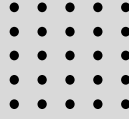


Indiana Diplomas for DMCHS

Class of 2029
and Beyond





**Let's pause and
pray together over
our students!**



Opt In will be available

This will be on a case by case basis

- Opt Ins are only available for students who are earning an Honors Seal for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 cohorts.
- An additional agreement will need to be signed to ensure all parties understand what is needed to complete an honors seal.



Looking Toward High School

New Pieces to your Educational Journey

You will now be working toward a Diploma AND an Honors Seal.

- earning a GPA (Grade Point Average)
- earning credits
- looking at different career exploration options
- Diploma Choices will decrease in fluidity as the student gets older so we're working to prepare them earlier with Prep for College & Careers moving to 8th grade.





One Base Diploma

Three Different Honors Seals to add!

Class of 2029 and Beyond



NEW BASE DIPLOMA (no seal)



Base Diploma - Requires 42 Credits

8 English Credits

2 English 9, 1 Speech, 1 Biblical Literature, 1 English 11, 1 English 12, and 2 ELA Electives.

7 Math Credits

2 Algebra 1, 1 Personal Finance, 2 Geometry, 1 Technical Math, and 1 Business Math

7 Science Credits

2 Biology, 1 Computer science, 2 Lab science credits, and 2 STEM credits.

5 Social Science

2 US History, 1 Government, 2 Geography and History of the World.

2 Health/PE

1 Health, and 1 PE

1 Preparing for College and Careers

12 General Credits

Must include 1 Ethics, 1 Church History, 1 Modern Worldviews, 2 Spanish, 2 Fine Arts, leaving 5 for flexibility



DEMOTTE CHRISTIAN HS

Base Diploma Breakdown

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MATH	2 CREDITS: ALGEBRA OR GEOMETRY	2 CREDITS: GEOMETRY OR BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL MATH	2 CREDITS: BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL MATH 1 CREDIT: PERSONAL FINANCE	
SCIENCE	2 CREDITS: BIOLOGY	2 CREDITS: ICP	1 CREDIT: STEM	1 CREDIT: STEM
COMPUTER SCIENCE & PREP FOR COLLEGE & CAREERS	1 CREDIT: COMP SCI 8TH OR 9TH GR. 1 CREDIT: PREP C & C 8TH OR 9TH GR			
SOCIAL SCIENCE	2 CREDITS: GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY OF THE WORLD	2 CREDITS: US HISTORY		1 CREDIT: GOVERNMENT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	1 CREDIT: PE 1 CREDIT: HEALTH			
FINE ARTS & WORLD LANGUAGE	2 CREDITS: FINE ARTS	2 CREDITS: SPANISH		
RELIGION	1 CREDIT: CHURCH HISTORY		1 CREDIT: ETHICS	1 CREDIT: MODERN WORLDVIEWS
ELECTIVES	FIT	IN	FIVE	MINIMUM

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Base Diploma FAQs



- Why the Change?
 - ◆ “Blurring the lines between HS and Post Secondary”
- When does it begin
 - ◆ Class of 2029 and beyond
 - ◆ Opt ins for class of 2026, 2027, and 2028
 - ◆ Diploma Choices will decrease in fluidity as the student gets older so we’re working to prepare them earlier with Prep for College & Careers moving to 8th grade.
- Honors Seals and this diploma replace General Diploma, Core 40, Academic Honors Diploma, and Graduation Pathways.

Choosing an Honors Seal



Choose your path

Students can choose between 3 seals, preparing for future careers or continuing education.

Enrollment, Employment, Enlistment

- The expectation is for every student to pursue a seal, satisfying all graduation requirements.
- All students start with Diploma then starting at end of freshman year can begin to decide. Decisions on which seal are expected by second semester sophomore year.
- Seals are expected of all students. Choosing just the base diploma will only be for specific situations.



KNIGHTS

**Honors
Seals**



Enrollment Honors Seal

- This will be the default option for all students who need more time to put post HS plans together *because* it's more difficult to jump into later.
- Our job is to prepare them for whatever the Lord has for them. So in the event they decide to pursue higher education-they're ready with this seal. Does NOT mean they have to go to college since they graduated with this seal. Same approach as decades of the Academic Honors diploma.



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Enrollment Seal Credits

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SCIENCE	2 CREDITS: BIOLOGY	2 CREDITS: ICP OR CHEMISTRY	2 CREDITS: CHEMISTRY OR PHYSICS OR ADVANCED LAB OR A & P OR FORENSICS	
COMPUTER SCIENCE & PREP FOR COLLEGE & CAREERS	1 CREDIT: COMP SCI 8TH OR 9TH GR. 1 CREDIT: PREP C & C 8TH OR 9TH GR			
SOCIAL SCIENCE	2 CREDITS: GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY OF THE WORLD	2 CREDITS: US HISTORY		1 CREDIT: GOVERNMENT 1 CREDIT: ECONOMICS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH	1 CREDIT: PE 1 CREDIT: HEALTH			
FINE ARTS & WORLD LANGUAGE	2 CREDITS: FINE ARTS	2 CREDITS: SPANISH	2 CREDITS: SPANISH II	
RELIGION	1 CREDIT: CHURCH HISTORY		1 CREDIT: ETHICS	1 CREDIT: MODERN WORLDVIEWS
ELECTIVES	FIT	IN	THREE	MINIMUM

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Enrollment Honors Seal Additional Requirements



- 1. Complete 4 credits in a World Language**
(2 yrs of Spanish).
- 2. Complete Additional Credits**
 - 6 credits in Social Studies (1 additional credit),
 - 8 Math Credits (1 additional year),
 - 6 Science credits (must include Biology and Chemistry)
- 3. Complete all courses with a C or higher and a cumulative 3.0 GPA.**
- 4. Complete one of the following:**
 - 6 college credits in Dual Credit Classes
 - ◆ Or a combination of college credits and AP credits plus taking the exam.
 - ◆ 1 course must be in English, Math, Science, or Social Studies.
 - Score a 1250 on SAT or 26 on ACT

Enrollment Honors Seal FAQs



Science Options

- Students who are confident they are choosing this seal and earn higher than a D in Biology can move straight to Chemistry for their sophomore year instead of Integrated Chemistry & Physics.
- This option means they can move to more advanced science as a junior.
- Students can take ICP sophomore year and then move into Chemistry their junior year.

Social Studies

- Government and US History will continue to be offered.
- US History Dual Credit will move to sophomore year and students will need to earn a passing score on Ivy Tech's Knowledge Assessment in order to qualify starting in May 2026.

World Languages

- It has to be four years of Spanish. It's our only in house World Language offering and the state is requiring 4 credits of the same language.

Employment Honors Seal

- This will be a choice for students going into junior year after they complete Geometry and ICP or Chemistry.
- Our job is to prepare them for whatever the Lord has for them. Choosing this seal does NOT mean they have to go to straight into the workforce post HS. However, it will impact admissions into college.





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Employment Honors Seal Additional Requirements



1. **3 courses (6 credits) in a CTE Pathway with a C average.**
 - These Pathways are what we began in full in '24-25
 - Business Administration (see handout)
 - Agri-Science: Animals (see handout)
2. **Complete 150 hours of work based learning.**
 - Career Exploration Internship
 - Cadet Teaching
 - Part time job
 - Can occur before, during or after school as well as during the summer.
3. **Demonstrate communication, collaboration, and work ethic skills through evaluation.** More info to be announced this fall.
4. **Complete one of the following:**
 - At least one full school year with no more than 3 days of unexcused absences OR
 - At least 150 hours of work based learning experience with no more than three unexcused absences.

Employment Honors Seal FAQs



- Work based learning can be paid or unpaid.
- Employment post HS is not guaranteed.
- Absence definitions can be found in our school handbook.
- Most public universities will not accept this seal for a 4 year traditional setting program.
- Several prerequisites for colleges are not required with this seal such as Algebra II, Economics, and a second year of World Languages.

Enlistment Honors Seal

- This will be a choice for students going into junior year after they complete Geometry and ICP or Chemistry.
- Our job is to prepare them for whatever the Lord has for them. Choosing this seal does NOT mean they have to go to straight military enlistment. However, an intent to enlist to use the ASVAB score *may* be continued as a state requirement. This essentially shows a significant level of interest- it is not a solid commitment to enlist.
- However, this seal is designed to be for students who are strongly interested and are willing to commit to this level of exploration in HS.





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ELECTIVES	FIT	IN	PUBLIC SERVICE & 5 MORE	MINIMUM

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Enlistment Honors Seal Additional Requirements



1. **Complete the Introduction to Public Service course. This will be online.**
2. **Complete the ASVAB and**
 - Earn a score of 31 or higher.
 - Provide evidence of utilization of their Career Exploration Program.
 - Complete the post-test interpretation with a trained facilitator.
3. **Demonstrate communication, collaboration, and work ethic skills through a mentorship experience with one of the following:**
 - an active duty member,
 - National Guard member,
 - Veteran,
 - Law Enforcement Officer,
 - Firefighter
 - or other defined public servant by IC 35-31.5-2-261.
 - Documentation requirements for this are TBD.
4. **Complete at least one school year with no more than 3 days being unexcused absences.**

Enlistment Honors Seal FAQs



- Our school collaborated with KVHS to send our students there in the fall to take the ASVAB. We no longer host this in house.
- This seal does not guarantee approved enlistment.
- Enrollment in this seal will require prior approval and a commitment form to complete this seal to the best of their ability due to online courses being part of the requirement.
- Absence definitions can be found in our school handbook.

Attendance Theme for $\frac{2}{3}$ Honors Seals

- Please make sure you're aware of the attendance requirement and do not wait to have a qualifying year until senior year.
- Understand our attendance policies and the expectations from parents.
- Keep your kids in school. If a vacation can wait until the actual break- that would be best.

Decisions to Make!

What is your child's current career plans? Ask! Explore!

Consider vacation, attendance issues in the past and how to improve them so graduation doesn't depend on it.

What seals is your teen interested in?

- Please weigh it against how close they are to their current diploma track if they are not a current eighth grader.
- Some students would be *adding* an unreasonable amount of credits if they switch to a seal as an upperclassman.
- Diploma Choices will decrease in fluidity as the student gets older which is why this conversation will be consistent in the Prep for College & Careers class.
- Class schedules need to be reflective of their diploma decision for next year.

Questions?

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