



# INDIANA COLLEGE **CORE**

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

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# INDIANA COLLEGE CORE 101

# INDIANA LEGISLATIVE TRANSFER HISTORY

The Indiana General Assembly began the process of creating legislation to improve transfer for students:

- 2003** – Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee (STAC)
- 2005** – Core Transfer Library (CTL)
- 2007** – Advanced Placement (AP)
- 2012** – Indiana College Core
- 2013** – Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAPs)
- 2017** – College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- 2021** – Cambridge International
- 2021** – Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)



# INDIANA TRANSFER COMPONENTS

## DUAL CREDIT, DUAL ENROLLMENT

College courses taken in high school

**DUAL  
CREDIT**

## CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

AP, CLEP, IB, Cambridge, Portfolios  
& Military Credit

**CPL**

## CORE TRANSFER LIBRARY – COURSE TO COURSE

87 courses that transfer to all public and some

**CTL**  
87 COURSES

## INDIANA COLLEGE CORE – BLOCK TRANSFER

30 credits of general education designed to transfer as a block

**ICC**  
BLOCK TRANSFER

## TRANSFER SINGLE ARTICULATION PATHWAYS

Associate + Bachelor's Degree

**TSAPs**  
ASSOCIATE +  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE



# DEFINITIONS

## Advanced Placement (AP)

College-level courses and exams taken in high school with the opportunity to earn college credit if the college accepts the score

## College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Exams that help you earn credit for what you already know

## Dual Credit

College courses taken in the high school with your high school teacher

## Dual Enrollment

College courses taken either on a college campus or online while in high school

## Primary postsecondary partner

A college or university that your high school works with to offer dual credit and the Indiana College Core Certificate

## Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAP)

An associate degree that transfers into a designated bachelor's degree pathway in 20 different subject areas

# CORE TRANSFER LIBRARY



- 2005 legislative mandate with roots back to 1992
- List of courses that will transfer to all public institutions and some independent colleges

The screenshot shows the 'Core Transfer Library' page on the TransferIN website. It includes a search bar, navigation links for 'EARNED CREDITS?', 'TRANSFER RESOURCES', 'ADVISORS & COUNSELORS', and 'MILITARY STUDENTS'. Below the title, there are dropdown menus for 'Institution' and 'CTL Name', both currently set to 'Nothing selected'. A 'CLEAR FILTERS' button is present. A tip states: 'Tip: You can make multiple selections in the dropdown menus.' On the right, there are options for 'Print', 'Excel', 'CSV', and 'Copy', along with a 'Search:' field and a 'Show 25 entries' button. The main content is a table with columns for Institution, CTL Name, Course Title, Course Number, Credits, and Notes.

Institution	CTL Name	Course Title	Course Number	Credits	Notes
Ancilla College	Accounting 2	Managerial Accounting	ACCT 120	3	
Ancilla College	Accounting 1	Financial Accounting	ACCT 110	3	BSU: Students from Ancilla will receive undistributed credit toward their degree program
Ancilla College	Acting, Introduction to		Course Not Taught: Subject		
Ancilla College	American Literature 1	American Literature 1	ENGL 222	3	
Ancilla College	American Literature 2	American Literature II: From 1865 to the Present	ENGL 223	3	ISU: Ancilla Course will transfer as ENGL 241

- Yearly review of courses conducted by faculty members

## 87 COURSES IN SIX CATEGORIES:

Business • Communication/English/Literature  
Humanities/Fine Arts • Life and Physical/Natural  
Sciences • Math • Social and Behavioral Sciences

# INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

- 2012 legislative mandate
- A block of 30 credit hours of college-level general education coursework that transfers seamlessly to all Indiana public institutions and some private institutions

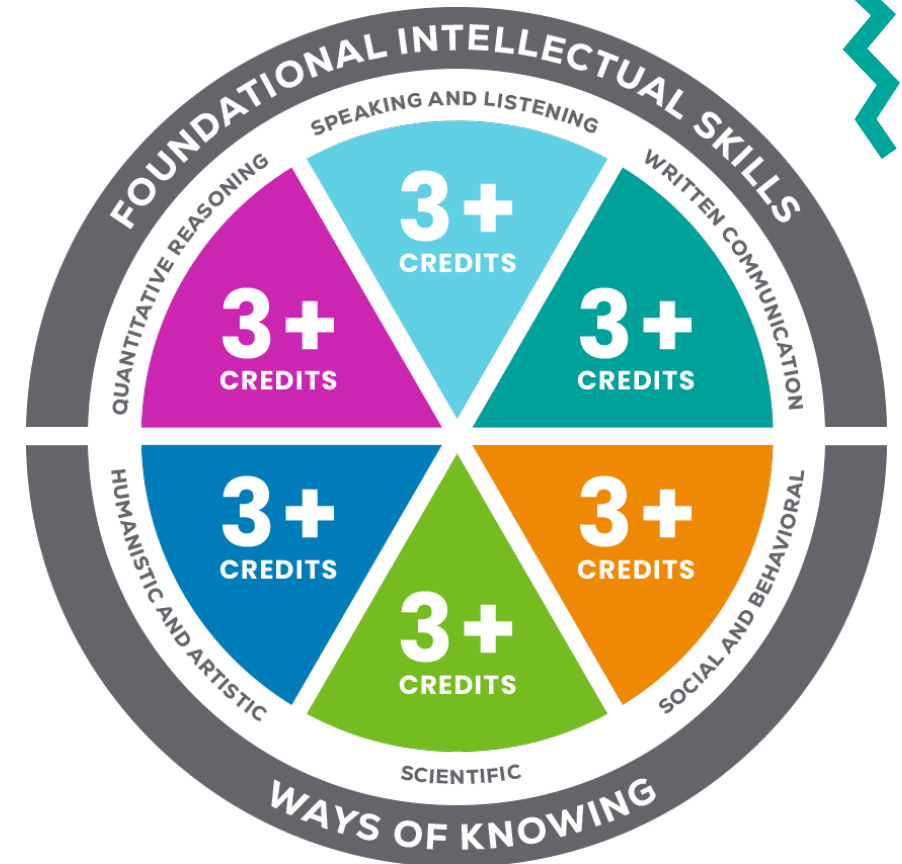
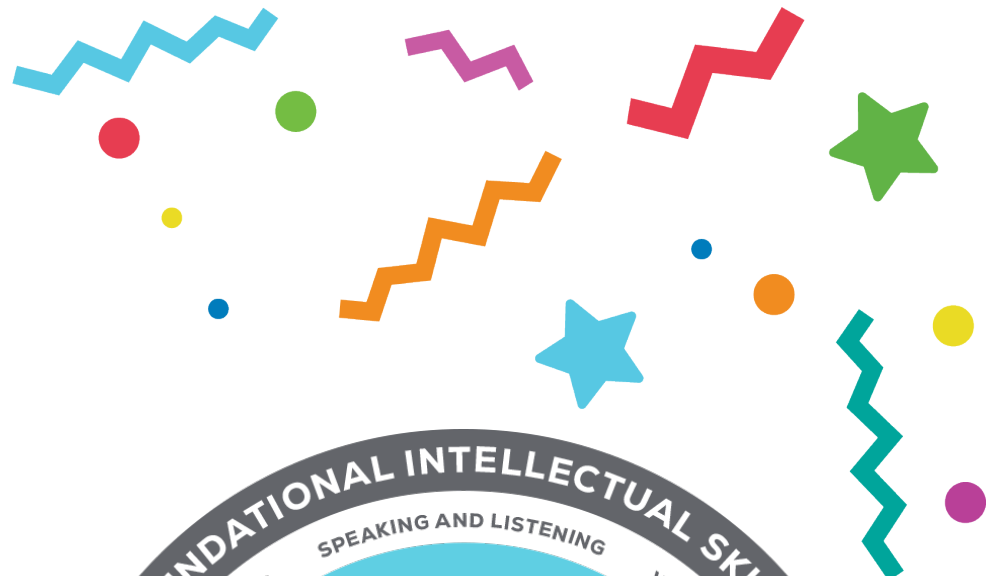
- Competency-Based

## 3 Foundational Intellectual Skills

- Written Communication, Speaking & Listening, Quantitative Reasoning

## 3 Ways of Knowing

- Scientific, Social & Behavioral, Humanistic & Artistic



# INDIANA COLLEGE CORE GROUND RULES

- ✓ **Minimum of 3 credit hours must be earned in each competency area**
  - Awarding institution determines the distribution of the remaining 12 hours

- ✓ **15 credit hour minimum must be earned from the institution/primary postsecondary provider**

- ✓ **A minimum GPA of 2.0 for courses within the Indiana College Core**

- ✓ **AP/CLEP/IB may count toward fulfillment based on the equivalencies determined by the awarding institution**  
(More information <https://transferin.net/ways-to-earn-credit/>)
  - Students need to be aware that test credit will be reevaluated by the receiving institution's policies upon enrollment/transfer

- ✓ **Successful completion of the Indiana College Core does not guarantee admission to an institution and/or degree program**



# WHAT IT IS



- **THE SAME NO MATTER WHO AWARDS IT**
- A unique core
- Courses may be different, but the competencies are the same (6 competencies)
- Not identical to the university core curriculum/general education requirement/foundational studies
- Transcript notation on all transcripts including those who earn it in college (legislatively mandated)
- College certificate awarded when earned in high school
- It is the Indiana College Core, sometimes referred to as the ICC



# WHAT IT **IS NOT**

- Statewide Transfer General Education Core
  - No longer use this on websites/marketing
- Core 30
- Core 40 – This is a high school diploma type
- Common Core



# WHAT IT DOES

- Transfers and applies to meet general education requirements at all Indiana public colleges and universities and some private colleges  
Each college/university may have additional general education requirements to meet their institutional general education core (Ex: fitness requirement, fiscal responsibility)
- Within the university or college there may be major-specific courses required beyond the Indiana College Core

## Questions to consider:

What are the science or math requirements for my major?

How many years of world languages do I need to take?

Which written communication courses should I take?

# WHY EARN INDIANA COLLEGE CORE?



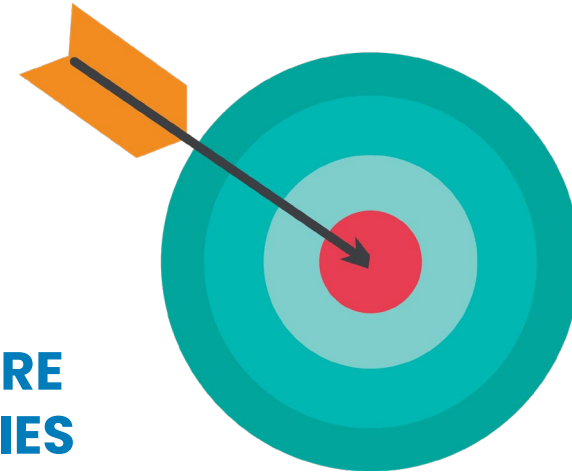
## GET AHEAD

- Focus on major specific coursework
- More flexibility in your schedule
- Increase your academic confidence
- Reduce your stress level in college



## EXPLORE MORE OPPORTUNITIES

- Study abroad in a different country
- Add a minor in another area of interests
- Gain work experience through an internship
- Immersive learning
- Have more time to volunteer
- Join campus organizations
- Start graduate school sooner



## SAVE TIME & MONEY

- Earn a full year of your general education credits for less than \$750 (potentially saving you and your family thousands of dollars)
- Graduate on time or even early from college.

**STUDENTS  
WHO EARN  
THE INDIANA  
COLLEGE CORE  
ARE LIKELY TO  
SUCCEED**



**ABOUT**

**90%**

OF STUDENTS WHO EARN THE **INDIANA COLLEGE CORE** WENT ON TO ATTEND COLLEGE

**70%**

**OF INDIANA COLLEGE CORE EARNERS**

**MET BENCHMARKS FOR EARLY SUCCESS IN COLLEGE.** STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING EARLY COLLEGE SUCCESS:

- 1) Do not require remediation in Math or English before beginning college level work;
- 2) Complete all courses they attempt in their first year of college; and
- 3) Persist to their second year of college.

# WHERE CAN STUDENTS EARN THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE?



- In high schools currently at **222 schools** around the state

Students will be issued a certificate upon completion.

- In college at all public institutions
- **Indiana College Core Resources**  
[TransferIN.net](http://TransferIN.net)  
[MyCollegeCore.org](http://MyCollegeCore.org)



# WHO IS AWARDING THE CERTIFICATE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Referred to as the primary postsecondary partner

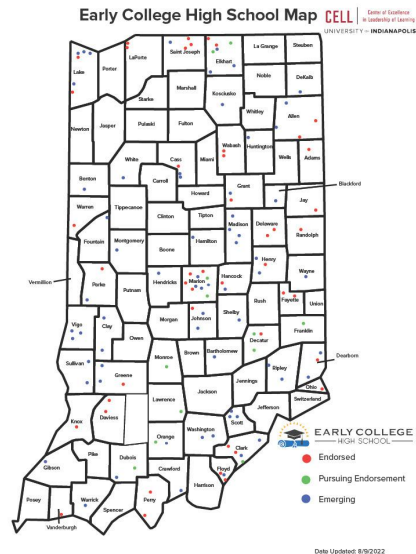


# HOW DOES A HIGH SCHOOL PARTNER WITH A PROVIDER?

## Steps to offer the Indiana College Core:

- High School interest form on My College Core
- Discussions with postsecondary providers
  - Coordinate which courses are currently offered at your high school by all providers, including AP
  - Determining and filling gaps in course ability
  - Identifying credentialed teachers and/or dual enrollment opportunities
- Signing an MOU with one primary postsecondary partner
  - High schools can offer dual credit courses from multiple providers
  - Primary provider coordinates efforts and reports information to the Commission





- CELL is an educational not for profit organization that is housed at the University of Indianapolis.
- CELL is the organization designated to officially endorse Early College High Schools in Indiana. There are 54 currently endorsed.
- CELL can assist high schools in many areas including:
  - Data collection, analysis and interpretation
  - Choosing a higher education provider for the ICC
  - Professional development for administrators, counselors, teachers and staff
  - Development of an Early College High School
- CELL’s services are free of charge to those schools that are in the CELL network.
- How do you join CELL’s Network? Contact:
  - Sandy Hillman, Director of Early College
  - Steve Combs, Senior Coordinator



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# EXPANSION OF THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE



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## OVERARCHING GOAL:

All Indiana high school students will have access to complete the Indiana College Core.

## COLLEGE READINESS REPORT:

Increase the availability and strategic use of dual credit and quadruple the number of high school seniors that earn the Indiana College Core by 2028.

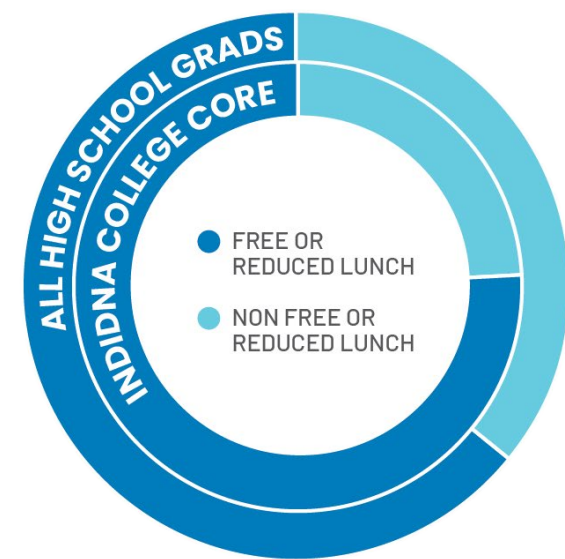
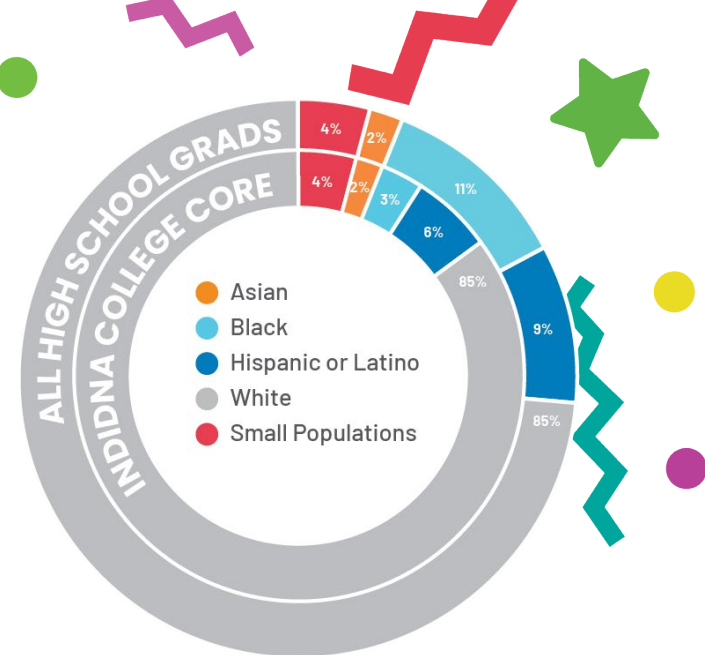
## SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMISSION MEETING:

Increase the number of Indiana College Core delivery sites by 70% each year for the next three years.

Have **ALL PUBLIC CAMPUSES APPROVED** to confer the Indiana College Core credential by the end of **SUMMER 2023**

# EQUITY GAPS IN PRE-COLLEGE CREDIT

- **30%** of Black students and **50%** of Hispanic/Latino students earn dual credit compared to **65%** of White students.
- **34%** of dual credit earners are from low-income backgrounds, while only **15%** of AP credit earners are from low-income backgrounds.
- There are geographical differences in early college credit.
- Indiana College Core earners are more likely to be White and less likely to be from low-income households.



Source: [2021 Early College Credit Report](#)

# EXPANSION TO ALL INDIANA HIGH SCHOOLS

**507** TOTAL SCHOOLS  
in 2023-2024

**222** ICC DELIVERY SITES  
(43.7% of eligible high schools)

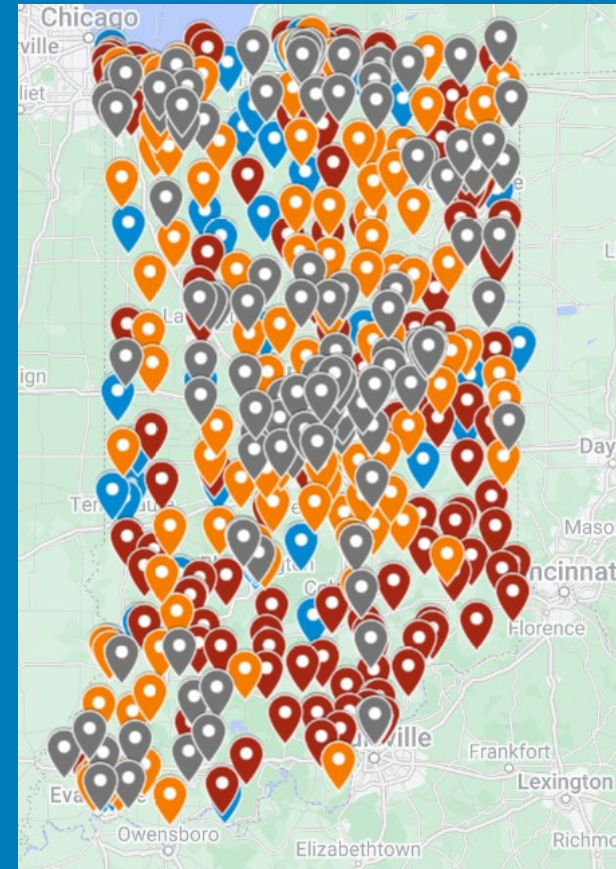
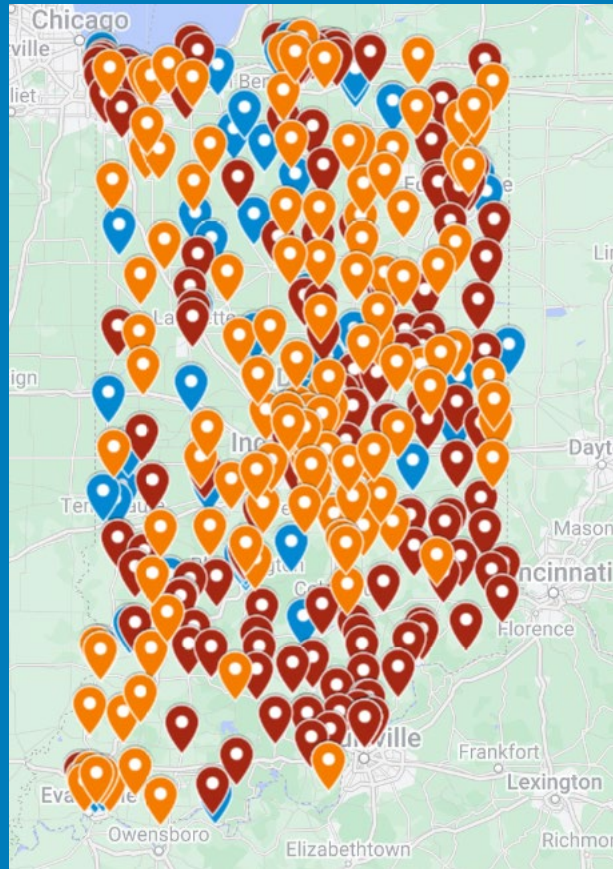
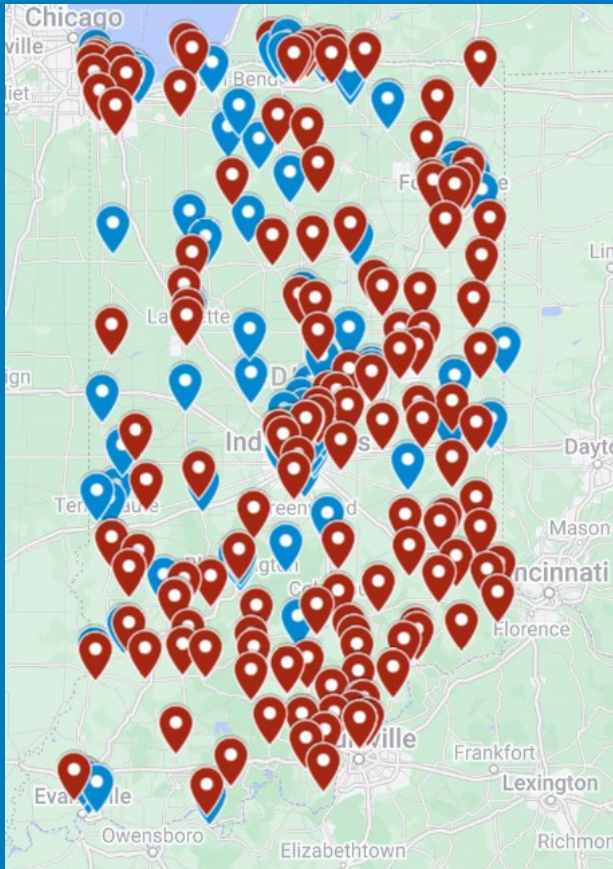
**55%** INCREASE per year for the next three years will get us to all 507 high schools



Note: The list of high schools may change over time as the result of:

- Data conversations with IDOE
- Changes in virtual education offerings
- Mergers/consolidations and closures

# GREATER ADOPTION OF THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE IN HIGH SCHOOLS **EXPANSION** (2022-23 THRU 2025-26)



*Source: Indiana  
College Core  
Expansion Google Map*

# FINANCIAL AID

- Generally, state financial aid cannot be used for dual credit and dual enrollment
- Dual credit is capped at \$25 per credit hour
- Dual credit is always free for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch
- FAFSA completion is part of the criteria to be a delivery site



# INCENTIVES FOR SCHOOLS

**DUAL CREDIT, DUAL ENROLLMENT**  
\$40 per credit hour completed by the student; maximum \$1,200 per student

**INDIANA COLLEGE CORE  
- BLOCK TRANSFER**  
\$1,500 per student that successfully completes the Indiana College Core



**INDIANA GRADUATES  
PREPARED TO SUCCEED**

Completions of the Indiana College Core are included in the measurement for College & Career Credentials for the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) Dashboard



\$2.5M per year to help students complete the Indiana College Core (and other credentials) in summer 2024 and summer 2025

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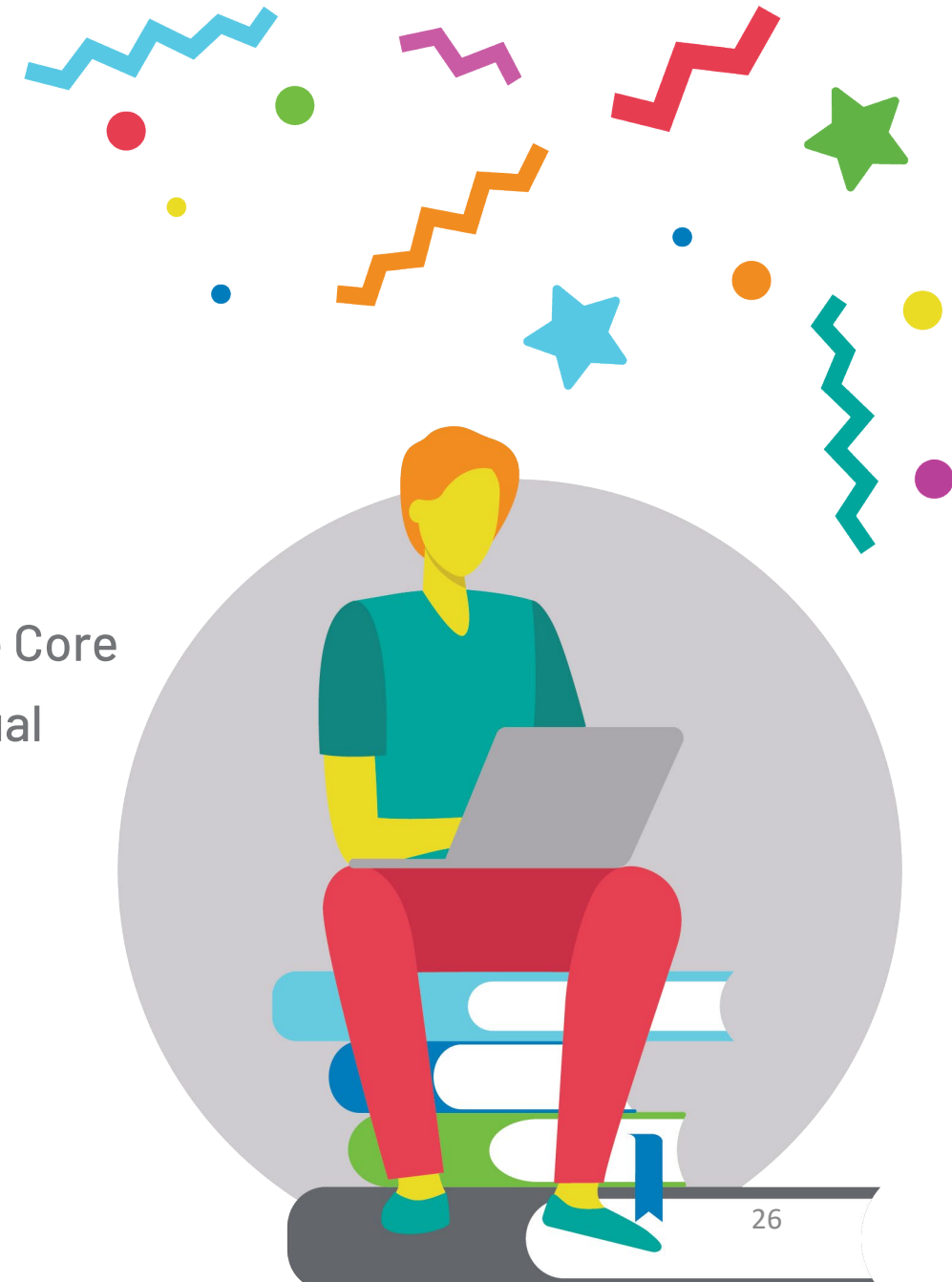
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# MY COLLEGE CORE

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- **Mycollegecore.org launched August 1, 2023**
- Created to be a one-stop shop for all things Indiana College Core
- Planning tool shows college-level coursework, including dual credit, dual enrollment, AP, and CLEP
- Student can email their plan to parents and counselors
- Meant to be for planning purposes, not a scheduling tool
- Built-in toolkit of resources for high schools

★ Downloadable posters, handouts, and presentations





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