

CHECKLIST TO STAY ON TRACK

Here are some of the activities you need to complete each year to ensure you are on track for high school graduation and well-prepared for college and beyond. For a complete list, download a grade-specific insert for your Graduation Plan at www.learnmoreindiana.org/plan.

6th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 6 th grade <i>OnTrack</i> mini-magazine and completed its activities	
Learned the basics of the three different Core 40 diploma options and picked one as a goal	
Applied for the Twenty-first Century Scholars GEAR UP program (<i>see below</i>)	
Completed a career interest inventory* and updated career plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Completed a learning-style assessment*	
Explored careers through career profiles*, job shadowing, etc.	
Generated a list of post-high school options (e.g., colleges and careers that interest me) to explore	

7th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 7 th grade <i>OnTrack</i> mini-magazine and completed its activities	
Downloaded and filled out the 7 th grade insert* for the graduation plan	
Applied for the Twenty-first Century Scholars GEAR UP program (<i>see below</i>)	
Completed a career interest inventory* and updated career plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Explored careers through career profiles*, job shadowing, etc.	
Reviewed the three different Core 40 diploma options	
Considered 8 th grade course options, including Algebra I or a world language	

8th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 8 th grade <i>OnTrack</i> mini-magazine and completed its activities	
Downloaded and filled out the 8 th grade insert* for the graduation plan	
Applied for the Twenty-first Century Scholars GEAR UP program by June 30	
Completed a career interest inventory* and updated career plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Visited DriveOfYourLife.org to explore careers	
Explored careers through career profiles*, job shadowing, etc.	
Learned about the three different Core 40 diploma requirements, reviewed goal from 6 th grade, and kept or changed that initial goal	
Attended high school orientation program	
Created four-year course plan (<i>see inside</i>) and signed up for 9 th grade classes	

Apply for Twenty-first Century Scholars in 6th, 7th or 8th grade

Income-eligible students that enroll in the Twenty-first Century Scholars GEAR UP program in 6th, 7th or 8th grade get tuition scholarships to help pay for college. Plus, Scholars get to participate in college tours, conferences, summer camps and more.

All middle school students should submit an application to the Twenty-first Century Scholars GEAR UP program. Applications must be received by the end of 8th grade (June 30) and are available at www.scholars.in.gov or by calling 1-888-528-4719.

Date application submitted: _____

Enrolled in the program (circle one)? Yes No

Update contact information when needed

When students in the Twenty-first Century Scholar GEAR UP program transfer schools or move, school counselors need to update the SEAS database.

Affirm in 12th grade

To receive their tuition scholarship, Scholars must submit an affirmation form in 12th grade. (This is in addition to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.) Affirmation forms are available by calling 1-888-528-4719.

Date affirmation submitted: _____



9th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 9 th grade <i>OnTrack</i> mini-magazine and completed its activities	
Downloaded and filled out the 9 th grade insert* for the graduation plan	
Reviewed four-year course plan (<i>see inside</i>) and made changes as needed	
Reviewed testing plan (<i>see inside</i>) and made changes as needed	
Finished Algebra I or signed up to take it in 10 th grade	
Signed up for 10 th grade classes	
Learned about the different options for "college" (two- and four-year degrees, apprenticeship programs, military)	
Completed a career interest inventory* and updated career plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Explored careers through career profiles*, job shadowing, etc.	

10th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 10 th grade <i>OnTrack</i> mini-magazine and completed its activities	
Downloaded and filled out the 10 th grade insert* for the graduation plan	
Reviewed four-year course plan (<i>see inside</i>) and made changes as needed	
Reviewed testing plan (<i>see inside</i>) and made changes as needed	
Took the PSAT/NMSQT, PLAN or both in the fall	
Discussed offerings of AP and dual-credit courses with my school counselor and explored the prerequisites that may need to be taken	
Met GQE requirement	
Signed up for 11 th grade classes	
Completed a career interest inventory* and updated career plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Explored careers through career profiles*, job shadowing, etc.	

11th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 11 th grade <i>NEXT Indiana: A Guide to Life After High School</i>	
Downloaded and filled out the 11 th grade insert* for the graduation plan	
Reviewed four-year course plan (<i>see inside</i>) and made changes as needed	
Reviewed testing plan (<i>see inside</i>) and made changes as needed	
Took the PSAT/NMSQT, PLAN or both in the fall and updated testing plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Took the SAT or ACT in the spring and updated testing plan (<i>see inside</i>)	
Signed up for 12 th grade classes—including advanced math, AP and dual-credit courses, and world languages	
Registered for Indiana e-Transcript (<i>see your high school's Web site</i>)	
Explored careers through career profiles*, job shadowing, etc.	
Visited at least three colleges	

12th Grade

Activity	✓
Read the 12 th grade <i>NEXT Indiana: A Guide to Life After High School</i>	
Downloaded and filled out the 12 th grade insert* for the graduation plan	
Retook, if necessary, the SAT or ACT in the fall	
Applied to at least three different colleges	
Visited final college choice before deciding to go there in the fall	
Filed the FAFSA by the receipt-date deadline to get the most money for college	
Graduated from high school	

* available at www.learnmoreindiana.org

GRADUATION PLAN Grades 6 to 12

This Graduation Plan will help you prepare for your future. Keep the plan up to date by reading your grade's **OnTrack** Student Success Mini-Magazine each year and by working with your school counselor and parents. You can also get additional planning worksheets for your Graduation Plan at www.learnmoreindiana.org/plan or by calling 1-800-992-2076.



STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Name	Year of Graduation
Address	Phone
City, State, Zip	Parent/Guardian
E-mail	

GRADUATION PROMISE

Student

I understand that education is key to my future and therefore commit to graduate from high school. I will also take the time to plan and prepare for life after high school by:

- being a responsible citizen and making good decisions;
- going to school and actively participating in my learning;
- studying hard and turning in my homework;
- pushing myself to complete Core 40 and considering going beyond it to complete an advanced diploma like Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors;
- exploring different careers and learning how college includes lots of options: two- and four-year degrees, certificates, apprenticeship programs and the military;
- asking for help when I need it.

signature of student

date

Parent/Guardian

I/We will continue to help my/our student succeed in school and prepare for success after high school.

signature(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s)

date

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PLAN

My diploma goal:	<input type="checkbox"/> INDIANA CORE40	<input type="checkbox"/> INDIANA CORE40 with Academic Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> INDIANA CORE40 with Technical Honors
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