


North Putnam
HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to Senior Year!

North Putnam expects all students to become responsible learners who are held accountable for their academic, social and emotional progress.

It's Senior Year, Now What?

- Graduation, are you on track....diploma requirements, ISTEP, Grad Pathways?
- Future plans...workforce, apprenticeships, college, military?
- Job shadows, college visits, college & scholarship applications, military recruiter meetings

Indiana High School Diploma Requirements (All students graduating BEFORE 2023 (current 10th-12th graders))

- ★ Core 40 Diploma (40 total credits)
 - 8 english credits, 6 math credits, 6 science credits, 6 social studies credits, 2 PE credits, 1 health credit & 11 elective credits
 - ★ Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma (47 total credits)
 - Complete all Core 40 requirements PLUS the following:
 - 2 additional math credits, at least 6 world language credits, 2 fine arts credits, earn a C or better in all classes that count towards the diploma & a GPA of at least a 3.0
 - ★ Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma (47 total credits)
 - Complete all Core 40 requirements PLUS the following:
 - 6 credits in a college/career pathway, earn a C or better in all classes that counts toward the diploma, a GPA of at least 3.0 & complete ONE of the following: earn 4 credits in 2 AP courses & take the exams, earn 6 college credits in dual credit courses, earn 2 credits in 1 AP course & take the exam AND 3 college credits in dual credit course, earn a 1250 or higher on the SAT, earn a 26 or higher on the ACT, completing the written section or receive qualifying scores on the Accuplacer or Work Keys assessment.
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Graduation Diploma Requirements

INDIANA

C^{ORE}40

Effective beginning with students who enter high school in 2012-13 school year (class of 2016).

Course and Credit Requirements	
English/ Language Arts	8 credits <small>Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.</small>
Mathematics	6 credits (in grades 9-12) 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <small>(or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math course or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school.)</small>
Science	6 credits 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course
Social Studies	6 credits 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World
Directed Electives	5 credits World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
Physical Education	2 credits
Health and Wellness	1 credit
Electives*	6 credits <small>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</small>
40 Total State Credits Required	

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students (not required for students with an IEP).

*Specifies the number of electives required by the state. High school electives provide time for many more electives during the high school years. All students are strongly encouraged to complete a College and Career Pathway (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career and college exploration and preparation opportunities.

**SAT scores updated September, 2017

***WorkKeys assessment titles updated, 2018

C^{ORE}40 with Academic Honors (minimum 47 credits)

For the Core 40 with Academic Honors designation, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 5-8 Core 40 world language credits (6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages).
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a "B" or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
 - Earn 6 verifiable transcripted college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
 - Earn two of the following:
 - A minimum of 3 verifiable transcripted college credits from the approved dual credit list.
 - 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams.
 - 2 credits in IB standard level courses and corresponding IB exams.
 - Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 580 on math and 580 on the evidence based reading and writing section.**
 - Earn an ACT composite score of 28 or higher and complete written section
 - Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams.

C^{ORE}40 with Technical Honors (minimum 47 credits)

For the Core 40 with Technical Honors designation, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
 - Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential, or
 - Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcripted college credits
- Earn a grade of "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a "B" or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - Any one of the options (A - F) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - Earn the following minimum scores on WorkKeys: Workplace Documents, Level 6; Applied Math, Level 6; and Graphic Literacy, Level 5.***
 - Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
 - Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass: Algebra 66 Writing 70, Reading 80.

Student Resource Homepage-CHROMEBOOK

- Daily announcements
- Weekly schedule of events
- Anonymous reporting
- Guidance support
- Student handbook
- Athletic handbook
- Course description guide
- Scholarships
- Indiana Career Explorer
- Guidance website
- HS webpage
- Harmony
- Athletics webpage



Tip

Get into the habit of checking your email AT LEAST once a day!

Transcript Uses

Your high school transcript is your academic record of grades, courses taken, GPA, attendance and standardized test results. Transcripts are updated twice each year (at the end of each semester). You can NOT view your transcript on Harmony. You can request a copy of your transcript by contact the Guidance Department.

- * Your transcript is sent to colleges and each college reviews it differently.

- *Curriculum: Core 40, THD, AHD

- *Top half of class, Top 10%, Top 10

- *GPA

- *SAT/ACT Score

- *World Language?

- *Used for scholarship criteria

- *Required for Military (must have a HS Diploma)

- *Information used by employers

- *Classes taken

- *Attendance

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- ISTEP+
 - Must pass to graduate
 - Offered twice a year
 - Waiver based on Core 40 requirements, attendance, remediation, scores (growth), grades & teacher recommendation.
 - SAT
 - Taken Junior and Senior years, critical reading/math, most common in Indiana, used with transcript for college admission & scholarships for 4-year colleges. Scholar Success Program for 21st Century Scholars.
 - ACT
 - Taken Junior and Senior years, critical reading/math/science, most commonly used for colleges outside of Indiana, used with transcript for college admission & scholarships for 4-year colleges. Scholar Success Program requirement for 21st Century Scholars
 - ASVAB
 - Need it to enlist in the military?
 - Need to for Grad Pathways?
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21st Century Scholars

- Determined by application 7th or 8th grade (by June 30th)
- Tuition paid to state schools (4 years)
- Can be used at public & private schools
- Must meet college admission standards
- Must remain drug, alcohol and crime free
- Must maintain a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must earn AT LEAST a Core 40 Diploma
- Must complete Scholar Track program requirements
- Meeting September 2nd; virtual (make sure Chromebook is charged)
- Fee waivers for SAT, ACT & college applications

21st Century Scholar Track Program Requirements

- 9th grade: Grad plan (4-year plan done in Indiana Career Explorer), extra-curricular activity or service activity & watch "Paying for College 101".
- 10th grade: Take a career interests assessment (done in Indiana Career Explorer), get workplace experience, estimate the costs of college.
- 11th grade: visit a college campus (9th grade ISU visit), take the SAT or ACT, & search for scholarships
- 12th grade: submit a college application, watch "College Success" & a FAFSA
- College Scholar Success Program



Tip

21st Century Scholars is NOT a North Putnam program, it is a State program. North Putnam serves as a resource for help, but scholars are ultimately responsible for all scholarship requirements.

Helpful Websites

- Indiana Career Explorer
 - Learn More Indiana
 - College Board
 - Khan Academy
 - Parchment
 - INvested
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Indiana Career Explorer (ICE)

Indiana Career Explorer (<https://indiana.kuder.com>) is a FREE web-based program that allows students to do the following:

1. Take assessments (Career Interest, Skills Confidence & Work Values)
 2. Identify Career Pathways
 3. Explore occupations
 4. Create & update 4-year graduation plans
 5. Learn about options for after high school (workforce, military, college)
 6. Create resumes & cover letters
 7. Research jobs
 8. Prepare for job interviews
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Learn More Indiana

(Learnmoreindiana.org)

- 21st Century Scholars
 - Career Information
 - Exploration
 - Job Shadowing
 - Work Experience
 - Internships
 - Volunteering
 - Resumes & Interviews
 - College Information
 - Applying to schools
 - Choosing a school
 - Degree Options
 - Preparing for college
 - Succeeding in college
 - Cost of College
 - Financial Aid
 - Savings Plan
 - Cost of college
 - FAFSA
 - Scholarships
 - Student Loans
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College Board

(collegeboard.org)

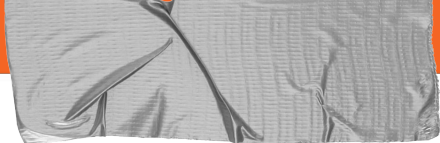
- SAT registration
 - View AP scores
 - College planning
 - College Search
 - Scholarships
 - Career Finder
 - Upcoming Webinar: Applying to College During a Pandemic for Class of 2021 Students and Parents
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Khan Academy

- Official SAT Practice - FREE
 - Personalized plan based on your PSAT and/or SAT scores
 - Thousands of practice questions, videos, lessons and hints plus study and test-taking tips & strategies
 - 8 full-length, real practice tests and content created in partnership with College Board
 - Get instant feedback and progress so you know where you stand
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INvested (www.investindiana.org)

- Financial planning for college
 - Comparing college costs
 - Understanding Financial Aid terms
 - College Planning toolbox
 - Choosing your career and major
 - Finding scholarships
 - Choosing your school
 - Completing the FAFSA
 - Financial Aid Night
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Be on the Lookout.....

- Emails with opportunities for seniors
- Senior Seminar
- Financial Aid Night
- Senior Future Plans (social media, bulletin board)
- Scholarship Listing
- Senior baby pictures



Helpful Hints for Senior Year

- Communicate with your teachers
- Set academic goals
- Maintain good attendance
- Don't procrastinate with homework, college & scholarship applications
- Check email daily!
- Stay organized
- Work hard in your classes, pay attention to diploma requirements & GPA.
- Use the tools provided by the Guidance Department



Good luck!

My wish is that you all have a great year and take advantage of all of the activities and resources that North Putnam has to offer! Feel free to email me or submit a guidance ticket at any time! My email is acertain@nputnam.k12,in,us and you can submit a guidance ticket by going to your homepage on your Chromebook. Also, you can download the NEW North Putnam Community Schools APP and you can email me directly from the APP.

**It's a GREAT day
to be a Cougar!**