

Graduation Pathway Changes

Changing Graduation Requirements

- It is my opinion that the removal of World Geography as a requirement is necessary at this time. We currently require one additional social science for a diploma than the state of Indiana does for a Core 40 and Core 40 with Honors designation diplomas. By reducing the requirements, we are matching what the state requires (6 social science instead of 7).
- We value the content of the World Geography class and how it ties into other classes and equips students' understanding of our world and would like to offer that in the future as an elective instead when we're able to.
- Mr. Vrieland is maxed out on teaching openings and we believe that the other classes he teaches currently and will be asked to teach as a part of Career and Technical Education to help with creating a Business Concentrator for Graduation Pathways is critical.

A Birds Eye View of Graduation Pathways

Graduation Pathways

- Consist of 3 buckets and all are required to be met by graduation.
 - Bucket 1: Earn a Diploma
 - Bucket 2: Employability Skills
 - Learning Experience
 - Reflective Work Product
 - Bucket 3: Postsecondary Readiness Competencies
 - Academic Honors Diploma
 - ACT or SAT scores
 - ASVAB scores with an signed Intent to Enlist on file
 - Three total Dual Credit classes with C average
 - **NEW:** Concentrators in Agri-Science and Business
 - **NEW:** Locally Created Pathway: Journey Towards Employability

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are graduation requirements changing?

- The federal government along with our state government has reevaluated what a student should be able to show in order to graduate HS.
 - They've moved away from one size fits all for credits and standardized testing.
- We want to offer as many routes as possible for our students to graduate with a wealth of knowledge in preparation for serving God's kingdom as adults.
- We believe that not all students should go to college so offering two Concentrators and three total Pathways will equip us to better prepare *all* of our students.

- We share a goal to prepare students for post high school and to be employable not just “college ready”.
- Graduation Pathways has been a requirement we’ve been providing for 2 full years however it’s shifted and changed and so it’s time for us to do the same to provide all we can for students.

How do I know if I need to choose a Concentrator Pathway?

- You’ll be informed by the Guidance department asap after the following is reviewed:
- PSAT scores
 - PSAT from sophomore year has indicated you’re not ready to meet the minimum requirements for the SAT to use it as a Postsecondary Readiness Competency (bucket #3).
 - The SAT score minimum (college ready benchmark) to use it as a Postsecondary Readiness Competency is **EBW (English): 480** and **Math: 530**.
- Final Grades/GPA
 - Academic Honors Diploma is an option for the Postsecondary Readiness Competency (bucket #3).
 - If you’ve received more than two C- or lower final grades, then you do not meet one of the first qualifying criteria for an Academic Honors Diploma.
 - Academic Honors Diploma requires a B average across required classes. This would mean if your GPA is quite a bit below a 3.0, you’ll be on a Core 40 track, not an Academic Honors Diploma Track.
- Dual Credit Qualifications
 - You’ll need to qualify to take Dual Credit if you’re looking to use the Academic Honors Diploma or the Dual Credit classes to complete the Postsecondary Readiness Competency (bucket #3).
 - To use Dual Credit for a Postsecondary Readiness Competency (bucket #3), you need a 3 semester combination of the following and a C average across the 3.
 - For Ivy Tech (Mr. Dunham classes: US History, Government):
 - A 2.6 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - **OR**
 - Your **PSAT** score is a 430 or higher for EBW
 - **OR**
 - Your SAT score is a 27 or higher for Writing **OR** an SAT score of 460 for EBW **AND**
 - Your SAT score is a 25 or higher for Reading and your EBW score is a 460.
 - For Dordt University:
 - GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - For Trine University:
 - GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Student Maps for a Concentrator

Agri-Sciences: Plants or Animals Pathway

Principles (2 credits)	CTE Concentrator A (2 credits of one option)	CTE Concentrator B (2 credits)
Principles of Agriculture	Animal Science OR	Food Science
	Plant Science	

Class of 2026 Map:

- 2024-2025 school year:
 - 2 semesters of Principles of Agriculture
- 2024-2025 school year:
 - 1 semester of either Plant & Soil Science 1 or Animal Science 1
 - 1 semester of Food Science 1
- 2025-26 school year:
 - 1 semester of Plant & Soil Science 2 or Animal Science 2 (needs to be the second half of what they chose in the 2024-2025 school year)
 - 1 semester of Food Science 2
- Maintain a C average across all Pathways classes.
- No capstone is on the list of classes to offer in the next two years at this point.

Class of 2027 Map:

- 2024-2025 school year:
 - 2 semesters of Principles of Agriculture
 - Introduction to Agriculture is the prerequisite but not required.
- 2025-26 school year:
 - 1 semester of either Plant & Soil Science 1 or Animal Science 1
 - 1 semester of Food Science 1
- 2025-26 school year:
 - 1 semester of Plant & Soil Science 2 or Animal Science 2 (needs to be the second half of what they chose in the 2024-2025 school year)
 - 1 semester of Food Science 2
- Maintain a C average across all Pathways classes!
- No capstone is on the list of classes to offer in the next two years at this point.

Business Administration Pathway:

Principles (2 credits)	CTE Concentrator A (2 credits of one option through Indiana Online)	CTE Concentrator B (2 credits)
Principles of Business Management	Management Fundamentals OR	Accounting Fundamentals
	Marketing Fundamentals	

Class of 2026 map:

- 2024-2025 school year:
 - 2 semesters of Principles of Business Management
- 2024-2025 OR 2025-26 school year:
 - 2 semesters of Business Administration (Management or Marketing Fundamentals) online through Indiana Online.
- 2025-26 school year:
 - 2 semesters of Accounting Fundamentals with Mr. Vrieland
- Maintain a C average across all Pathways classes.
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Journey towards Employability Pathway:

- Only 5% of a class can utilize this one so it will be based on specific qualifications and you'll be notified if this is the best pathway for you to consider.
- This is a state approved LOCAL pathway specifically designed for our school, the transferability of this pathway to another HS is not favorable.
- [Checklist](#)
- [DOE approval proposal](#)

Required classes	Required tasks
Prep for College & Careers	Annual Check In with the Guidance counselor.
Speech	Must attend a Career Fair.
Personal Finance	Research of local partners for the workforce.
Principles of Business Management OR Psychology OR Interpersonal Relationships	Ivy Tech Career Guidance Sessions and required visits.
	Workplace Trainings
	Internship Senior year
	Presentation Senior Year for faculty members
	Monthly Employability Skills Sessions