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More Indiana High Schools Now Offer the Indiana College Core
Participation in the program rose to 270 high schools around the state

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana College Core](#) is now offered at 270 high schools around the state during the 2024-25 school year, the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) announced today. This equates to a 20 percent increase in participating high schools from 2023.

Implemented in 2012, the Indiana College Core is a block of 30 credit hours of college-level general education coursework that applies seamlessly to all Indiana public institutions and some private institutions and is made up of six competency areas. The certificate allows high school students to earn a full year of general education credits for little to no cost.

The number of high schools offering the Indiana College Core has increased each year since 2021. In 2023, 222 schools offered the certificate, up from 141 in 2022 and 84 in 2021. That number is expected to rise in the coming years with the passing of Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 8-2024. According to the new legislation, all Indiana high schools are required to either offer the Indiana College Core, submit an implementation plan to offer the Indiana College Core by the 2026-27 school year, or submit a feasibility report if they do not plan on offering the certificate. High schools have until October 1, 2024, to submit either the implementation plan or feasibility report to the Commission.



“The increased availability of the Indiana College Core is an encouraging sign,” said Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “Three years ago, only 84 high schools offered this program. Our team made it a high priority. Data show students who participate in this program are more likely to go on to college at more than a 90 percent rate, while the state average sits at 53 percent. In addition, these students have a much higher success rate of completion. With critical legislation passed with SEA 8-2024, we will continue to see the offering and access increase, especially in underrepresented districts, alleviating some of the barriers students face when making the decision to enroll in college. The Indiana College Core makes it much more likely that students will go to college, complete, and save time and money in the process.”

The Indiana College Core is central to the Commission’s goals of increasing the college-going rate and college completion. Students who earn the Indiana College Core in high school are more likely to graduate from college on time or early. Recent data show nearly 2,400 high school students earned the Indiana College Core in 2022, and 92 percent of those students went on to attend college.

Indiana’s higher education institutions are integral in carrying out the Indiana College Core. Institutions have agreements with participating Indiana high schools to deliver the Indiana College Core to students through dual credit and dual

enrollment opportunities. While all public institutions in Indiana accept the Indiana College Core as a block, the following public institutions award the Indiana College Core certificate to high school students:

- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Indiana University East
- Indiana University Kokomo
- Indiana University Northwest
- Indiana University South Bend
- Indiana University Southeast
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Purdue University Northwest
- University of Southern Indiana
- Vincennes University

In addition, the following private, non-profit institutions commit to accepting the Indiana College Core as a block:

- Indiana Tech
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Manchester University
- Marian University
- Trine University
- University of Indianapolis

Students, families, and school counselors can access information regarding college-level coursework, including dual credit, dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) via [My College Core](#), a website the Commission rolled out last year.

Students who utilize this tool can build plans that are specific to the college-level coursework offered at their high school. The tool also allows students to communicate their plans with parents/guardians and school counselors. As students complete coursework, they can track their progress toward completing the Indiana College Core certificate.

For more information about the Indiana College Core, including a [map](#) of high school delivery sites and their corresponding campus partners, and other resources for high schools, visit [MyCollegeCore.org](#).

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates, and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.