**ISTEP and Graduation Pathway Decision Form**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the passage of Graduation Pathways, students are now able to individualize their graduation requirements to align with their postsecondary goal. No longer must all students fit into the same academic mold, but rather, they can choose the options that best meet their postsecondary needs and aspirations. Students can create pathways that serve their educational interests and prepares them for postsecondary educational and career opportunities.

A completed pathway serves as an alternative to ISTEP if your child has not already passed the math and/or English portions.  The completion of a pathway does not mean your child will be receiving a graduation waiver, but is meeting the requirements of the diploma using another option.  Since your child has completed a pathway, he/she has the opportunity to choose whether to take the ISTEP assessment.  Not retaking the assessment will not affect graduation, pending the alternate pathway and all other requirements (credits, course requirements, etc.) are complete.  Of course, students may choose to take the assessment if they feel they would like to improve their score for college and career purposes.

Graduation using the pathways requirement is comprised of 1) earning a high school diploma, 2) demonstrating employability skills (verification of experience needed), and 3) postsecondary readiness competencies (listed below). Full details on the new graduation pathways can be found at <https://www.doe.in.gov/graduation-pathways>.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has completed the following pathway:

2. Demonstrated Employability Skills by completing at least 75 hours in one of the following areas. Verification forms must be completed by student and supervising adult.

A. Work-Based Learning Experience

B. Service-Based Learning Experience

C. Project-Based Learning Experience

3. Post Secondary Readiness Competency

* Qualifying ACT score (Minimum: Eng \_\_\_\_/18, Rdg \_\_\_\_/22, Math \_\_\_\_/22, Sci \_\_\_\_/23)
* Qualifying SAT score (Minimum: ERW \_\_\_\_\_\_/480, Math \_\_\_\_\_\_, 530)
* Qualifying ASVAB score (Minimum: AFQT \_\_\_\_\_/31)
* CTE Concentrator (C average required): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 3 AP/IB/Dual Credit Courses (C average required)

Please choose your ISTEP decision by circling one of the following choices:

* My child WILL NOT be taking ISTEP due to the completion of an alternate graduation pathway.
* My child WILL take the portions of ISTEP in which they did not receive a passing score, even though their alternate graduation pathway is complete. Remediation for ISTEP+ will be required.

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Student Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

**Please complete and return by January 11th.  Failure to return this form will result in your student taking the ISTEP assessment.**