

Indiana - 2005 - HB 1794

- **Dropout Age** - Clarifies that the dropout age in Indiana is 18 years of age. Between the ages of 16 and 18, students must have the approval of parents and principal to withdraw from school.
- **Withdrawal Process** - Ensures that students must go through a formal withdrawal process involving the student, parent and principal.
- **Driver's License/Work Permit** - Student lose privileges of driver's license and work permit if they drop out before they are 18 years old without financial hardship and/or parent and principal approval.
- **Chronic Absenteeism** - Includes chronic absenteeism (missing more than 10 unexcused days from school) in the definition of habitual truant and loss of a work permit.

School Flex Program

- Creates an alternate program for students in grades 11 and 12 that serves to engage students in relevant learning by allowing them to:
 - Enroll in either a college or technical career education program; or
 - Enroll in employment
- Requires that the student:
 - Attends school for at least three hours per day
 - Pursues a timely graduation
 - Not be suspended or expelled
 - Pursues course and credit requirements for a general diploma
 - Maintains a 95% attendance rate
- The school still counts the student as a full day student.

Indiana - 2006 - HB 1347

- Requires that a student may only receive permission to drop out of high school for financial reasons or health reasons or with permission of a judge.
- Provides that on the annual school report card, high schools must report numbers of:
 - Total suspensions

- Students permitted to dropout by the school
- Work permits revoked
- Driver's permits revoked
- Students in the School Flex program
- Freshman not earning enough credits to become sophomores.
- Requires annual review of the student career plan. If a student is not progressing, schools must counsel the student about credit recovery options and services available so that that the student may graduate on time.

Fast Track Program

- Authorizes community colleges and public colleges and universities to offer a high school completion program for students 19 or older or students with the high school's permission.
- A student must also be enrolled a certificate or associate's degree program.
- To complete the program a student must pass an exam demonstrating the student is ready for college level work.
- Credits from high school transfer to college Fast Track program.

Double Up Program

- Creates a dual credit program that may be offered by community colleges and public colleges and universities.
- Students can earn an associate's degree.
- A high school must offer a minimum of two dual credit and two Advanced Placement courses so that a student may meet the requirements for Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma.
- Free and reduced lunch students receive a tuition waiver from the university.