

## Indiana General High School Diploma

The completion of Core 40 is an Indiana graduation requirement. Indiana's Core 40 curriculum provides the academic foundation all students need to succeed in college and the workforce.

To graduate with less than Core 40, the following formal opt-out process must be completed:

- The student, the student's parent/guardian, and the student's counselor (or another staff member who assists students in course selection) must meet to discuss the student's progress.
- The student's Graduation Plan (including four year course plan) is reviewed.
- The student's parent/guardian determines whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by completing the general curriculum or the Core 40 curriculum.
- If the decision is made to opt-out of Core 40, the student is required to complete the course and credit requirements for a general diploma and the career/academic sequence the student will pursue is determined.

### Course and Credit Requirements (Class of 2016 & Beyond)

<b>English/Language Arts</b>	<b>8 credits</b>
	Credits must include literature, composition and speech
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
	2 credits: Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I 2 credits: Any math course <b>General diploma students are required to earn 2 credits in a Math or a Quantitative Reasoning (QR) course during their junior or senior year. QR courses do not count as math credits.</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
	2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Any science course <b>At least one credit must be from a Physical Science or Earth and Space Science course</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>4 credits</b>
	2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Any social studies course
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>College and Career Pathway Courses</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
Selecting electives in a deliberate manner to take full advantage of college and career exploration and preparation opportunities	
<b>Flex Credit</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
	Flex Credits must come from one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional elective courses in a College and Career Pathway</li> <li>• Courses involving workplace learning such as Cooperative Education or Internship courses</li> <li>• High school/college dual credit courses</li> <li>• Additional courses in Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, World Languages or Fine Arts</li> </ul>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
	Specifies the minimum number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many more elective credits during the high school years.

### 40 Total Credits Required

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