

# My High School Experience

## 1) Different Diploma Types

- a) Freshman will use their CPSS class and Indiana Career Explorer assessments and occupations to determine diploma type. They will also create a 4 year plan based on occupation choice and diploma.
- b) Upper classman – chose diploma type freshman year based on presentations in CPSS. Is possible to change, but can be difficult the closer students get to graduation.
  - i) Core 40 – College Preparation courses, everyone has to go for at least this diploma
  - ii) Academic Honors – more advanced level classes
    - (1) Advanced Placement (AP) – possibly earn college credit by taking an AP class and the corresponding exam. Class of 2012, AP classes are weighted 1.5 for each credit earned. Classes of 2013 and beyond, AP classes are weighted .5 for each credit earned.
      - (a) World History – grades 10-12
      - (b) US History – 11
      - (c) US Government – 12
      - (d) Macroeconomics – 11 or 12 (offered odd years)
      - (e) Biology – 11 or 12
      - (f) Chemistry – 11 or 12 (offered even years)
      - (g) Calculus AB – 12
      - (h) Literature and Composition – 12
      - (i) Psychology – 11 or 12
    - (2) Dual Credit – high school class you also get college credit for. Class of 2012, dual credit classes are weighted 1.5 for each credit earned. Classes of 2013 and beyond, dual credit classes are weighted .5 for each credit earned.
      - (a) IPFW W131 (Composition Honors) – grade 11 (3 college credits/1 high school credit)
      - (b) IU L202 (Literature AP) – grade 12 (3 college credits/ 1 high school credit)
      - (c) Students can always go to a college campus and take a college level course and also receive high school credit. (IPFW, 4 County Vocational, etc.)
    - (3) Honors – Classes of 2013 and beyond, honors classes are weighted .33 for each credit earned.
      - (a) English 9 H
      - (b) English 10 H
      - (c) American Literature and Composition H
      - (d) Geometry H
      - (e) Algebra II H
      - (f) Biology H
  - iii) Technical Honors – complete a vocational program (see attached sheet for list)

- 2) **End of Course Assessments** – all students must pass Algebra I and English 10 ECA in order to graduate
  - a) Appeal Process – if students have not passed by senior year, appeal is based on two criteria
    - i) GPA – must have a 1.67 in 34 core classes
    - ii) Attendance – must have 95% attendance rate for 4 years of high school
- 3) **College Criteria** – some colleges may require more than Core 40 diploma requirements.
  - a) IU requires 7 math credits, Purdue requires 8 math credits
  - b) Most 4 year colleges require or strongly recommend at least 2 years of a foreign language.
  - c) Colleges would rather see students challenging themselves in the harder classes (AP and honors) and maybe not get as good of grades as compared to taking easy classes and getting all A's.
  - d) Colleges do not want to see students slack of their senior year and take an easy schedule. Students need to be challenging themselves all the way through high school.
- 4) **Credits and Grade Point Average**
  - a) Credits are earned every trimester. A trimester grade is the average of 1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks grades, and possibly a final.
  - b) If a student passes for the trimester (A-D), they earn a credit. If they do not pass (F), they do not earn a credit and would have to retake class if it is a diploma requirement.
  - c) Cumulative GPA is figured after every trimester by adding all grade points together and dividing by the number of classes taken.