



INDIANA'S ALTERNATE DIPLOMA



GRADUATION RATE

Students who receive the Indiana Alternate Diploma will be counted towards the overall graduation rate for their school or corporation.



LOCAL CERTIFICATES

Schools and corporations retain all authority to award locally-developed certificates, such as a certificate of completion, to students who do not meet graduation requirements identified in IC 20-32-4.

IMPLEMENTATION

Local implementation for the Indiana Alternate Diploma should be incorporated for this school year. This diploma will provide Indiana students with increased opportunity, support, and pathways to success.



The **Indiana Alternate Diploma** is a standards-based diploma available to students with the most-significant cognitive disabilities who participate in alternate assessments and satisfy graduation requirements.

WHY WAS IT DEVELOPED?

The Indiana State Board of Education approved amendments to graduation requirements pursuant to 5111 IAC 6-7.1 to establish an alternate diploma that allows students with the most-significant cognitive disabilities to earn their diploma. This opportunity seeks to make earning a diploma more accessible to students to support them in future endeavors.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

The Indiana Alternate Diploma can be earned through completion of 40 high school credits, applied units, or a combination of both. Students must complete one activity aligned with their transition goals and develop a transition portfolio that demonstrates their work experience, credentials, or work certificates from high school. Required credits from units such as English/language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, and employability are also identified.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This diploma is intended for students with the most-significant cognitive disabilities for whom a case conference committee has determined that the Indiana Alternate Diploma is appropriate, as indicated in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and has participated in the statewide alternate assessment program, I AM.

Eligible students in cohort 2023 may earn the Indiana Alternate Diploma beginning this spring.