>East Noble School Corporation (6060)</i>
School Name:	<i>East Noble High School (6458)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Teresa Gremaux
Principal Name:	Kathryn Longenbaugh
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Dave Pine
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	29
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	26
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	256
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	10.2%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed) :	ENHS's goal is to prepare all students to be college, career, and life ready upon graduation. Some students and their parents choose not to finish that pathway in the traditional public school setting. They choose homeschooling over public education for many reasons. A parent may initiate a student's exit from a high school to attend homeschool and the decision to homeschool a child is left up to the parent. The school may not require the parent to register, provide proof of curriculum, or otherwise impede the decision to withdraw to homeschool. Some parents do withdraw to homeschool because of personal preference of curriculum or the assumption that home schooling is more flexible than public high school. This train of thought specifically pertains to those students who are not on track to graduate. They believe that a homeschool program is more convenient and puts less pressure on the student and that the student will see more success in this educational setting.

Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	

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Corporation Name:	<i>Paoli Community School Corp (6155)</i>
School Name:	<i>Paoli Jr & Sr High School (6581)</i>
Superintendent Name:	<i>Greg Walker</i>
Principal Name:	<i>Ed Wagner</i>
Board President (or Similar) Name:	<i>Lila Tucker</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	7
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	7
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	120
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	5.8%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>Paoli Jr. & Sr. High School's 2024 cohort had seven students who withdrew due to parental concerns about individual needs and school engagement. Some withdrawals were influenced by academic struggles along with attendance issues, with parents worried about potential consequences like truancy enforcement.</p> <p>Before finalizing, administration as well as guidance counselors met with each family to discuss academic standing and homeschooling implications. Parents ultimately decided to withdraw their children and assumed full responsibility for their education, with signed documentation obtained. The school followed all state guidelines and ensured transparency throughout the process.</p>
Principal Signature:	<i>Ed Wagner</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Greg Walker</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Lila Tucker</i>



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Corporation Name:	<i>Springs Valley Com School Corp (6160)</i>
School Name:	<i>Springs Valley Comm High School (6589)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Trevor Apple
Principal Name:	Troy Pritchett
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Chris Burton
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	9
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	8
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	64
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	12.5%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	These students and their parent(s) were counseled by the administration on the merits of completing a high school diploma. In each case, the parents and students chose for the students to exit to homeschool to complete their education feeling it was the best option for their family. They were given options of other ways to achieve a high school diploma besides attending a traditional high school.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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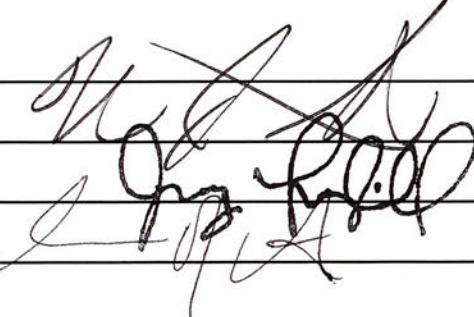
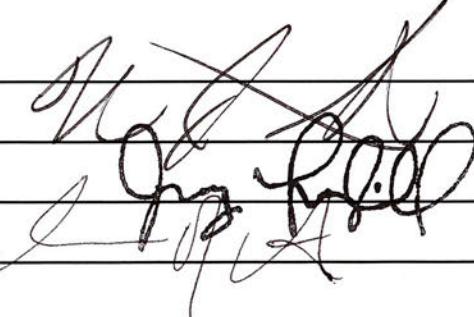
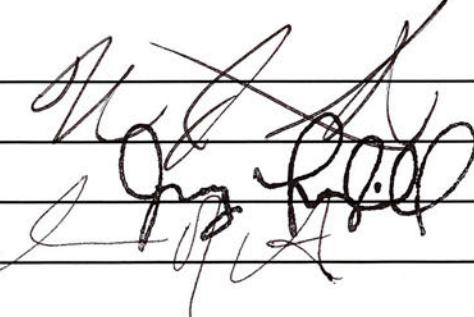
Corporation Name:	<i>North Central Parke Comm Schl Corp (6375)</i>
School Name:	<i>Parke Heritage High School (6654)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Michael Schimpf
Principal Name:	Bruce Patton
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Scott Ramsay
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	9
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	7
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	107
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	6.5%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] parents chose to withdraw to homeschool due to attendance issues due to emotional and mental health issues.Students [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] parents chose to withdraw to homeschool to prevent expulsionStudents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] withdrew to homeschool because they needed a non-traditional setting. The parents could not get their students to school, and they needed a flexible schedule to work.Student [REDACTED] parent moved to the [REDACTED] School district and were going to homeschool.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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Corporation Name:	<i>Career Academy High School (9880)</i>
School Name:	<i>Career Academy High School (7567)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Jeremy Lugbill
Principal Name:	Nicholas Garstka
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Larry Garatoni
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>16</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>16</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>92</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>17.4%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	<p>Career Academy High School has an established partnership with a homeschool network. We had a homeschool student that was coded wrong in PowerSchool and ended up being put on the cohort. This accounted for 1 student in this cohort.</p> <p>Career Academy High School had 3 students that elected to be homeschooled due to pregnancies.</p> <p>The remaining Career Academy High School students elected to move to homeschool due to either medical concerns due to Covid, other medical reasons, or due to changes in family structure and/or needs.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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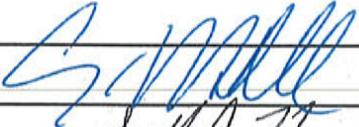
Corporation Name:	<i>Oregon-Davis School Corp (7495)</i>
School Name:	<i>Oregon-Davis Jr-Sr High School (7831)</i>
Superintendent Name:	William Bennett
Principal Name:	Emily White
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Corey Benjamin Lady
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	5
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	5
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	41
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	12.2%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<u>1026 characters allowed</u>):	Our school possesses all proper paperwork, with parent signatures, to properly place them in the homeschool setting. Paperwork can be produced, upon request.
Principal Signature:	<i>Emily White</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Will Scott</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Corey Lady</i>



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Corporation Name:	Tippecanoe School Corp (7865)
School Name:	William Henry Harrison High School (8029)
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Scott Hanback
Principal Name:	Mr. Cory Marshall
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Mr. Joshua Loggins
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	42
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	35
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	567
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	6.2%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Following multiple interventions and meetings regarding academic progress, parents are exercising their right to school choice. We have experienced an increase in educational choice in recent years following the development and promotion of school choice. An increase in homeschooled students is likely an unintended consequence of legislative efforts that will likely continue. Schools should not be held accountable for parents exercising their right of educational choice.
Principal Signature:	 11.21.2024
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	 11/22/2024



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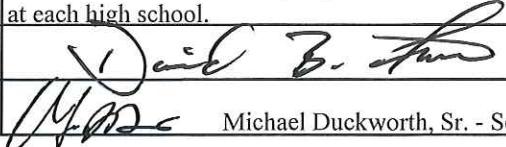
Corporation Name:	<i>Lafayette School Corporation (7855)</i>
School Name:	<i>Jefferson High School (8069)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Les Huddle
Principal Name:	Mark Preston
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Robert Stwalley
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	50
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	47
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	545
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	8.6%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	When a parent approaches the school about a potential exit to homeschool, the student and parent first meet with a guidance counselor to discuss all alternative options to withdraw. The next step involves an administrator and/or Director of Attendance who reviews all of the same options shared during the meeting with the counselor. In the end, it is a parent's right to withdraw their child to homeschool, as referenced on the Indiana Department of Education web site.
Principal Signature:	<i>Mark Preston</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Les L. Huddle</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Robert M. Stwalley III</i>



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Principal Signature:	N/A - Harwood Career Prep separated out into Harwood Centers at each high school.
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	 Michael Duckworth, Sr. - Secretary



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>West Washington School Corp (8220)</i>
School Name:	<i>West Washington Jr-Sr High School (8869)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Keith A. Nance
Principal Name:	Angela Girgis
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Salvatore Sama
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	11
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	9
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	77
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	11.7%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (<i>1026 characters allowed</i>):	<p>All students within the list were met with and guidance was given to parents and students. Many of them were motivated to leave the school due to poor attendance and the school's efforts to enforce attendance policies.</p> <p>Through the meetings, the school worked to keep the students within the corporation. The last thing we want is for students to leave to homeschool or leave at all. We understand that the school setting is best for students and we do not wish to lose the revenue through the Basic Grant.</p> <p>It was the parent and child that elected homeschool from the list for withdrawal provided. We counseled them on the need for a high school diploma and when applicable GED or Adult Education programing. We even presented alternative educational settings with Indiana Public Virtual Schools.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Western Wayne Schools (8355)</i>
School Name:	<i>Lincoln Middle/ High School (8961)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Andy Stover
Principal Name:	Renee Lakes
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Alan Austin
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	<i>11</i>
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	<i>9</i>
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	<i>73</i>
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	<i>12.3%</i>
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Several students faced attendance and academic challenges, leading their families to withdraw them for homeschooling. In some cases, parents expressed frustration with their inability to ensure attendance or academic progress. Others withdrew their children due to personal circumstances, such as alternative living arrangements, becoming a parent, or transitioning to alternative education. Some students were moved to alternative schools to help them earn credits, but they refused to attend. Additionally, certain students experienced legal issues, family changes, or lacked motivation, resulting in withdrawal. One student transferred to Indiana Gateway, but their cohort status remains unclear. (Further Explanation Attached)
Principal Signature:	<i>Renee Lakes</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>A. Stover</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Alan Austin</i>

STN	FourYearExitDate	TotalCredits	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11	She was in attendance trouble and refused to come to school. When we tried to enforce disciplinary action her parent withdrew her to homeschool. We did not get any record request for her. She was sophomore at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6	He moved in with his mom in [REDACTED] and she withdrew him to homeschool. He was a sophomore at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9	He was failing all classes due to his attendance. He would not come to school. We met with parents, sent the resource officer to his home many, many days to get him to school and it did not get better. We moved him to our alternative school to attempt to help him get credits and on track to graduate and he refused to come. His mom stated that she was tired of fighting with him so she withdrew him to homeschool. He was a junior at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	19	He had a history of refusing to complete work in any setting. His attendance was not good and we moved him to alternative school to attempt to get him credits and on track to graduate. His grandmother stated that she could not make him come to school and she was tired of us calling her to tell her he was not in school or failing so she withdrew him to homeschool. He was a senior at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10	Her mother had just gotten out of prison and she convinced her that she could not do well in school so she withdrew her to homeschool. I believe it was out of guilt. She was a sophomore at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9	He changed custody to live with his mother in Richmond. He was not enrolled in school and we began to put pressure on his mom to get him enrolled. She withdrew him to homeschool. He was a junior at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10	She had a baby and her mother didn't think she could finish traditional school so she withdrew her to homeschool. She was a junior at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1	She had been back and forth between Lincoln and [REDACTED] throughout high school. When she returned during the 23-24 school year it was mid semester so we enrolled her in alternative school so she could at least earn some credits. She did not want to come so her mom withdrew her to homeschool. She was a senior at the time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	23	He withdrew to go to [REDACTED] and we got a record request from them. I am not sure why he is still on the cohort. He was a junior at that time.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10	He was unsuccessful in traditional school. He attended every day but was not successful. His parents decided to withdraw him to homeschool and he eventually earned his HSE. He was a junior at that time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

18

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He was in and out of trouble both at and with the law. He also became a father and was working full time. He was not coming to school so his mother withdrew him. He was a junior at that time.



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Corporation Name:	<i>Richmond Community Schools (8385)</i>
School Name:	<i>Richmond High School (8993)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Curtis Wright
Principal Name:	Rae Ferriell Woolpy
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Kristen Brunton
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	49
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	44
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	368
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	12.0%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>Richmond High School offers 3 Alternative Programs to students who struggle. Attendance procedures include steps including contacts from teachers, counselors, admin, and truancy officer who visits homes. AIM (attendance Intervention Meetings) held with parent/counselor/admin/probation are held at step 4. RHS Teachers have a 4 step communication process to follow with all of their students who are not attending or not passing classes – includes parent contacts & parent meetings.</p> <p>Semester Grade level meetings (counselor/admin) with students/parents for those not-on-track to graduate with credits.</p> <p>Data on 45 students: 23 Habitual Truants; 22 were enrolled in Alternative Programs after not successful in traditional 7 period day; 11 Special Ed students with TOR. 26 were enrolled at RHS for one year or less.</p> <p>RHS/RCS continues to meet with local juvenile justice system in Wayne County to address attendance and the accountability of parents on ensuring their students attend school.</p>
Principal Signature:	<i>Rae Ferriell Woolpy</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>CW</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>KB</i>

To: Dr. Curtis Wright, Superintendent
Kristen Brunton, RCS School Board President
From: Rae Ferriell-Woolpy, Principal Richmond High School
Date: November 22, 2024
RE: Richmond High School DOE Excessive Homeschool Audit 2024

The DOE requires the Superintendent, School Board President, and principal to sign and submit by December 2, 2024, the attached 2024 Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form.

Of note: the number of RHS students withdrawing to Homeschool the past 3 years has declined:

- 2022 = 73 Homeschool
- 2023 = 58 Homeschool
- 2024 = 49 Homeschool

Data below on the **49 students** who withdrew to Homeschool from the Class of 2024. At their time of withdrawal, 44 of the students were not on track to graduate with credits earned, therefore, an audit is requested by the DOE:

- 23 students were Habitual Truants and/or had attendance issues of not attending school/classes.
- 817 total contacts were made by teachers, counselors, admin, Attendance Liaison, CIS, TOR, with the average number of parent/student communication being 18.5 per student
- 22 students were enrolled in at one of our **Alternative Programs** after not being successful in the general academic program offered during the 7 period day.
- 11 students were **Special Education** students receiving extra help from TOR.
- Enrollment length of students who withdrew to Homeschool:
 - 9 students = enrolled for 3 months or less
 - 17 students = enrolled for only 1 year
 - 15 students = enrolled for 2 years
 - 7 students = enrolled for 3 years
 - 1 student enrolled for 4 years (had 23 credits)



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Options Charter Schools (9325)</i>
School Name:	<i>Options Indiana (9329)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Dr. Mike Gustin
Principal Name:	Jessica Sunderman
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Travis Carmean
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	17
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	16
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	262
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	6.1%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	The mission of Options Schools and, Options Indiana (OI), is to provide a caring community, quality education, and guidance to those students who see an alternative to traditional schooling. OI serves students who struggle in traditional school and often enroll with a deficit in earned credits, they are already "not on track to graduate." OI often represents an experiment for families exploring whether alternative education will serve their students where traditional settings did not. Some families decide to exercise their right to homeschool as they continue to search for a successful environment. Given those realities, the number of students who exited to homeschool while not on track to graduate, 16, is relatively low. If only 13 students had exited, OI wouldn't have been identified. Moreover, only 7 of 16 students identified attended OI for more than 162 days. The 162-day threshold matters because DOE only counts those students enrolled in school for at least 162 days for accountability purposes. Penalizing OI for students who exited and spent less than 162 days enrolled would represent an inconsistent practice and send mixed messages. If the DOE does not hold a school accountable for students enrolled less than 162 days in performance metrics, neither should it hold a school accountable for a student enrolled less than 162 days who exits to homeschool. For these reasons, OI submits it has provided good cause to justify why these students should be categorized as exited to homeschool.
Principal Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i> Travis Carmean (Nov 21, 2024 14:30 EST)

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Corporation Name:	<i>Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy (9000)</i>
School Name:	<i>Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy (9992)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Erin Simpson
Principal Name:	Dr. Tora Townsend
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Jim Phalen
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	8
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	7
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	45
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	15.6%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	<p>**Prior Experience with Non-Traditional Learning:** Many families choose our virtual school because a traditional brick-and-mortar school environment was not meeting their scholar's academic, social, or emotional needs. These scholars are already accustomed to learning in a flexible, independent, and non-traditional setting. As a result, transitioning from a virtual school to a homeschooling environment is often a natural progression for families. It is a less drastic shift compared to transitioning from a public building-based school to homeschooling, as scholars and parents are already familiar with remote learning tools, self-paced learning, and direct parental involvement. Our primary goal is to support each scholar in their educational journey, even when that path leads outside of our virtual school. We believe categorizing these scholars as exited to homeschool accurately reflects their continued commitment to learning under the guidance of their families.</p>
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)</i>
School Name:	<i>Clinton Christian School (A875)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Michele Vigil
Principal Name:	Gail Schrock
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Dave Ramer
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	2
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	2
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	13
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	15.4%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	At the time of withdrawal student #1 and parents expressed that he wanted the flexibility to complete high school in three or fewer years in order to begin working in the family excavating business and have flexibility to travel with the family on mission trips. He received his HS diploma from an online high school in 2022. All documentation is available at your request. At the time of withdrawal student #2 and parents expressed that they wanted to go back to homeschool in order to build the family unit after experiencing the loss of their paternal grandfather. They also expressed the desire to focus on pre-med high school coursework to be prepared to enter college to pursue a medical degree. She completed the high school requirements and began classes at a private college in August of 2024. All documentation is available at your request.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)</i>
School Name:	<i>Kinwell Academy Inc (B118)</i>
Superintendent Name:	N/A
Principal Name:	Roger Younce
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Ryan Jones
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	1
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	1
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	10
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	10.0%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as “exited to homeschool” (1026 characters allowed):	Student got pregnant before her senior year started. She moved to a different town with her boyfriend and became a stay at home mother.
Principal Signature:	<i>Roger Younce</i>
Superintendent Signature:	N/A
Board President Signature:	<i>Ryan Jones</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)</i>
School Name:	<i>Lakeland Christian Academy (B595)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Joe Elrod
Principal Name:	Rebecca Monsma
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Nate Bosch
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	4
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	4
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	27
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	14.8%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	All four students earned more credits than were certified with the state. Three students earned credits prior to enrollment at our school including credits earned through homeschool or an out of state school. We review transcripts of incoming students to accept credits which meet state requirements. We added the approved credits to our transcript, but they were not included in annual certified credits earned since they occurred prior to enrollment at our school. Additionally, credits earned during the year of withdrawal were not included in the certified numbers. As withdrawn students, the credits did not report with the data certified at the end of the school year. After careful review of the four transcripts, we found each student exceeded the requirements for being on track for graduation when they exited to homeschool. They all withdrew in good standing academically and we were prepared for them to continue working towards their diploma had they remained enrolled through graduation.
Principal Signature:	<i>Rebecca Monsma</i>
Superintendent Signature:	<i>Joe Elrod</i>
Board President Signature:	<i>Nate Bosch</i>



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2024 Cohort Excessive Homeschool Exit Explanation Form

Corporation Name:	<i>Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)</i>
School Name:	<i>Indiana Christian Academy (C175)</i>
Superintendent Name:	Kevin Plew
Principal Name:	Kevin Plew
Board President (or Similar) Name:	Daniel Stevens
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	2
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	2
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	9
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	22.2%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	Previously homeschooled with siblings. Entered school but returned to homeschool on 9/1/23 due to difficulty adjusting. ↳ Faced discipline and academic issues; parent opted for homeschooling to provide focused support.
Principal Signature:	
Superintendent Signature:	
Board President Signature:	



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Corporation Name:	<i>Independent Non-Public Schools (-999)</i>
School Name:	<i>Tabernacle Christian School (C940)</i>
Superintendent Name:	N/A
Principal Name:	Kenny Roll
Board President (or Similar) Name:	David Zempel
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort:	3
Number of Students Exited to Homeschool in 2024 Cohort not on track to graduate:	3
Total number of students who were ever in the 2024 cohort over the term of the respective cohort & were not moved to another school's cohort:	30
Percentage of students exited to Homeschool not on-track to graduate:	10.0%
Demonstration of good cause that justifies why these students should be categorized as "exited to homeschool" (1026 characters allowed):	We have "Withdrawal to Non-Accredited Nonpublic School Located in Indiana" forms signed and dated by all three parents of these students. These forms indicate that the parents withdrew their students in order to homeschool them.
Principal Signature:	<i>K. Roll</i>
Superintendent Signature:	N/A
Board President Signature:	<i>David Zempel</i>