Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your student prepares to transition into high school, we are excited to share this informational packet to support freshman course selection and long-term graduation planning. The materials included are designed to help students explore interests, understand diploma expectations, and begin thinking about future college and career goals.

Indiana offers a flexible diploma structure that allows students to meet core graduation requirements while also personalizing their learning experience. In addition to the standard diploma, students may choose to work toward graduation seals, such as the Employment & Enrollment Seal and the Honors Seal. These seals recognize additional academic rigor, career readiness, and postsecondary preparation and are earned over the course of four years. The visuals in this packet outline these options in greater detail.

Our high school also offers a wide range of Career Pathways. Pathways are three-course sequences that allow students to explore areas of interest while earning required credits and gaining real-world skills. Options include Business, Education, Agriculture, Healthcare, Skilled Trades, Visual Communication & Design, and the Arts. Participation in a pathway helps students prepare for college, technical training, or direct entry into the workforce. We encourage students to explore all pathways that interest them.

To support students in this process, high school counselors will meet with all 8th-grade students to review diploma options, graduation seals, pathway opportunities, and what to expect in high school. Families are encouraged to review the packet together and discuss course selections, interests, and future goals. A timeline outlining important dates and next steps is included.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with the high school counselors. We look forward to partnering with you to support your student's success as they begin their high school journey.

Sincerely,

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Introduction

High school counselors will meet with 8th grade students to guide them through diploma options, graduation requirements, pathway opportunities, and what comes next in high school.

Feb. 2nd

Send Home

Students will receive a packet containing all information presented, along with a course selection form. Students should review this information with their parents to determine freshman course selections, with a focus on electives and pathway interests.

Feb. 2nd

Scheduling

High school counselors will come into Mr. Lapadot's room to work with students on entering course selections into PowerSchool. These selections will be used to create schedules.

Students need bring their course selection sheets to school.

Feb. 10th

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Feb. 11th

Master Scheduling

Counselors will create the master schedule and hand-schedule each GHS student, ensuring all students are enrolled in their required courses as well as their requested courses whenever possible.

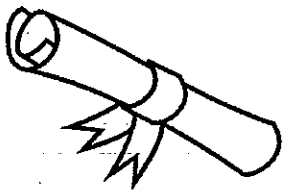
Feb. - June

Back to School Night

All incoming freshmen will visit the school to pick up their schedules and locker information. Students will be able to walk through their schedules, find their classrooms, and practice opening their lockers. High school counselors will be available to answer questions and provide support.

Aug. 2026

INDIANA
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS



Math

- **Algebra I** (2 Credits)
- **Personal Finance** (1 Credit)
- 4 Additional Math Credits

English

- **English 9** - 2 Credits
- **Communication Focused Course** (1 Credit)
- 5 Additional English Credits

Science

- **Biology I** (2 Credits)
- **Computer Science** (1 Credit)
- 2 additional science credits
- 2 STEM-focused credits

Social Studies

- **U.S. History** (2 Credits)
- **U.S. Government** (1 Credit)
- **World Studies** (2 Credits)

College & Careers

- **Preparing for College & Careers (1 Credit)**

PE/ Health

- **Physical Education** (1 Credit)
- **Health & Wellness** (1 Credit)

Personalized Electives

12 Credits

Personalized electives can include a variety of courses, such as CTE, Performing or Fine Arts, and World Languages.

INDIANA DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS | EMPLOYMENT

MATH	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SS	COLLEGE & CAREERS	PE	ELECTIVES
• Algebra I • Personal Finance • 4 Additional Credits	• English 9 • Comm Course • 5 Additional Credits	• Biology I • Computer Science • 2 Additional Credits • 2 STEM Credits	• US History • US Gov • World Studies	Preparing for College and Careers	• Physical Education • Health & Wellness	12 Personalized Elective Credits

ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS +

Earn 1 of the following:

Market Driven Credential

or

Complete a CTE Pathway

Complete at least 150 hours of work-based learning.

Demonstrate communication, collaboration, and good work ethic

Honors Seal

Honors Seal Plus

Earn 1 of the following:

Associates Degree

Technical Certificate

Indiana College Core

Advanced Industry Cert

ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS +

Complete at least 650 hours of work-based learning.

INDIANA DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS | ENROLLMENT

MATH	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SS	COLLEGE & CAREERS	PE	ELECTIVES
• Algebra I • Personal Finance • 4 Additional Credits	• English 9 • Comm Course • 5 Additional Credits	• Biology I • Computer Science • 2 Additional Credits • 2 STEM Credits	• US History • US Gov • World Studies	Preparing for College and Careers	• Physical Education • Health & Wellness	12 Personalized Elective Credits
+		+		+	+	+
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II & Pre-Calculus	Spanish I & Spanish II	Biology, Chemistry, 1 Adv. course (ESS, Physics, Animal)	**Honors Seal**	6 Dual Credit Courses	Earn a C or higher in all courses	Earn a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA

ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS +

Honors Seal Plus

Earn 1 of the following: Associate's Degree Technical Certificate Indiana College Core	Complete at least 75 hours of work-based learning.	Demonstrate communication, collaboration, and good work ethic

Garrett High School Career Pathway Options

Business Administration – Certificate (CT)
Accounting Fundamentals
Accounting 101 (Advanced Accounting)
Principles of Business (BUSN 101)
Principles of Management (BUSN 105)
English Composition (ENG 111)
Preparing for College & Careers (IVYT 106)
Counselor-approved electives (1–2)
Business Administration – Technical Certificate (TC)
All CT courses, plus:
Business Law (BUSN 201)
Business Operations & Technology (OTEC 207)
Additional counselor-approved electives

Digital Marketing – Certificate (CT)
Principles of Digital Design (VISC 101)
Digital Design Graphics (VISC 102)
Consumer Behavior (MKTG 230)
Digital Design Capstone (MKTG 101, 252, 257, PHOTO 104, VISC 110)
Preparing for College & Careers (IVYT 106)

Healthcare
BioMed (Principles of Healthcare, Biomedical Sciences, Honors Biology)
Medical Terminology (BIO 163)
Anatomy & Physiology (BIO 154)

AgriScience
Principles of Agriculture
Animal Science
Food Science

Welding
Principles of Construction (BCTI 100)
Principles of Advanced Manufacturing
Principles of Welding Technology
Welding I & II
Welding Technology Capstone

Construction Trades
Principles of Construction (BCTI 100)
Advanced Manufacturing
Framing & Finishing
General Carpentry
Construction Trades Capstone

Visual Communications – Certificate (CT)
Principles of Digital Design (VISC 101)
Digital Design Graphics (VISC 102)
Interactive Media (VISC 105)
Graphic Design & Layout (VISC 115)
Digital Design Capstone*
Visual Communications – Technical Certificate (TC)
All CT courses, plus:
Preparing for College & Careers (IVYT 106)
English Composition (ENG 111)
Survey of Art & Culture (ARTH 101)

Education
Principles of Teaching (EDUC 101)
Child & Adolescent Development (EDUC 121)
The Exceptional Child (EDUC 230)
Introduction to Literacy (EDUC 235)

Art
Introduction to 2D/3D Art
Advanced Art (3 sequenced art courses- painting, drawing, ceramics, or sculpture)
Principles of Business Management or Principles of Teaching

Band
Beginning → Intermediate → Advanced Band
Principles of Business Management or Principles of Teaching

Chorus
Beginning → Intermediate → Advanced Chorus
Principles of Business Management or Principles of Teaching

Civil Engineering & Architecture (CAD Certificate)
Intro to Design Technology (DESN 101)
Mechanical Graphics (DESN 104)
Architectural Design (DESN 105)
BIM Architecture (DESN 113)
Mechanical Design Capstone (DESN 220)

Heavy Highway
Principles of Construction (BCTI 100)
Heavy Equipment Fundamentals I
Heavy Equipment Operations II
Heavy Equipment Capstone

Garrett High School
Course Selection Sheet | Grade 9

Name: _____

English	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ World Studies: English	2	

Math (Pick one)	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ Algebra I	2	
☐ Geometry	2	Alg. 1

Social Studies	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ World Studies	2	

Science (Pick one)	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ Biology	2	
☐ Biology Honors	2	
☐ BioMed (Medical Biology)	2	

Foreign Language	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ Spanish I	2	
☐ Spanish II	2	Spanish I

Pathway Course Options	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ Principles of Business (BUSN 101)	2	
☐ Principles of Management (BUSN 105)	2	
☐ Principles of Digital Design (VISC 101)	1	
☐ Digital Design Graphics (VISC 102)	2	VISC 101
☐ Graphic Design (VISC 115)	2	VISC 101
☐ Intro to Design Technology (DESN 101)	2	
☐ Principles of Construction (BCTI 100)	2	
☐ Principles of Advanced Manufacturing	2	
☐ Principles of Agriculture	1	
☐ Animal Science	2	
☐ Food Science	2	
☐ Medical Terminology (BIO 163)	2	

Electives	Credit	Pre-Req
☐ APC (Weights) S1	1	
☐ APC (Weights) S2	1	
☐ Ceramics: Level I, II, or III	1	Intro to 2D/3D
☐ Concert Band	1	
☐ Concert Choir	1	
☐ Creating Decals & Embroidery	1	
☐ Drawing: Level I, II, or III	1	Intro to 2D/3D
☐ Forensics	1	
☐ Intro to 2D/3D Art	1	
☐ Intro to Computer Science	1	
☐ Library Media	1	
☐ Marching Band	1	
☐ Painting: Level I, II, or III	1	Intro to 2D/3D
☐ Piano & Keyboarding	1	
☐ Principles of Teaching	1	
☐ Psychology	1	
☐ Railway Cafe	1	
☐ Sculpture: Level I, II, or III	1	Intro to 2D/3D
☐ Show Choir	1	
☐ Sociology	1	
☐ Student Media (Yearbook)	2	

Notes

* Please complete this form and bring it on Feb 10th!