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RETHINKING HIGH SCHOOL: THE FUTURE OF THE INDIANA DIPLOMA

High school is a time when we can support students in finding their purpose, knowing their value, and understanding the possibilities for their life's path. As the world around us changes rapidly, we have an incredible opportunity to create a high school experience that better connects students with their personal goals and aspirations of enrollment, employment, or enlistment leading to service. This could include increasing access for students to earn a credential of value, thus increasing their educational attainment. It could also include increasing access to work-based learning and skill development opportunities.

In March 2024, Indiana leaders proposed a vision for the future of high school that increases flexibility, personalization, and relevance, while maintaining rigorous standards for all. We continue to engage students, families, educators, colleges and universities, as well as industry and community leaders to gather feedback on the future of Indiana's diplomas and how we can best support students in achieving their unique goals and dreams.



Grades 11-12: Flexible Academic & Experiential Learning Options
Aligned to Indiana GPS & Student's Individual Future Goals

Grades 9-10: Foundational Knowledge & Skills
Foundational Courses & Competencies Aligned to Indiana GPS

Extensive feedback from educators, families, communities, and employers has consistently shown that there are a number **key characteristics essential to a student's lifelong success**. Indiana's Profile of a Graduate reflects these key characteristics, which include:

Academic Mastery

Career & Postsecondary Readiness: Credentials & Experiences

Communication & Collaboration

Work Ethic

Civic, Financial, & Digital Literacy

For the first time ever, Indiana's diplomas will affirm that every student possesses these five characteristics upon graduation. This will be achieved through a set of foundational courses, as well as opportunities for students to demonstrate competency mastery, both within the school and beyond.



Indiana GPS Diploma

In addition to the foundational courses plus competencies for all students, those pursuing the Indiana GPS Diploma will also complete a minimum of 20 additional points, earned through a combination of courses and experiences, which students can personalize based on their unique graduation plan (a more flexible approach to the Core 40).



Indiana GPS Diploma Plus

In addition to the foundational courses plus competencies for all students, those pursuing the Indiana GPS Diploma Plus will complete additional coursework aligned to their chosen credential of value, as well as a high-quality work-based learning experience.

