

Board Policy 2710: High School Graduation Requirements—Specialty Diplomas

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STEM Diploma

The Board may award a STEM Diploma to every student enrolled in the School District who meets the requirements of graduation established by the School District and also completes the following:

1. Eight credits in mathematics;
2. Eight credits in science; and
3. Five credits in the students' choice of any or all subjects of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Students who have completed eight or more credits in mathematics that include algebra II or a higher-level mathematics class before the student's senior year are not required to take a mathematics class in the student's senior year.

The official transcript will indicate the specific courses taken and level of achievement.

Bi-Literacy Diploma

The Board may award a Bi-Literacy Diploma to every student enrolled in the School District who meets the requirements of graduation established by the School District, demonstrates proficiency in English, and meets one of the following requirements:

1. Passes a foreign language advanced placement exam with a score of 3 or higher; or
2. Passes an international baccalaureate examination with a score of 4 or higher; or
3. Demonstrates intermediate mid-level proficiency or higher in the world language based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines; or
4. Qualifies for four competency-based credits by demonstrating proficiency in the world language at the intermediate mid-level or higher based on the ACTFL guidelines; or
5. Demonstrates proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading the world language through other national or international assessments approved by the State Board of Education.

To receive this specialty diploma, students are not required to complete more than the total credits required to graduate.

Workforce Readiness and Career Technical Education Diploma

The Board may award a Workforce Readiness and Career Technical Education Diploma to every student who successfully completes all minimum graduation requirements as well as the following:

1. Successfully passed a technical skills assessment;
2. Successfully passed the workplace readiness assessment; and

3. Demonstrated competency in career technical education program standards as identified with “Skillstack” or a successor program and earned the workforce readiness badge or an industry certification approved by the Division of Career Technical Education for this purpose.

To receive this specialty diploma, students are not required to complete more than the total credits required to graduate. A student may earn their last year of Math and English credits through a practical math or technical writing course.

Each student is encouraged to earn a relevant industry certification.

Legal References

IC § 33-523

Description

STEM Diploma

IC § 33-524

Biliteracy Diploma

IC § 33-526

Workforce Readiness Diploma

IDAPA 08.02.01.250.02

Required Attendance

IDAPA 08.02.01.350

Early Graduation

IDAPA 08.02.03.105

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IDAPA 08.02.03.1802

STEM Diploma Math Exemption

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