

Key Terms

- **4.0 Grade Point Scale:** Numeric value assigned to alpha grades

A = 4.0

C = 2.0

A- = 3.7

C- = 1.7

B+ = 3.3

D+ = 1.3

B = 3.0

D = 1.0

B- = 2.7

D- = 0.7

C+ = 2.3

- **21st Century Scholars:** the state's premier college scholarship and preparation program for low-income Hoosier students. Students who fulfill the Scholar Pledge are provided up to four years of paid tuition at an Indiana college or university. Families must apply before June 30th of their child's 8th grade year. See middle school counselors for more information.
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** A college level course offered in high school. An exam is offered at the end of the year to determine if colleges will award college credit.
- **Area 18 Career and Technical:** Career related courses that are offered at Norwell, Belmont, South Adams, Bluffton, Huntington, and Southern Wells. Please visit the site listed to see the courses offered <http://www.nwcs.k12.in.us/CareerPathways.aspx>
- **ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery):** a program that provides tools to help students learn more about careers exploration and planning in both the civilian and military world of work
- **Career Clusters:** a group of jobs and industries that are related by skills or products
- **Career Pathways:** a sequence of course offered in a specific state approved career pathway.
- **Credit:** one credit equals one semester of successfully (D- or higher) completing a course (excluding study hall)
- **Dual Credit Course:** College course offered in the high school in which students can earn college and high school credits (PFW Collegiate Connection, Ivy Tech Dual Credit)
- **Dual Enrollment:** students can take college level courses at a college/university campus (or online at the college/university) for college credit.
- **Employability Skill:** set of skills and behaviors that are necessary for every job or career (soft and hard skills).
- **FAFSA:** Free Application for Student Federal Aid – completed during the students' senior year
- **Grade Point Average (GPA):** the average of all courses a student has taken
- **Graduation Pathway:** new graduation requirement starting with class of 2023
- **Industry Certification:** industry recognized credentials as developed or supported by business and industry to verify mastery of technical skills competencies in an occupational area. Most industry certifications are obtained through the Area 18 Career Pathways.
- **Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE):** actual work experience in an occupation in any one of the Indiana College and Career Pathways that relates directly to the student's career objectives in which students can high school credit.
- **Job Shadow Form:** must be filled out before a student can participate in a job shadow. Students are allowed 1 job shadow day per academic year.
- **Naviance:** Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.
- **Parchment:** website that students use to request high school transcripts
- **Postsecondary Ready Competencies:** this graduation requirement means you must prove you are ready to go onto college/university, military, or workforce. (Box 3 of the new graduation pathway)
- **Project-Based learning:** allows students to gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question.
- **PSAT:** Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test – the practice test for the SAT
- **Quantitative Reasoning/Applied Math:** a high school course that advances a student's ability to apply math in real world situations and contexts and that deepens a student's understanding of high school math standards.
- **SAT/ACT:** college entrance exam required for admittance to a four-year college or university
- **Scholarships/Grants:** free money that students can earn based on merit and/or financial need
- **Service Based Learning:** the integration of academic study with service experience to address a social or economic issue and requires collaboration between the student, school, and the local community.
- **Six Year Plans:** (4 years of high school/2 year post high school). Building a tentative plan that will put students on the right path for their chosen diploma track and career(s) interests.

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- **Student Opportunities:** opportunities for students to explore college and career activities outside the school day (EX: Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Teens for Nature Volunteer and Leadership Program, job openings, college days, etc.)
- **Work-Based Learning:** an opportunity for students to apply the concepts, skills, and dispositions learned in previous coursework in their pathways in real world business and industry settings.