OUR COMMITMENT

We are Indiana’s oldest public high school, and we remain committed to serving a student body representative of our great city. Shortridge—originally known as Indianapolis High School—reflects the cultural diversity and history of our city and welcomes all students and families.

We have a singular, visionary mission of educating citizens who think freely, demonstrate intellectual vitality, and address needs and realities greater than themselves. We hope you join us at Shortridge High School: visit our campus, attend a performing arts production, and cheer our student-athletes.

We believe in the principles of leadership, scholarship and service. In a society eager to promote educational excellence and sound values, Shortridge will be a home to both. As participants in the International Baccalaurate (IB) Program, students may compete in national math or music events, master a foreign language, curate an art exhibition, or perform on stage all while growing skills in international mindedness.

We support all our students to lead remarkable, compassionate, and socially significant lives.

Welcome to The Ridge!
OUR LEGACY

Shortridge High School, originally named the Indianapolis High School, was established in 1864 to provide secondary education to all of the city’s youth. As the oldest public high school in Indiana, our school was renamed in 1898 after Abraham C. Shortridge, the school superintendent known for rigorous standards and thorough accountability; he was one of the first school leaders in the United States to hire women as teachers, and he fought for and achieved educational rights for African Americans.

Student voices have always been an integral part of Shortridge. *The Junior, The Dawn, and The Comet* were all precursors to *The Echo*, the nation’s first daily high school newspaper which was first published in 1898.

*The Echo* is still published today

In 1928, we moved from New York Street and Pennsylvania Street to our current location on Meridian Street. The 1930’s and 40’s were challenging times for the city, but our students focused on supporting the war effort by raising funds. Enough war bonds were sold by SHS students to fund two B-17 Flying Fortresses and a fighter aircraft. Our band was afforded the opportunity to play at the launching of the USS Indiana. In 1957, Shortridge was named one of the greatest high schools in America.

During the same period, our athletic program blossomed, leading Shortridge to compete against local universities including Wabash and Butler. Our basketball intensity continues today with the annual Legacy Game against Crispus Attucks High School. We compete as the Blue Devils, named after the 88th Infantry Division from WWII.

The 1960s and 1970s were a time of great social change in our society and in our schools, leading to a better and more inclusive school community. By the late 1970s school enrollment, had declined due to white flight and the growth and improvement of suburban schools. Shortridge closed in 1981.

Today, we are excited to embrace our history and continue the legacy of exceptional education. As an IB World School, we are excited to see what the next 150 years will bring.

**NOTABLE ALUMNI**

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Your School
Your Community
Shortridge is a special place because of the students who choose to study at this historic institution. Each student is welcomed for who they are; we believe in fostering community while celebrating the individual spirit. While there are common experiences, Shortridge takes an individualized approach and builds personal connections that make the journey worth taking.

COMMUNITY VALUES

As a school community, we have a shared vision, common values, and agreed upon norms:

- Agreement that individuals different from ourselves can also be correct.
- Tolerance is valued, but we strive for empathy and understanding.
- Service is embedded in our everyday actions and choices.
- Individuals of all abilities are welcome, and contributions from all are accepted.
- Engagement in the world of ideas is not only exciting, but is the foundation of our learning.

SHARED EXPERIENCES

At Shortridge High we share common experiences including:

- Homecoming Week
- Week Without Walls
- Art Exhibitions
- National History Day
- Courtyard Lunches
- IRT Trips
- JROTC Days
- Personal Project
- Wearable Sculpture Show
- Commencement

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Shortridge is like a family - we do not always agree, nor should we. We are different people, but what makes this place so special is that we listen to one another and respect different views and opinions.

Michael  Class of 2019
Blue Devils
Athletic Program
Join fellow Blue Devils as we compete in the IHSAA and Pioneer Conference with our varsity and junior varsity teams. There is a long-standing tradition at Shortridge of sportsmanship and athletic integrity; we aim to win, and we place a high value on character both on and off the field.

**VARSITY**

As a member of the IHSAA (Indiana Association of High School Athletics), All-City Alliance, and Pioneer Conference, Shortridge High School offers 18 varsity sports.

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**CLUB SPORTS**

Recreation and sport are both supported in our intramural and club sport programs. These are often student initiated and are open for all levels of engagement. Club sports offer opportunities for student leadership and are supported by the Shortridge Athletic Department. Competition types vary, but range from organized tournaments to informal games.

**ATHLETIC PERSPECTIVE**

Athletics at SHS allows you to try a new sport, or compete at the varsity level. I play both football and basketball because I enjoy the teamwork and collaborative feeling. The coaches are fair, but they recognize your potential and push you to achieve more than you thought you could.

Erikmycal  Class of 2020

Shortridge has a tradition and history of great athletes, many of whom have played at the collegiate and professional levels. This history continues today with the Legacy Game, a basketball game played against Crispus Attucks each year.
BE ENGAGED
Student Life
A large part of high school lies outside the classroom: dances and football games, honor societies and clubs, community service and hanging out with friends. The social aspect of high school is very important and one to which we pay particular attention. Just visit campus or join us for one of our school events to see it firsthand.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We believe that service occurs daily and should be embedded in our daily decisions. Students in grades 9 and 10 complete service in action initiatives focusing on student interest and exposure, while students in grades 11 and 12 plan and implement a service project.

There are a number of school initiatives and opportunities that engage with the community including the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon, the Peace Learning Center, the Desmond Tutu Center and Habitat for Humanity.

CLUBS

There is no easier way to become engaged at Shortridge than to join a club, or start your own. Clubs provide a supportive and engaging environment for students to come together to share their common interests. Listed below are just a few of the club offerings on campus.

- Academic Superbowl
- Archive Club
- Butler Writers
- Chess Team
- Drama Club
- Gay, Straight Alliance
- JROTC
- The Echo
- Model UN
- Robotics
- Yearbook

STUDENT LIFE

As a school, we have put aside the old ways that we are used to and focus on ways to make Shortridge better than it was before. It is everyone’s job as a school to grow where we are planted and make the best of what we have now.

Imani  Class of 2020
As an International Baccalaureate World School and as a Visual and Performing Arts Program, Shortridge provides a unique opportunity to engage in academics at the most personal level. Whether you decide to build your own science experiment, become published in The Echo or create your own Hakka Dance, your academic freedom is unrivaled.

**SERVICE LEARNING**

Service enriches the learning experience, teaches civic responsibility, and strengthens our neighborhoods and city.

Meaningful community service is integrated into your coursework, such as working the polls while learning about the US electoral system in US Government. Units of study have been aligned to allow for participation in local, regional, and national events.

Week Without Walls (WWW), a capstone experience designed specifically for each grade level, occurs each May. You will be provided new and unique opportunities to interact with community partners, travel locally and nationally, and tour college campuses.

**PERSONAL PROJECT**

During your sophomore year you will choose, design, develop and present your own “personal project.” Your project is up to you: design your own clothing, create a new app, build a model home, or learn a new language. The ideas are endless.

**SCIENCE PROJECT**

IB Diploma juniors participate in the Group 4 Science Project at the Indiana State Dunes. As a hands-on, field-based experience, students come together as scientists to learn how science can address current, pressing issues. You will research the relationship between scientific disciplines and the overarching nature of the scientific method at the Dunes State Park.

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**I love Week Without Walls; it is the type of learning that I like best - where we get to interact and do. I was not sure if I would like it, but my favorite memories of high school are from WWW.**

Mark  Class of 2021
You have a voice, and we want to hear it. Art and music are languages we teach and embrace. You will find exciting and vibrant opportunities for personal expression in all of your courses, and you will be prepared to continue your art studies at university.

**BAND, ORCHESTRA, PIANO, and CHOIR**
The potential of each instrument, note, and student is boundless. As a member of our band, orchestra, or choir programs, you will be joining like-minded artists of all abilities. You will showcase your individual and collective talents including writing, composing, and performing your own original scores.

**VISUAL ARTS**
Each spring we hold a community art exhibition for two-dimensional, sculptural and installation pieces. With six dedicated art rooms and multiple creative spaces, Shortridge provides a rich palette to inspire any artist. Regardless of the media, your artwork will be appreciated for its beauty, emotional power, and insight.

**THEATRE and SPEECH**
Connect with a live audience while on stage performing with a motivated group of creative young artists. Study the theory and practice of drama and speech, both in the classroom and in productions. Each year we select productions that reverberate with our student body and have cultural significance.

At first I was not sure I was going to like art, but it is my favorite class. I am currently preparing my art portfolio and sketchbook, matting my artwork, and refining my artist statement for my art exhibition this fall.

Mary  Class of 2020
Join Us
Applications and Visiting Campus
Shortridge High School invites all students who are interested in the world of ideas, care about their community, and are willing to collaborate with peers in classrooms, extracurriculars, and athletics.

Our School

This may not be the most popular answer, but I chose Shortridge because of the rigor. I want to be better today than I was yesterday, and that requires not only work ethic, but a positive mind.

Christian  Class of 2018

APPLICATION

Part of Indianapolis Public Schools, Shortridge High School educates citizens to think freely, demonstrate intellectual vitality, and address needs and realities greater than themselves.

All interested students must apply online through Enroll Indy. Details on how to apply are also located on our website: www.myips.org/Shortridge.

ENROLLMENT

Admission to Shortridge High School is based upon a lottery system. All families must complete an online application through Enroll Indy.

Refer to the Enroll Indy website for application directions and details.

LIFE AFTER SHORTRIDGE

When our students graduate, the majority of them attend the following schools: Ball State University, Butler University, DePauw University, Indiana University, IUPUI, Marian University, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Evansville, University of Indianapolis, Wabash College
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