



Diploma Types

What diplomas are available?

- o General Diploma (requires opt-out form and meeting with counselor, parent, and student)
- o Core 40
- o Core 40 with Academic Honors
- o Core 40 with Technical Honors

Core 40 Diploma Requirements

- o English – 8 credits
- o Math – 6 credits
- o Science – 6 credits
- o Social Studies – 6 credits
- o PE – 2 credits
- o Health – 1 credit
- o World Language – 4 credits not required but recommended
- o Directed Electives – 5 credits (World Language, Fine Arts, and/or Career/Technical Ed)
- o Electives – 6 state + 4 CHS = 10 credits
- o **44 total credits required**

Core 40 with Academic Honors

- o All Core 40 requirements plus:
 - o 2 additional Math credits (8 total)
 - o 6-8 World Language credits (6 credits from one World Language or 8 credits from two World Languages, 4 credits from each)
 - o 2 Fine Arts credits
 - o **One** of the following:
 - A. 2 AP Courses (4 credits) and the corresponding exams
 - B. 6 dual high school/college credits from approved list
 - C. Combination of 1 AP course/exam and 1 dual credit course
 - D. Combined score of 1250 on SAT with minimum of 560 on Math and 590 on Reading/Writing
 - E. Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT (plus written section)
 - o No semester grades below a C- and cumulative GPA of B- or higher (2.67)
- o **47 total credits required**

Core 40 with Technical Honors

- o All Core 40 requirements plus:
 - o Earn 6 high school credits in a state-approved pathway:
 - o Complete **one** of the following:
 - o Earn a state-approved industry-recognized certification OR
 - o Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list (6 transcribed college credits)

- o Complete **one** of the following:
 - o Complete any of the options (A-E) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - o Earn the following scores or higher on WorkKeys:
 - o Workplace Documents—Level 6
 - o Applied Math—Level 6
 - o Graphic Literacy—Level 5
 - o Earn the following minimum scores on Accuplacer:
 - o Writing—80
 - o Reading—90
 - o Math—75

- o No semester grades below a C- and overall GPA of B- (2.67) or higher
- o **47 total credits required**

Which diploma is right for me?

- o Core 40 is diploma required by Indiana for graduation (Opt out process required for a General diploma)
- o What are your college plans?
 - o Colleges are becoming more competitive to get into – if you are interested in IU, Purdue, Notre Dame, Butler, etc., try for an Academic Honors Diploma
- o If you try for an Academic Honors Diploma, but cannot meet the requirements, chances are you will still meet the Core 40 requirements
- o **CHALLENGE YOURSELF! Do not let needing to repeat part of a class due to a D+ or lower keep you from achieving an Academic Honors Diploma**

What are colleges looking for in applicants?

- Challenging, rigorous curriculum
 - Take Honors, AP, and dual credit courses here at CHS
 - Designed to help prepare you for college curriculum
 - Courses are weighted in your GPA
- Improvement in grades over HS career
 - Grades aren't where you want them to be? Show improvement – this shows dedication!
- Involvement in school and community
 - Join clubs and activities!
 - Volunteer in the community!
 - Participate in athletics
 - After-school job and/or internship

Start your research now

- o Begin researching colleges you may be interested in and find out what their admissions requirements are
 - o What is the average GPA of their incoming freshman class?
 - o What is their average SAT/ACT score?
 - o What classes should you be taking in high school to prepare?
- o Take the SAT and ACT junior year
- o Start thinking about on-campus college visits
 - o One of the most important aspects of choosing a college!

What diploma are you working towards?

- o Keep track of your credits and requirements
- o If you have any doubts or questions about what diploma you should be working towards, make an appointment with your guidance counselor to discuss what is best for you
- o You should have a specific diploma in mind by the end of your freshmen year