

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the policy of the School Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the achievement of Corporation goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency by the awarding of a diploma at fitting graduation ceremonies.

The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in this Corporation who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board as provided by the State.

Carroll High School students can earn any one of three (3) different diplomas. The Carroll Consolidated School Board declared the Core 40 diploma as the required diploma for graduation beginning with the Class of 2010 as this diploma prepares students well for post-high school options. The criteria for each of these diplomas is listed below. A minimum of forty (40) high school credits must be earned as set forth by the Indiana Department of Education. *To be eligible to receive any of the following diplomas, a student must not only meet all the requirements listed, but also have passed the ISTEP Graduation Qualifying Exam (GQE)(Classes of 2010 and 2011), Core 40 End-of-Course Assessments in English 10 and Algebra/Integrated Math I (Class of 2012 and beyond), or meet the requirements necessary for a waiver.*

CORE 40

A student may be eligible for a Core 40 diploma providing that they have earned thirty-four (34) credits in the areas of study specified below and six (6) additional credits shall be earned from courses in these and other areas of study.

English	8 credits
Social Studies	6 credits
Mathematics	6 credits
Science	6 credits
Directed Electives (incl. Orient. to Life & Careers)	5 credits
Physical Education (2 semesters)	2 credits
*Health 1 credit	

*Many colleges and universities are now requiring 4 semesters of a World Language for admission. **Although not required, it is highly recommended that a Core 40 diploma include at least 4 semesters of a World Language.***

CORE 40 WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

Students may be eligible for a Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma providing that they have earned at least forty-seven (47) credits in prescribed areas, with no letter grade below "C" and an overall average of "B" (3.0/4.0) or better. The state of Indiana will provide a special seal for diplomas. Minimum requirements are as follows:

English	8 credits
Social Studies (WH or Geog/Hist of Wrld, US Hist, Govt, Econ)	6 credits
Mathematics (Int. Math I & higher)	8 credits
Science (incl. Bio & Int. Chem, Chem, or Physics)	6 credits
World Language (6 crs. must be in the same language, or 4 crs. in each of two different languages)	6 or 8 credits

Fine Arts	2 credits
Physical Education (2 semesters)	2 credits
*Health	1 credit
Directed Electives (incl. Orient. to Life & Careers)	5-7 credits

Students must also complete one of the following:

- Two Advanced Placement courses (4 credits) and corresponding AP exams
- Dual high school/college credit courses from the Core Transfer Library (6 transferable college credits)
- One Advanced Placement course (2 credits) and corresponding AP exam AND dual high school/college credit course(s) from the Core Transfer Library (3 transferable college credits)
- Combined SAT math and critical reading score of 1200 or higher
- Composite ACT score of 26 or higher
- Two International Baccalaureate courses (4 credits) and corresponding IB exams

CORE 40 WITH TECHNICAL HONORS

Students may be eligible for a Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma providing that they have earned at least forty-seven (47) credits in prescribed areas, with no letter grade below “C” and an overall average of “B” (3.0/4.0) or better. The state of Indiana will provide a special seal for diplomas. Minimum requirements are as follows:

English	8 credits
Social Studies (WH or Geog/Hist of Wrld, US Hist, Govt, Econ)	6 credits
Mathematics (Int. Math I, II, & III)	6 credits
Science (incl. Bio & Int. Chem, Chem, or Physics)	6 credits
Directed Electives (incl. Orientation to Life and Careers)	5 credits
Physical Education (2 semesters)	2 credits
*Health	1 credit
Electives	6 credits

Students must complete a Career-technical Program resulting in 8 or more related credits.

Students must also complete two of the following, one must be A or B:

- Score at or above the following levels on WorkKeys: Reading for Information – Level 6; Applied Mathematics – Level 6; Locating Information - Level 5.
- Complete dual high school/college credit courses in a technical area resulting in 6 college credits.
- Complete a Professional Career Internship or Cooperative Education course resulting in at least 2 credits.
- Complete an industry-based work experience as part of a two-year technical education program (minimum 140 hours).
- Earn a state-approved, industry-recognized certification.

OPT-OUT PROCESS

Students who are unable to achieve the requirements for the Core 40 diploma may still graduate from Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School with a general diploma. To graduate with less than Core 40, the following formal opt-out process must be completed. The student, his/her parents/guardian, and the school counselor will meet together to discuss the

student's progress and review the student's career and course plan. The student's parent/guardian determines whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by completing the general curriculum or the Core 40 curriculum. If the decision is made to opt-out of Core 40, the student is required to complete the course and credit requirements for a general diploma and the career/academic sequence the student will pursue is determined. In such cases, thirty-four (34) credits shall be earned in the areas of study specified below and an additional six (6) credits shall be earned from courses in these and other areas of study to earn a *general* high school diploma:

English	8 credits
Social Studies (incl. US History and US Govt)	4 credits
Mathematics (Int Math I required)	4 credits
Science (Bio. required)	4 credits
Physical Education (2 semesters)	2 credits
*Health	1 credit
Career Academic Sequence (incl. Orientation to Life and Careers)	6 credits
Flex Credits	5 credits
Electives	6 credits

*The Health requirement will be waived if a student earns 3 credits from the following courses: Interpersonal Relationships, Child Development and Parenting, Nutrition and wellness, Orientation to Life and Careers or Adult Roles and Responsibilities.

Commencement exercises will include only those students who have successfully completed requirements for graduation as certified by the high school principal. No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure. A student may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants.

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