



CROSSING the Finish Line


Crossing the Finish Line covers the cost of **tuition, fees, books** and the cost of obtaining transcripts and any required College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests at **Ivy Tech Community College** or **Vincennes University** for students who are just a few credits away from completing a high-quality credential, technical certificate, or another short- or longer-term credential. Crossing the Finish Line is funded through federal COVID relief dollars.

An estimated **16,000** Indiana high school students were close to earning a credential in 2021.



2021 Program Outcomes:

- Saved students and families over \$1.4 million in tuition, fees and textbook costs
- Over 700 completions awarded
- More than 480 Indiana College Core certificates awarded
- Nearly 1,900 students served from over 275 Indiana high schools



62%
of 2020 high school graduates earned some form of early college credit – the average student earned roughly **13.7 credits**

2022 Program Outcomes:

- Saved students and families over \$2.5 million in tuition, fees and textbook costs
- Nearly 1,400 completions awarded
- 888 Indiana College Core certificates awarded
- 3,300 students served from over 335 Indiana high schools – a **71% increase from 2021**

“The Crossing the Finish Line initiative is a financial blessing to our students and families as it gives students the opportunity to complete the Indiana College Core without the financial burden of college. Several of our graduates have reported back that by obtaining the College Core they have been able to double major/minor without adding a fifth year of college and (are) even completing their degree programs in less than four years.”


Jamie Rosfeld, East Central High School Assistant Principal

“(Crossing the Finish Line) definitely saved me a lot of time and money. I am so thankful for it because I had no idea what to expect when I went to college, like the transition from high school to college.”

Hannah Messer, Indiana University student

A short-term technical credential in Indiana can be earned with as few as

15 to 18 credits



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