



## Earning the Grades You Want

You expect good or excellent grades this term. Did you know that nine out of ten students think the same way? But last year only 50% earned As and Bs, 21% earned Cs, and 30% earned grades lower than a C. You must be willing to continue with hard work and dedication to ensure you earn the grades you want.

! **Basic Academic Behaviors** -- *Taking notes, Turning in homework, Recording your assignments, and Spending sufficient time studying.*

The academic behaviors you reported are likely insufficient to achieve good grades. What worked in high school will not be enough to succeed in college. You need to increase your study time, take better notes, and get organized. Contact your MAP-Works Direct-Connect faculty/staff members (see the list at the end of this report); they can help you.

! **Class Attendance**

While you try to attend class on a consistent basis, you do miss a few here and there. Many students think that attending most classes is just as good as attending all classes, but research indicates they're wrong! Did you know that students who miss a class every once in a while earn an average GPA nearly a letter grade lower than students with perfect or near perfect class attendance? Furthermore, it is important to be active in class. Being mentally present in the class is just as important as being physically present.

✗ **Basic Academic Skills** -- *Writing, Reading, Math, and Problem-Solving*

You are struggling with your basic academic skills. Don't panic! Contact one of us to talk about what resources are on campus to help you improve. These skills are important to your overall success in college.

✗ **Academic Self-Confidence**

You have low confidence in your academic abilities. Academic confidence helps students persevere when they face challenges and also helps them speak up in classes – both of which are connected with academic success. Contact one of us for suggestions on ways to improve your confidence.

! **Time Management** -- *Showing up on time, Planning out your time, Making "to-do lists", and Balancing academic and social time*

You have fair time management skills, but to achieve good grades you will likely need to improve them. It is important to organize your time and to keep academics high on your priority list. Did you know that good time management skills are linked to higher GPAs? Improving your skills will allow you to be more efficient with your time and more effective in achieving good grades.

! **Course Difficulties**

You're struggling in a course. Most students do encounter difficulties from time to time. It is important to talk to that course instructor today. Don't wait. To achieve the grades you expect you must take action now!

**If you want to improve your likelihood of earning the grades you want, here are some examples of steps you should take:**

- **Create a study group:** Assemble a group of others in your classes who can study together, provide feedback on work, share notes, and motivate each other to do well in the class.
- **Talk to your instructors:** If you're struggling in a class, contact the instructor immediately and discuss steps you can take to improve your performance. Also, make an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss resources that are available such as tutoring and study skill seminars.
- **Take personal responsibility:** Make a commitment to practice good academic behaviors such as attending all classes and completing all class assignments on time. Get a planner or install software on your computer/phone that allows you to record all assignments and their due dates so you can manage your time and class demands more effectively.
- **Take advantage of campus resources:** There are many resources on campus that can help you overcome academic hurdles. Please see the list of Campus Resources at the end of this report.

## ✕ Connecting with Others

Connecting with others at Indiana State University is a vital step on your road to graduation. We are committed to helping you discover opportunities that will enhance your social, academic, and professional network while in college. The following are two factors that contribute to your overall social integration.

### ✕ Campus Involvement

Sometimes it's hard to justify participating in campus activities but they are an essential part of your college experience. You may feel that you don't have enough time or you may have other responsibilities such as family or work obligations that keep you from getting involved. However, even some involvement will create a more rewarding college experience. We have student organizations, intramural sports, and interesting clubs to offer you. Looking back on your college years, you may not remember every class you took, but you WILL remember the clubs you were a part of and the events you shared with your friends. Get involved and you'll be glad you did!

### ! Sense of Belonging

Everyone feels like an outsider at one time or another. A great way to make friends and build new relationships is by joining a student organization, playing intramural sports, and/or volunteering for service projects. Don't be afraid to try new things! Give yourself time to adjust to this environment. You're only just beginning to meet and connect with people who share your interests, values, or professional goals.

If you want to improve your connections with campus, here are some examples of concrete steps you could take:

- Making connections with students, faculty, and staff often takes time and effort. Reach out to others who may be struggling to make a connection and be open to building friendships with those who reach out to you.
- Consider joining a social/professional organization, activity, intramural sport, or volunteer your time to a cause that is important to you.
- If our institution doesn't have a club that matches your interest, consider developing one. Contact our student activities/student life about how you may be able to do this.

## ! Paying for College

! To stay in college you have to pay for college, and if you're a little unsure of how you'll pay for next term's tuition and fees, you're not alone! Don't wait; contact the financial aid office for help right away. There are people here who can help you find ways to meet your financial needs. A list of campus resources is provided in this report to help you along.

**If you need help paying for college, here are some examples of concrete steps you could take:**

- Make an appointment with the Financial Aid Office to discuss available assistance.
- Reach out to one of us (see the list of Direct-Connect faculty/staff at the end of your report) and we will help direct you to the appropriate person/office that can provide you with information.
- If the stress of financial issues begins to affect your academic focus and performance, please speak to one of us, a counselor, or an advisor before you become overwhelmed.

## Taking Action

Now it's your turn! We challenge you to develop steps to improve your current behaviors and become a more successful student. In this report, we have indicated areas of strength with green icons and areas with potential for improvement with yellow or red icons. We have also included a list of Campus Resources to help you improve your areas of weakness and further build upon your areas of strength.

- Areas of Strength (green icons): In college, it is important to build on your current skill/behavior level. You should find opportunities on campus to utilize and improve your skills/behaviors.
- Areas of Improvement (yellow & red icons): Low scores on academic areas, sense of belonging, or financial issues need to be addressed so you can become as successful as possible. Please schedule time to a meet with one of your Direct-Connect Faculty/Staff listed below to develop a plan of action.

Below are areas where there is room for improvement. We ask you set three specific steps you'll take to improve or change:

- Basic Academic Skills
- Academic Self-Confidence
- Campus Involvement
- Choosing a Major
- Basic Academic Behaviors
- Class Attendance
- Time Management
- Course Difficulties
- Sense of Belonging

First Steps	When

## Direct-Connect Faculty/Staff

The following is a list of faculty/staff available to assist you at Indiana State University:

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## Campus Resources

### **African American Cultural Center**

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ISU-AACC@mail.indstate.edu  
301 N. 8th

### **Center for Community Engagement**

812.237.2334  
isu-cpsce@mail.indstate.edu  
Tirey Hall 134A

### **International Programs and Services**

237-2440  
Rhoads Hall  
<http://www.indstate.edu/ips/>

### **Student Financial Aid**

237-2215  
Tirey Hall 150  
<http://www.indstate.edu/finaid/>

### **Veterans Service Coordinator**

237-2540  
Welcome Center 118

### **Associate Vice President for Student Success**

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### **Dean of Students**

237-8111  
HMSU 808

### **Public Safety**

237-5555  
Pickerl Hall  
<http://www.indstate.edu/pubsafety/>

### **Student Activities and Organizations**

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### **Writing Center**

237-2989  
ISU Library, main floor  
<http://www.indstate.edu/writing/about.html>

### **Career Center**

237-5000  
HMSU 7th Floor  
<http://www.indstate.edu/carcen/>

### **Disabled Student Services**

237-2300  
Gillum Hall second floor  
<http://www.indstate.edu/sasc/>

### **Student Counseling Center**

237-3939  
Student Services Building 3rd floor  
<http://www.indstate.edu/cns/>

### **Tutoring**

237-2300  
Gillum Hall second floor  
<http://www.indstate.edu/sasc/>