

LAPORTE HIGH SCHOOL



GRADUATION PATHWAYS: GENERAL INFORMATION

In December of 2017, the Indiana State Board of Education approved new graduation requirements for the class of 2023 and beyond.

Students who are in the class of 2019 and 2020 (current Juniors and Seniors) who have NOT passed the ISTEP 10 may opt-in to these requirements in lieu of the current graduation requirement (passing the ISTEP 10). As a result, these students would not need to retake the ISTEP this fall or spring this year or next in order to graduate.

The Graduation Pathways were developed to ensure that every student graduates from high school with the following:

1. An awareness of and engagement with individual career interests and associated career options;
2. A strong foundation of academic and technical skills; and
3. The ability to demonstrate employability skills that lead to a meaningful opportunity for post-secondary education, training, and gainful employment.

What does a student need to do to graduate from high school under the new Graduation Pathway requirements?

Students must satisfy all three boxes of the following Graduation Pathway requirements:

1. **Box 1:** Earn a High School Diploma (Academic or Technical Honors, Core 40, or General diploma requirements); AND
2. **Box 2:** Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills; AND
3. **Box 3:** Demonstrate Post-Secondary Readiness Competencies

BOX 1: Earn a High School Diploma: Must meet **ONE** of the following:

- Academic Honors
- Technical Honors
- Core 40
- General

BOX 2: Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills: Must meet **ONE** of the following:

- **Completion of a project based learning experience**
 - Examples include completion of specific project based classes, completion of a comprehensive research project, or other school options that have been approved the Indiana State Board of Education; OR
- **Completion of a serviced based learning experience**
 - Examples include participation in a meaningful volunteer or civic engagement experience, engagement in a school based activity such as a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity or sport for at least one academic season, completion of the community service course, completion of the Technical Honors course, or other options that have been approved by the Indiana State Board of Education; OR
- **Completion of a work based learning experience**
 - Examples include completion of an internship program, obtainment of the Governor's Work Ethic Certification, employment outside of the school day, or other options approved by the Indiana State Board of Education

Note: Students must complete a LPHS Employment Skills Verification form and/or LPHS Employment Verification Form (located in the guidance office) to verify that Box 2 has been attained and secured.

BOX 3: Demonstrate post-secondary readiness competencies: Must fulfill **ONE** of the following:

- **Honors diploma:** Fulfill all the requirements of an Academic or Technical Honors Diploma.

- **ACT:** Earn the college ready benchmark scores of:
 - 18 In English, 22 in Reading, 22 in Math, 23 in Science
- **SAT:** Earn the college ready benchmark score of:
 - 480 in Evidence Based Reading and Writing, 530 in Math
- **ASVAB** (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery): Earn at least the minimum Armed Forces Qualifying **score of 31** to qualify for placement in one of the branches of the US Military.
- **State and Industry recognized Credentials or Certification**
- **State, Federal, or Industry recognized Apprenticeship**
- **Career Technical Education Concentrator:**
 - Earn at least 6 high school credits within a Pathway sequence with at least a “C” average
- **AP/Dual Credit:**
 - Earn at least 3 dual credit courses with at least a “C” average; and
 - One of the courses must be in English, Math, Science, or Social Studies
- **Meet the requirements of a Locally Created Pathway**
 - Must be approved by the Indiana state Board of Education

LaPorte High School is offering the ASVAB test to 11th and 12th graders who have NOT passed the ISTEP 10 Exam in order to opt-in to graduate under the new Graduation Pathway requirements.

The ASVAB is given at specified times during school hours and there is no cost to this exam. Only students who have not met one of the other eight post-secondary readiness competencies (BOX 3) listed above would need to take the ASVAB test.

Although completing the ASVAB is a requirement for entering the military, taking the ASVAB test DOES NOT obligate students to enter any military branch in any way. The ASVAB does provide students with career information for various occupations.

Students in the classes of 2019 and 2020 who **are** eligible to opt-in to Graduation Pathways will not need to retake the ISTEP 10 exam, but the opportunity is still available to demonstrate proficiency.

If you have any questions about the new Graduation Pathways, please contact Mr. Scott Upp, Mr. Matt Presley, Mrs. Jen Hunt, or your student’s guidance counselor.