



October 18, 2019

Dear FIRST Indiana Robotics Coach, Parent, or Stakeholder:

In the fall of 2018, the Indiana State Board of Education created a [Graduations Pathways Panel](#) that analyzed the unique needs of Indiana's future and current workforce and developed a new pathway to graduation. Beginning with the class of 2023, Indiana students have multiple ways to complete graduation requirements that align with their postsecondary goals.

FIRST Indiana aligns with Graduation Pathways through *Requirement #2: Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills*. Specifically, students who have a meaningful experience on an IndianaFIRST Robotics team can complete their Service-Based Learning Experience. Students can document how their experience impacts the community and satisfies employability skills through the attached document: FIRST Indiana SLB Experience Documentation. Students who join and have an experience on an FIRST Indiana team for at least a year can opt to work with their lead mentor or teacher to complete this documentation and submit it to their local designated school officials to count towards the graduation pathways requirement.

For general questions about Graduation Pathways, please email the Indiana Department of Education at DOEGradpathways@doe.in.gov. For specific questions on FIRST Indiana and Graduation Pathways, please contact mrinehart@indianafirst.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Rinehart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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