

Indiana Pathway Opportunities

Pathway Opportunities: High school students in Indiana can earn college credit and gain industry skills through multiple pathways. For example, schools offer dual credit/dual enrollment courses, as well as a broad array of secondary career and technical Education (CTE) programs aligned with in-demand industries.

- **Dual Credit:** College courses taught at the high school by qualified instructors
- **Dual Enrollment:** College courses taken directly through a postsecondary institution, often on a college campus or online

Dual Credit



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Indiana requires every public high school to expand access by offering **at least two dual credits**. Schools must also offer the Indiana College Core.



Statewide Credit Transfer Policy

Indiana guarantees transfer of **up to 30 hours of general-education** credits (the Indiana College Core) among all public colleges and many private institutions.



State Funding

Indiana subsidizes high-priority dual credit coursework for qualifying students from low-income families. The state provides **\$40** per credit hour, up to **\$1,200** per student. Additionally, schools receive **\$1,500** per student completing the Indiana College Core.

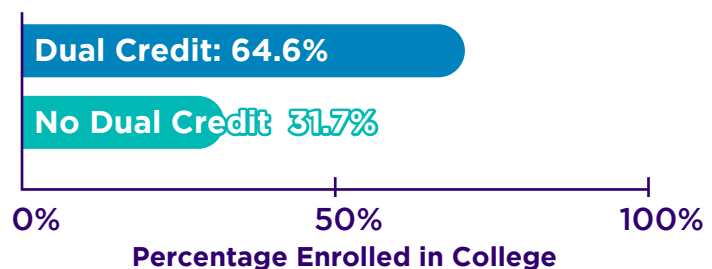


Participation

In Indiana, **61%** of high school graduates in 2023 (**45,866 of 75,529**) participated in dual credit coursework.

In Indiana, students completing dual credit courses were **twice as likely** to enroll in college within one year of graduating high school. Among the Class of 2023, 64.6% of dual enrollment students went to college within a year, compared to 31.7% of peers who did not participate.

Dual Credit Students Are Twice as Likely to Enroll in College Within One Year of High School Graduation



High school students earning college credit saved an estimated **\$82 million** in potential tuition costs in 2018. At the same time, dual credit participation reduced state costs by about **\$78 million**. Together, these savings mean that both Indiana and its students realized roughly **\$160 million** annually from dual credit programs.

Educators Teach Dual Credit Indiana provides the funding for tuition and books for teachers who seek to fulfill dual credit credentialing requirements as set forth by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Teachers in Indiana can take online graduate courses—at **no cost to teachers or schools**—to become fully credentialed to teach dual credit classes in the following content areas: communications/speech, economics, English, history, political science/ government, and world languages.

Career and Technical Education



State Funding

Indiana funds secondary CTE through categorical grants based on student enrollment in approved courses, with varying amounts depending on course classification. The state also awards competitive grants such as Education Readiness Grants, which provide additional funding to implement CTE programs in high-demand career fields.



Participation

In 2022–2023, there were **82,035** secondary CTE participants in Indiana.



Top Three CTE Career

Clusters Among CTE participants in the 2022–23 school year

1. Health science (12.28%)
2. Business management & administration (11.81%)
3. Hospitality & tourism (9.75%)

Not Either-Or, But Both-And

Starting with the Class of 2029, Indiana offers a new high school diploma framework requiring **42 credits** of a defined set of coursework, one employability experience, and one postsecondary readiness competency. This new framework replaces multiple diploma types (e.g., Core 40, Academic Honors, Technical Honors) with **a single Indiana diploma**, while introducing **six optional diploma seals**: Enrollment Honors, Employment Honors, and Enlistment Honors (each with a corresponding “Plus” seal). These seals recognize students’ specialized achievements aligned with their graduation pathways.

Students who complete the Enrollment, Employment, and Enlistment Honors Plus seal gain **guaranteed benefits** that strengthen their postsecondary and career opportunities.

Enrollment Honors Plus—Automatic College Acceptance

All seven of Indiana’s state public colleges and universities guarantee automatic acceptance into their school for any student who applies and successfully earns the seal.

Employment Honors Plus—Dedicated Career Support

Students who earn this seal can receive dedicated career support including interview preparation, networking opportunities, and other apprenticeship opportunities.

Enlistment and Service Honors Plus—Military Readiness Advantage

Students who complete this seal are uniquely qualified to join the Indiana National Guard and other military branches.