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ACADEMIC GUIDE



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COURSE SCHEDULING STUDENTS WILL MEET WITH THEIR COUNSELORS TO ENROLL. PARENTS MAY ALSO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH THEIR SON(S)/DAUGHTER(S) COUNSELOR.. SCHEDULES WILL BE FINAL AFTER THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNSELOR, UNLESS A CHANGE IS MANDATED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

SCHEDULE CHANGE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO COURSE SELECTIONS WHEN THEY ARE MADE. SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS ONLY: 1. COMPUTER INPUT ERROR 2. COURSE CANCELLATION 3. COURSE CONFLICT 4. FAILURE TO MEET PREREQUISITES
AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, NO SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE EXCEPT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL.

MINIMUM CREDIT LOAD ALL STUDENTS MUST ENROLL IN EIGHT CLASSES EACH SEMESTER; EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE ONLY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND GUIDANCE COUNSELING APPROVAL OR FOR THOSE JUNIORS AND SENIORS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN ADVANCED CLASSES; OTHER EXCEPTIONS WILL INCLUDE STUDENTS WHO HAVE INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS.

ITEMS TO CONSIDER WHEN DESIGNING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COURSE PLAN

CAREER PATHWAYS ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://DOE.STATE.IN.US/PUBLICATIONS/PDF_OTHER/PATHWAYS.PDF](http://doe.state.in.us/publications/pdf_other/pathways.pdf). ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LEARN MORE RESOURCE CENTER CONCERNING CAREERS AS WELL AS STUDY SKILLS, POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ETC. HOTLINE IS 1-800-992-2076 OR VISIT WWW.LEARNMOREINDIANA.ORG.

POST HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS: IN GENERAL, THE INDIANA CORE 40 CURRICULUM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS INCLUDING FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING IN THE MILITARY, AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. STUDENTS APPLYING ONLINE TO ANY SCHOOL MUST REQUEST THEIR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT VIA PARCHMENT. AN ADMISSION DECISION WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL A STUDENT'S FILE IS COMPLETE.

FOUR YEAR COLLEGES: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS (NACAC) RECOMMENDS THAT STUDENTS TAKE THE FOLLOWING COURSES AS A PREPARATION FOR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES: FOUR YEARS OF ENGLISH, FOUR YEARS OF MATH, 3-4 YEARS OF LABORATORY SCIENCE, 3-4 YEARS OF SOCIAL STUDIES, 2-3 YEARS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS. INDIANA STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TAKE THE INDIANA CORE 40 CURRICULUM. FOR SOME COLLEGES, COURSES BEYOND THE CORE 40 CURRICULUM ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION. STUDENTS SHOULD REVIEW THE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH COLLEGE THEY ARE CONSIDERING.

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TWO-YEAR COLLEGES: IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND VINCENNES UNIVERSITY OFFER MANY VOCATIONAL AND TRANSFER PROGRAMS. STUDENTS CAN COMPLETE THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE AT A CAMPUS NEAR THEIR HOME. CREDITS EARNED MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND APPLIED TOWARD A BACHELOR DEGREE. HOWEVER, STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE INDIANA CORE 40 CURRICULUM TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE REMEDIAL COURSES.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS: APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS ARE REGISTERED WITH THE INDIANA BUREAU OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING. MANY OF THESE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS HAVE ENTRY TESTS THAT PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MUST TAKE PRIOR TO ADMISSION. TO PREPARE FOR THESE TESTS, STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A CURRICULUM STRONG IN MATH AND COMMUNICATIONS. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE INDIANA CORE 40 CURRICULUM AS A PREPARATION FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS: MOST POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SPECIALIZING IN VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION EXIST IN INDIANA. THESE SCHOOLS AWARD CERTIFICATES AND/OR ASSOCIATE DEGREES. ADMISSION AT THESE INSTITUTIONS IS USUALLY OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. HOWEVER, TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT INDIANA'S VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS TAKE THE INDIANA CORE 40 CURRICULUM.

OCCUPATIONAL SKILL TRAINING IN THE MILITARY: STUDENTS MAY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION THROUGH ONE OF MANY OCCUPATIONAL SKILL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MILITARY. SKILLS LEARNED IN THE MILITARY CAN TRANSFER TO APPROXIMATELY 150 DIFFERENT CIVILIAN CAREERS. STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY MUST TAKE THE ASVAB EXAM FOR ADMISSIONS. TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL SKILL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MILITARY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS TAKE THE INDIANA CORE 40 CURRICULUM.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS (SAT AND ACT)

TWO ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE TESTING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS. COLLEGE BOARD PUBLISHES THE SAT WHILE ACT, INC PUBLISHES THE ACT. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BEGIN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING IN THE SPRING OF THEIR JUNIOR YEAR. MANY STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE TEST MORE THAN ONCE TO INCREASE THEIR CHANCES OF DOING WELL. MOST COLLEGES WILL TAKE THE BEST SCORES RECEIVED BY A STUDENT SO TAKING THE TEST MORE THAN ONCE DOES NOT PENALIZE A STUDENT IN ANY WAY. IN ADDITION TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, THE RESULTS OF THESE TESTS MAY ALSO BE USED TO AWARD MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS.

PRACTICE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS (PSAT AND PLAN)

COLLEGE BOARD AND ACT, INC. BOTH OFFER PRACTICE TESTS FOR STUDENTS. THE RESULTS OF THIS TEST ARE ALSO USED TO DETERMINE A STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. ACT'S PRACTICE TEST, IS THE PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES A CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY, AND IS GIVEN UPON ADMINISTRATION AND THE GUIDANCE COUNSELORS' DISCRETION.

ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY (ASVAB)

THE ASVAB IS A TEST THAT IS AVAILABLE TO SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS. IT IS A TEST THAT MEASURES A STUDENT'S READINESS TO BECOME PROFICIENT IN A CERTAIN TYPE OF WORK. THROUGH THE ASVAB TEST, STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR VARIOUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MILITARY, MANY OF WHICH HAVE RELATED OCCUPATIONS IN CIVILIAN LIFE. THE ASVAB ALSO INCLUDES A CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY. THERE IS NO MILITARY COMMITMENT IF THE TEST IS TAKEN.

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APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING ADMISSIONS TEST

MANY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS GIVE STUDENTS TESTS TO DETERMINE THEIR ABILITY TO SUCCEED AS AN APPRENTICE AND/OR THEIR NEED FOR REMEDIATION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CARPENTER'S APPRENTICESHIP TEST INCLUDES MATH REQUIRED TO PERFORM CALCULATIONS NEEDED ON THE JOB. MANY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH PRACTICE ASSESSMENTS UPON REQUEST.

NCAA ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

MANY COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS ARE REGULATED BY THE NATION COLLEGIATE ATHLETE ASSOCIATION (NCAA), AN ORGANIZATION THAT ESTABLISHES RULES ON ELIGIBILITY, RECRUITING, AND FINANCIAL AID FOR ATHLETES. STUDENTS PLANNING TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE AND PARTICIPATE IN DIVISION I OR DIVISION II ATHLETICS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CENTER. STUDENTS SHOULD VISIT WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG TO START THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS DURING THEIR JUNIOR YEAR.