

INDIANA CORE40

Effective beginning with students who enter high school in 2019-20 school year (Class of 2023).

Course and Credit Requirements

English/ Language Arts	8 credits
	Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
Mathematics	6 credits (in grades 9-12)
	2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II or Analytical Algebra II <i>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school.</i>
Science	6 credits
	2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course
Social Studies	6 credits
	2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World
Directed Electives	5 credits
	World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
Physical Education	2 credits
Health and Wellness	1 credit
Electives*	10 credits Required by Cowan: 1 credit: Technical Communication
44 Total Cowan Credits Required	

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students

Specifies the number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many more electives during the high school years. All students are strongly encouraged to complete a College and Career Pathway (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career and college exploration and preparation opportunities.

CORE40 with Academic Honors

(minimum 47 credits)

For the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits (6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages).
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a "B" or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
 - B. Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
 - C. Earn two of the following:
 1. A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed college credits from the approved dual credit list,
 2. 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams,
 3. 2 credits in IB standard level courses and corresponding IB exams.
 - D. Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 560 on math and 590 on the evidence based reading and writing section
 - E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section
 - F. Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams.

CORE40 with Technical Honors

(minimum 47 credits)

For the Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
 1. State approved, industry recognized certification or credential, or
 2. Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcribed college credits
- Earn a grade of "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a "B" or better.
- Complete one of the following.
 - A. Any one of the options (A - F) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - B. Earn the following scores or higher on WorkKeys: Workplace Documents – Level 6, Applied Mathematics – Level 6, and Graphic Literacy - Level 5.
 - C. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
 - D. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass: Algebra 66 , Writing 70, Reading 80.

Graduation Pathways Requirements

Box 1

High School Diploma - Meet credit requirements

Box 2

Employability Skills:

Learn employability skills standards through locally developed programs. Employability skills are demonstrated by one the following:

- **Project-Based Learning Experience:** Ex: MACC programs;
- **Service-Based Learning Experience:** Ex: sports, student council, key club, NHS, TRIBE, Drama Club, Spanish Club, Bowling, Band, Choir, Community Service (75-100hrs), etc
- **Work-Based Learning Experience:** Job Employment and Employer verification form

*Students must complete the Cowan Employability Skills Verification Form upon completion of Employability Skills.

Box 3

Postsecondary-Ready Competencies (After High School Readiness)

Students must complete at least one of the following.

- **Honors Diploma:** Fulfill all requirements of either the Academic or Technical Honors diploma;
- **ACT:** College-ready benchmarks: English 18, Reading 22, Math 22, Science 23;
- **SAT:** College-ready benchmarks: ERW 480 & Math 530;
- **ASVAB:** Earn at least a minimum AFQT score to qualify for placement into one of the branches of the US military: AFQT score 31;
- **State- and Industry-recognized Credential or Certification;**
- **State-, Federal-, or Industry-recognized Apprenticeship;**
- **Career-Technical Education Concentrator:** Must earn a C average or higher in at least 2 high school advanced CTE courses in a career sequence;
- **AP//Dual Credit:** Must earn a C average or higher in at least three courses with one course being a core course