

Indiana graduation rates increase in 2020

On Friday, the Indiana Department of Education released the 2020 state graduation rate, which increased from 87.29 percent in 2019 to 87.69 percent.

“This modest improvement in Indiana’s 2020 graduation rate is encouraging, especially as Hoosier students and educators have tackled unprecedented challenges throughout the pandemic,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “As evidenced by data and research, we know a person’s educational at-

tainment impacts their future quality of life, health, living wage employment and sustained earning. That’s why it’s critical we continue to increase the number of students graduating from high school, as well as encourage strategic K-12, postsecondary and employer partnerships to maximize lifelong success for every Hoosier student.”

The 2020 state graduation rate reflects the State Board of Education’s waiver of the Graduation Qualifying Exam requirement for the 2020

cohort, which could not be administered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seven school districts statewide achieved a graduation rate of 100 percent. These schools are:

- Adams Central Community Schools
- Barr-Reeve Community Schools
- Attica Consolidated School Corp
- South Knox School Corp
- MSD Boone Township
- Signature School Inc
- Rock Creek Community Academy

Due to differences between federal and state accountability equations and standards, IDOE also released 2020 federal graduation rates. In 2020, Indiana’s federal graduation rate was 87.01 percent. Indiana’s federal

graduation rate for 2019 was 86.46 percent.

Four of the five Grant County high schools finished with a graduation 95 percent or better. Madison-Grant boasted the highest graduation rate at 98.82 percent,

while Eastbrook boasted a 97.48 percent graduation rate. Oak Hill finished at 96.92 percent, while Mississinewa finished at 95.05 percent.

Marion’s graduation rate was in the high 80’s at 88.14 percent.

SUDOKU

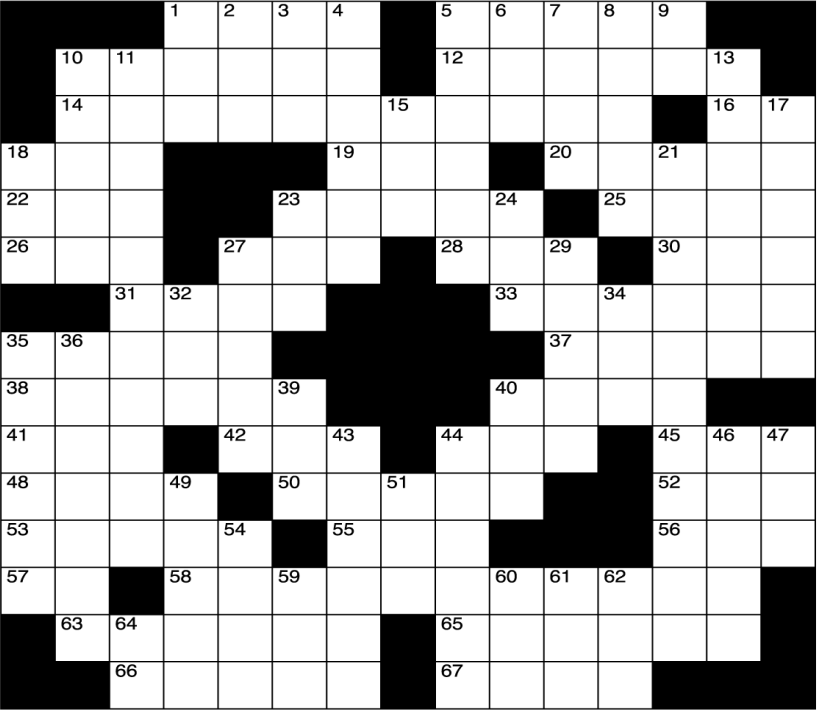
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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

5. 2014 Winter Olympics host

10. Soft fabric

12. Covered in flowers

14. Works at a college or university

16. Keeps us cool

18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

19. Similar

20. Birthplace of Muhammad

22. They __

23. Preamble to a book

25. Southern China people

26. Hair product

27. The woman

28. Partner to cheese

30. One point north of due east

31. Round Dutch cheese

33. Be in awe of

35. Christmas song

37. Emits coherent radiation
38. Something that is comparable to another

40. Monetary unit

41. The cutting part of a drill

42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects

44. Touch lightly

45. Toyota SUV

48. __ and Andy, TV show

50. Made less dangerous

52. Assets under management (abbr.)

53. Nostrils

55. Moved quickly

56. Thai isthmus

57. TV personality Roker

58. Honors anew

63. Rags

65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others

66. Marketplaces

67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)

2. Not new

3. Brew

4. Stain with mud

5. Chief or leader

6. Luke Skywalker’s mentor __-Wan

7. Type of sauce

8. Sharpens

9. Priestess loved by Zeus

10. Jean Henri __, French entomologist

11. Regulates supply of fuel

13. Disturbing and horrifying

15. Equal (prefix)

17. Hosts film festival

18. Tattered piece of clothing

21. Rich desserts

23. Unique motor (abbr.)
29. Slang for famous person

32. Department of Labor

34. The A-team rode around in one

35. Beach cabin

36. Living things

39. Gun (slang)

40. Disconsolate

43. Stroke gently

44. Actress Richards

46. “Cletus Hogg” actor

47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

49. Brazilian mountain range

51. Upset

54. One with supernatural insight

59. Insecticide

60. Taxi

61. “Much __ about nothing”

62. Connister

Legal

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS REGARDING A DETERMINATION OF THE MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA, TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT OF THE EXISTING MARION HIGH SCHOOL

The taxpayers of the Marion Community School Corporation, Grant County, Indiana (the “School Corporation”), are hereby notified that on January 12, 2021, the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the “Board”) did adopt a resolution determining that the School Corporation will take all actions necessary to enter into an amendment to lease agreement of the existing Marion High School, its related outdoor facilities and the real property upon which any portion of the Marion High School or its related outdoor facilities are located (the “Fourth Amendment to Lease”) with the Marion High School Building Corporation, which is a nonprofit school building corporation controlled by, and operating on behalf of, the School Corporation (the “Building Corporation”), which in turn will allow the Building Corporation to issue (a) one or more series of first mortgage bonds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project, as defined in the resolution of the Board adopted on January 12, 2021 (collectively, the “2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds”), (b) one or more series of first mortgage bonds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project, as defined in the resolution of the Board adopted on January 12, 2021 (collectively, the “2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds”), and (c) one or more series of first mortgage bonds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project, as defined in the resolution of the Board adopted on January 12, 2021 (collectively, the “2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation/ Project Bonds”) (the 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds, the 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds and the 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project Bonds, collectively, the “Bonds”), each series of such Bonds payable from the lease rentals received from the School Corporation pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2003, as previously amended and as further amended by the Fourth Amendment to Lease (collectively, the “Lease”). The payments to be made by the School Corporation under the Lease will be payable from ad valorem property taxes collected by the School Corporation. The 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds will be issued to pay for all or any portion of the purposes set forth in the resolution adopted by the Board on January 12, 2021, in connection with this matter, and issuing the 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds. The 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds will be issued to pay for all or any portion of the purposes set forth in the resolution adopted by the Board on January 12, 2021, in connection with this matter, and issuing the 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds. The 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project Bonds will be issued to pay for all or any portion of the purposes set forth in the resolution adopted by the Board on January 12, 2021, in connection with this matter, and issuing the 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project Bonds.

The maximum term for each series of 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds will be ten (10) calendar years from the date of issuance, and the original aggregate principal amount of the 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds will not exceed \$5,100,000. The maximum term for each series of 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds will be ten (10) calendar years from the date of issuance, and the original aggregate principal amount of the 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds will not exceed \$4,490,000. The maximum term for each series of 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project Bonds will be ten (10) calendar years from the date of issuance, and the original aggregate principal amount of the 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project Bonds will not exceed \$1,560,000. The lease agreement, as amended by the proposed Fourth Amendment to Lease will have an increased term not to exceed ten (10) calendar years after the date the Fourth Amendment to Lease is recorded by the Building Corporation and the School Corporation which is one (1) year longer than the current final term of the lease agreement assuming the Fourth Amendment to Lease is recorded prior to December 31, 2021, with an increased annual lease rental not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) with respect to the 2021 District-Wide Window Replacement Project Bonds, an increased annual lease rental not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) with respect to the 2021 District-Wide Interior Renovation/Safety and Security Project Bonds, and an increased annual lease rental not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) with respect to the 2021 District-Wide Exterior Renovation Project Bonds, all of which increased annual lease rentals will be payable in semiannual installments commencing no earlier than June 30, 2022, and thereafter on June 30 and December 31 of each year during the remaining term of the Lease.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2021.

MARION COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Robert W. Schultz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs

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