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Ben Davis University High School, a partnership with the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township and Vincennes University, will provide rigorous, innovative educational programming designed for students who excel in a small and supportive academic environment, culminating in a high school diploma and an associate degree.

School Overview

Ben Davis University (BDU) is a public, early college high school within the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township, located in Indianapolis, Indiana. BDU serves scholars in grades 10 through 12.

In order to attend BDU, students must apply in ninth grade and are only accepted through a rigorous application process.

Once accepted, students choose one of four major areas of study – Business Management, Health Careers, Information Technology (IT), or Liberal Arts.

Through dual credit and college-accredited courses, BDU Scholars will earn both an Indiana Core 40 Diploma as well as an Associate’s Degree from Vincennes University, in their major of choice.



The level of rigor for all dual credit courses offered is identical to that at the Vincennes University main campus, with the BDU instructors holding the credentials required by the university’s standards.

There is a strong and intentional focus on preparing all BDU scholars for college through rigorous coursework, a prescriptive advisory program, and ongoing academic support.

Class of 2020 Demographics

30% African American

2% Asian

25% Hispanic

8% Multiracial

1% American Indian

34% White

100% Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate

99% earned a Core 40 Diploma with Academic and Technical Honors

93% earned an Associate’s Degree

89% continued on to college or university

78% qualify for free/reduced lunch