INDIANA'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS GRADES K-2

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DEAR INDIANA STUDENTS,

elcome to Learn More! In this magazine you will explore interesting careers, what college will be like, and how you can pay for college. Grab your pencils and flip through these pages to start discovering what your future might hold!

And, be sure to check out Learn More Indiana's campaigns to find out how you can prepare for college and career success this year. College GO! (August - November), Cash for College (December - March) and Career Ready (April - July) have information and fun activities to help you turn your dreams into a reality.

After you finish the magazine, visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/ contest with an adult to enter for a chance to win \$529 in a college savings account.

Have a great school year!

DEAR INDIANA PARENTS,

Learn More isn't just for kids. We encourage you to read this magazine with your child as a way to talk about college and career readiness. It's never too early to start thinking about your student's career choices, college options and how to pay for it all. Check out the parent corner in each section of Learn More to read about ways you can ensure your child is prepared to succeed.

And, if you're thinking about going back to school yourself, there's never been a better time! Indiana has financial aid programs just for adult students. Learn more about these great opportunities on page 11 or at LearnMoreIndiana.org/ statefinancialaid.



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STUDENT CHECKLIST

CAREER

Ask your parents or another caring adult about visiting a job that interests you.

Read about a career you might like to have. Learn about some important careers in Indiana on the next few pages.

Do your best work. School is your job, so you should work hard every day!

COLLEGE

Talk to your parents and teachers about where they went to college and what it was like.

Ask your parent or another family member to take you to visit a college campus. Use the map on the back cover to find a college close to you.

If you are having trouble, ask for help. Evervone needs help sometimes. Talk to your teachers, school counselor or parents.

Parent Checklist

- 1. Help your child develop a lifelong interest in reading. Read with your child, and try to set aside time each week for you and your child to read together.
- 2. Check your child's homework and follow his or her progress at school. Pay attention to report cards and attend parent-teacher conferences. If you cannot attend a conference because of the time, talk to your child's teacher about other options.
- 3. Start saving for your child's education today. See page 15 to learn about Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

WELCOME

COST

Work hard every day. It might earn you money for college later.

Save money for college, or open an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/contest with an adult to enter for a chance to win \$529 in a CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

About the cover: AUDRIELLE is in kindergarten at William **McKinley** School in Indianapolis. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Her favorite subjects are reading and math. When she grows up, maybe she will teach these subjects.



CAREER

career is a job. It is what you will do when you grow up. It requires special training. Usually you learn how to do your career in college. Some careers require more than four years of college and some require only one.

There are a lot of careers to choose from! Some careers work outside. Many careers use math. Indiana needs people for many kinds of careers. There are careers that help us learn new things. There are careers that get us food. Some careers keep us healthy.

You should pick a career you enjoy. What do you like to do? Talk to your teachers and parents about careers you are interested in. Every career is different, and all careers are important!

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION

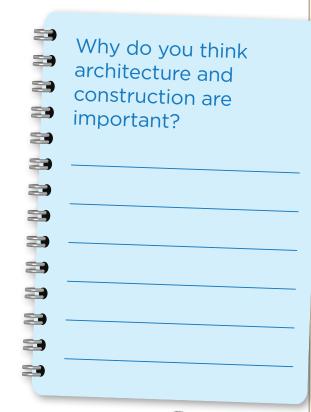
Careers in architecture and construction design and build things like houses and roads. Sometimes they work outside and sometimes they work inside. It takes a team of people to build a building!

> First, an **architect** designs the building. Then **construction workers** build it with wood, metal and brick.

Electricians make sure the power and lights work. Without electricians, you wouldn't be able to turn on the lights or watch television!

If you like to work with your hands,

you could be a construction worker or an electrician! They usually go to college for one or two years to earn a certificate or associate degree.



LEONARDO is in 7th grade at Longfellow Middle School. He wants to be an architect when he grows up. Architects design buildings. They need to know a lot about math! Leonardo is taking a lot of math classes now to prepare for

college.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND

People who work in business help run companies. It takes a lot of jobs to make a business successful. Businesses need people to work with money, computers and a lot more.

A general manager helps run different parts of a company. An accountant keeps track of the money. General managers and accountants usually go to college for four years to earn a bachelor's degree. If you like working with people, you could be a customer service representative. They help answer questions and make sure customers are happy. Many customer service representatives go to school for one or two years.

Pretend you own your own business. What would you make or sell?

HEALTH SCIENCE

Careers in health science help people get and stay healthy. They help people who are sick, create new medicine and teach people how to be healthy. Helping people feel better is very important!

There are many careers to choose from! **Nurses** help take care of sick people. Nurses go to school for two years for an associate degree or four years for a bachelor's degree. If you like to figure things out, you

could be a **doctor**. They cure people who are sick with medicine or an operation. Doctors go to college for at least eight years!

How many health science careers can you think of? (Hint: think about people you see when you visit a doctor or dentist.)

LANIAH is in 1st grade at William McKinley School. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up! She wants to help people who are hurt.

MANUFACTURING

Careers in manufacturing turn raw materials (like wood and oil) into products to buy and use. People who work in manufacturing plan,



build and check the products they make. They usually work in a factory or mill. A lot of factories are high-tech. They use robots and computers!

There are a lot of jobs to choose from. **Machinists** set up and use machines to make parts. They also fix tools and machines that are broken. **Welders** use tools to stick pieces of metal together (kind of like glue). Machinists and welders go to school for one year to earn a certificate or two years to

earn an associate degree.

IF YOU COULD MAKE A NEW PRODUCT, WHAT WOULD IT BE? WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD BUY IT?

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

Careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) study the world and make new things.

There are many important careers in STEM. If you like to fix things, then you might be an **engineer**. They use technology to create

new products or fix problems. You could be a **mechanical engineer** and work with machines. Engineers go to college for at least four years and learn a lot of science and math!

If you like science, you could be an **environmental scientist**! They look at the world around us to see how it affects plants, humans and animals. If you like math, you could be a **statistician**. Statisticians use math to help people understand the world and make decisions.

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Quiz: What do engineers learn a lot about in college?

LINCOLN is in 2nd grade at Riley Elementary School. He wants to be a paleontologist when he grows up. Paleontologists study fossils and dinosaurs. He thinks college will be fun!

DESIGN YOUR OWN BUILDING!

Pretend you are an architect. It is time to design your own building! You can draw a gingerbread house made out of candy. Maybe you will draw a castle made out of sand. Maybe your building will be in space.

My building:

It's made out of:

Parent Corner

It might seem early to talk to your child about careers but the sooner the discussion starts, the more prepared he or she will be. Ask your child about his or her dreams and interests. Set short-term goals together, and model the importance of following through on a goal. Talk to your child about your career and the skills you use on a daily basis. Point out different careers you see with your child and what kinds of tasks they involve.

Use your imagination! When you finish your drawing, write down what kind of building it is and what it is made out of.

COLLEGE

n college you will learn new things that are important for your future career! Some students go to college for one or two years. Others go to college for four years or more! When you are done, you will earn a degree or certificate.

> **College is fun!** You will choose your classes. You can join new clubs. You will even make new friends! College will prepare you for your future!

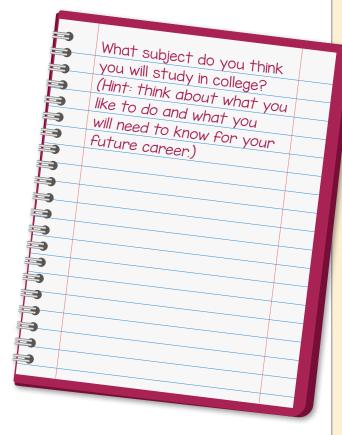
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jobs require a college degree or certificate. It's never too early to plan for college! You should work hard in school every day. Start thinking about what you like to do and what you are good at. This will help you know what to study in college.

Indiana has more than 50 colleges!

That's a lot to choose from! Some are close to home while others may be far away. You can go to a big college or a small one. Most colleges have a lot of buildings including classrooms, a library, a cafeteria and more. Some colleges have dorms (small apartments where students live). Colleges have a lot of different subjects you can study, like math, science, art and more!



SAMUEL is in 2nd grade at William McKinley School. He likes learning about the planets! People who study planets, stars and space major in astronomy in college. Astronomy is a type of science.

COLLEGE GO!

Learn more about college during College GO!, every August through November! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/college to learn more.

INDIANA'S COLLEGE OPTIONS



An apprentice at ABC, Inc. (Associated Builders and Contractors). He's learning how to build things.



Two students at Vincennes University in the technology program. They are learning how to operate robots.



A student and professor at the University of Southern Indiana. She is learning how to be an engineer.

COLLEGE-GOING CHARACTER TRAITS

College students work hard in school! They go to class and study so they can graduate and get a good job. To be a good student, you should work hard every day. There are a lot of other things you can do to be a good student!

List three ways you are a good student in the blanks below.



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

There are a lot of important things to remember about college! Use the word bank to fill in the blanks for each sentence.

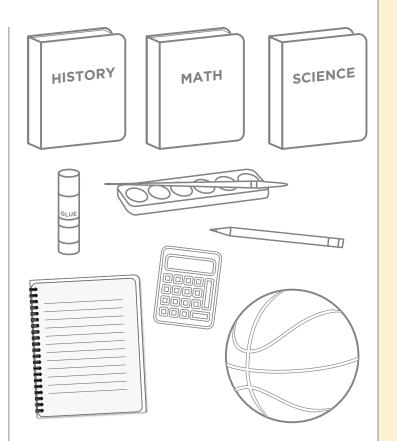
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Book	Working hard
One	Paper
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teaches students about their future careers! 1. 2. Remember to bring your and class! 3. Indiana has more than colleges! 4. You might be in college for _____ year, ____ vears, years or more! every day! 5. Being a good student means

PREPARE FOR CLASS

Sam needs to go to math class. Help him pack his backpack! Circle the items he needs for his math class, then color them!





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

XIOMARA is in first grade at Fairview Elementary School. She wants to be a scientist or a baker when she grows up! Did you know that bakers use science every day?

Getting the right amount of ingredients is like a science experiment! You can add more chocolate chips to your cookies, or even try dark chocolate or peanut butter to see what tastes better. There are all kinds of options! To be a good baker, it's important to follow directions. It's also important to follow directions to be a good student!

Bakers usually go to college for one year to earn a certificate or two years to earn an associate degree. In college, bakers learn how

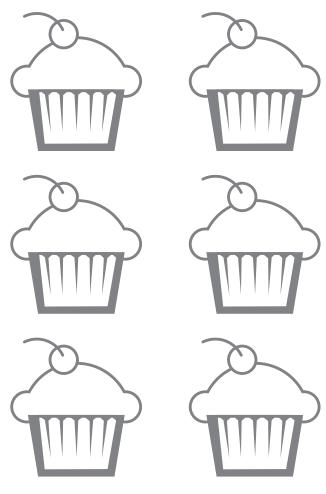
to mix and bake ingredients. They also learn how to keep a kitchen clean. Some bakers also learn how to run a business in college.

> Xiomara will work hard in school now so she will be ready for college. She will need to study hard in all her subjects, especially science!

Parent Corner

College is an important part of your child's future! Nearly two-thirds of all new jobs in Indiana will require some form of education beyond high school. Prepare your child by talking about the importance of school and hard work. Talk to your child about what he or she is learning, and encourage good study habits by setting aside time for your child to read and do homework each day. For more information on how to prepare your child for college, visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.

How many years will Xiomara be in college for an associate degree? Color in the correct number of cupcakes.



Thinking about going back to college yourself? There's never been a better time to skill up in Indiana with financial aid options designed specifically for workingage adults. The Workforce Ready Grant and the Adult Student Grant provide financial assistance to help you start—or finish—a certificate or degree.

Visit NextLevelJobs.org to get started today.

COST



ou will have to pay to learn about your future job. College is worth the cost! It will help you get a good job you enjoy. You can even start saving

There are a lot of ways to pay for college. Did you know you can earn free money for college? It's called a **scholarship**! There are scholarships for good grades and for people who are good at sports or art. To earn money to pay for college, you have to be a good student. That means working hard in school and trying your best!

What can you do now to help earn a scholarship?

Listen. You can't learn if you aren't paying attention!

Do your best. Always try your hardest. You will be proud of yourself, and you might earn a scholarship later!

Ask for help. If you are having trouble, talk to an adult. You can talk to your teacher,

parents or school counselor. Maybe you don't understand how to solve a math problem. That's okay. Just ask for help when you need it. **Don't give up.** Sometimes school is fun, but sometimes it is hard too. It's important to not give up! This is called perseverance. If you have **perseverance**, you work hard towards your goals, even when it is hard. The people who give out scholarships like to see that you have perseverance.

Working hard means setting goals.

A goal is something you are trying to do. For example, maybe your goal is to learn to play guitar or get an A in math.

Color a picture of your goal for this school year.

SAVE FOR COLLEGE

College can be expensive, but it will help you get a good start on your career. You and your family can start saving now. Save part of your birthday money. Save money you get from doing chores. Save money for college instead of buying toys.

Color this piggy bank!



2nd grade at Riley Elementary School. She knows that being a good student means working hard in school!

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CASH FOR COLLEGE

Learn more about the costs of college during Cash for College, every December through March! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost to learn more. **ANNIKA** is in 2nd grade at Fairview Elementary School. She has started saving her money to pay for college!

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Scholar Snapshot

BROOKLYN is a senior in college. She has a scholarship from Indiana called the **21st Century Scholarship** that is helping her pay for college. Her advice for students is to go to college so you can follow your dreams.

College: University of Southern Indiana

Major: Psychology with a minor in gender studies

Degree: Bachelor's degree

Future plans: Get a master's degree and study how kids learn and play



COINS, COST & COLLEGE

Sally has been saving money for college! Sally dumps out her piggy bank to count her money.

Answer the questions about Sally's savings



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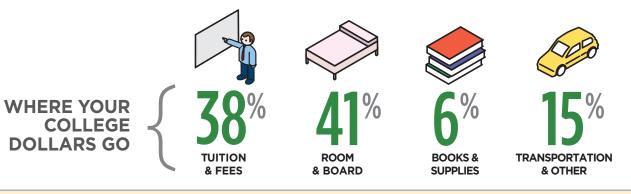
COLLEGE SAVING IS AS EASY AS 529!

The Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan is an easy way to invest in your child's education tax-free. The 529 plan offers these great features:

Easy setup. It only takes a \$10 deposit to get started. And anyone-friends, grandparents or relatives—can contribute.

Tax benefits. Withdrawals for educationtuition, books and other college expenses are tax-free. Plus, any Indiana resident who contributes to your child's account can qualify for a state tax credit of up to \$1,000 each year.

Automatic deposits. If you want to make a regular commitment to your child's future, you can set up an automatic deposit from your paycheck. Saving couldn't be easier!



Parent Corner

College costs money, but it's a worthwhile investment. In Indiana, the average public four-year college costs **\$22,333** a year, and the average public two-year college costs **\$15,886** a year. Talk to your child about the importance of saving money, and encourage them to use a piggy bank or savings account. College is more affordable than you think. By planning early, you and your child will be prepared to make college as affordable as possible.

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restaurants will be deposited in your savings plan.

Simple transfers. What if you save more than your child needs? The account's beneficiary is easily changed to a sibling or other relative. Visit CollegeChoiceDirect.com to learn more.

Learn more tips about saving and paying for college at LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost.

The State of Indiana, the federal government and colleges have money to help students pay for college. Financial aid isn't just for traditional or full-time students. If you're considering going back to college, Indiana has money for adult students too! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/statefinancialaid to learn more.

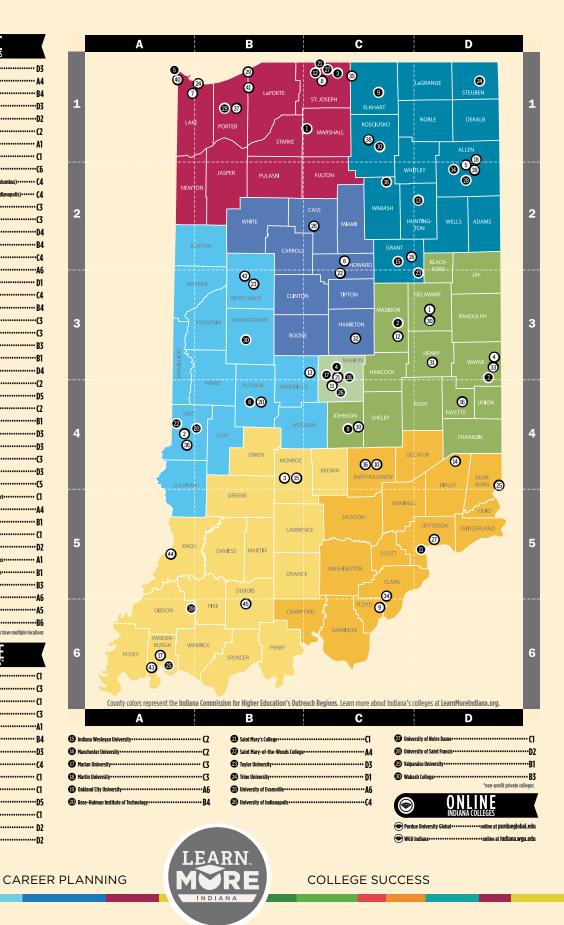


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