

# CROSSING



## the Finish Line

**Crossing the Finish Line** covers tuition, fees, books, and the cost of obtaining transcripts and any required College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests at Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University for high school students who are just a few credits away from earning a credential of value.

By supporting our students in completing these credentials, we help them to increase their educational attainment, which leads to a better quality of life, increased wages, a healthier life, and increased career opportunities.

Indiana ranks **#1 nationwide** in terms of students completing **at least one college course** in high school.



**66%** of Indiana high school graduates earn some form of **college credit**.

A short-term credential in Indiana can be earned with as few as

**15-18 Credits**



These students graduate with an average of

**14 College Credits**



“The Crossing the Finish Line initiative is a financial blessing to our students and families as it gives students the opportunity to complete the Indiana College Core without the financial burden of college. Several of our graduates have reported back that by obtaining the College Core they have been able to double major/minor without adding a fifth year of college and (are) even completing their degree programs in less than four years.”

Jamie Rosfield, East Central High School Assistant Principal

“(Crossing the Finish Line) definitely saved me a lot of time and money. I am so thankful for it because I had no idea what to expect when I went to college, like the transition from high school to college.”

Hannah Messer, Indiana University student

## Program Outcomes

**2021**

- Saved students and families over \$1.4 million in tuition, fees, and textbook costs
- Over 700 credential completions
- More than 480 Indiana College Core certificates awarded
- Nearly 1,900 students served from over 275 Indiana high schools

**2022**

- Saved students and families over \$2.5 million in tuition, fees, and textbook costs
- Nearly 1,400 credential completions
- 888 Indiana College Core certificates awarded
- 3,300 students served from over 335 Indiana high schools – a 71% increase from 2021

**2023**

- Saved students and families over \$8 million in tuition, fees, and textbook costs
- Nearly 2,000 total credential completions
- Over 4,000 students served from over 380 Indiana high schools



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