

IAS Junior Council Leadership Points Guide

September 1, 2026–May 31, 2027

The IAS Junior Council Leadership Points Program recognizes students who actively engage in Junior Council, participate in Indiana Academy of Science programs, develop professional skills, pursue STEM experiences, serve their communities, and grow as leaders throughout the year.

Points are earned through engagement, service, STEM achievement, professional development, fundraising, and leadership.

Junior Council Engagement

Activity	Points
Attend a monthly Junior Council meeting	8
Attend a monthly meeting in person	+2
Write and present a reflection on a Junior Council workshop or experience	5
Recruit a new Junior Council member who joins and attends a meeting	5
Send a professional thank-you or follow-up email to a Junior Council speaker or mentor	3
Submit a handwritten thank-you note for IAS to mail to a speaker or mentor	5

Academic Achievement

Activity	Points
Earn an A in a STEM course	5
Earn a B in a STEM course	3

Academic achievement points may be earned for eligible STEM courses completed during the Junior Council program year.

IAS Involvement & Service

Activity	Points
Attend an eligible IAS event	10
Volunteer at an eligible IAS event	15
Volunteer at the IAS Annual Meeting	20
Compete in the IAS Science Talent Search	15

Eligible IAS events may include Science with a Twist, Science on Tap, BioBlitz, Wildflower Tour, Lab Crawl, regional IAS events, and other Academy programs and events.

STEM Engagement & Service

Activity	Points
Volunteer at Celebrate Science Indiana	15
Volunteer at Pacers STEM Fest	15
Participate in an approved STEM competition, conference, science fair, symposium, or similar experience	10
Visit or tour an Indiana college or university	5
Participate in a laboratory, research facility, or STEM workplace tour	10

Community Service

Activity	Points
Complete an approved community service activity	5
Complete 3+ hours of community service in one activity or project	10
Participate in an ongoing community service project or volunteer commitment	15
Organize or lead a community service activity	15

Community service may be completed through a school, nonprofit organization, neighborhood group, faith-based organization, community event, or other approved organization. Service must be unpaid.

Professional & Career Development

Activity	Points
Interview a STEM professional and present what you learned	10
Create or meaningfully update a professional resume/CV	5
Deliver a prepared professional or STEM presentation	10
Attend an approved professional, academic, or STEM networking event	5

A STEM professional interview may be presented to the Executive Director, Junior Council, a class or school, another organization, or another appropriate audience.

Fundraising & Philanthropy

Activity	Points
Participate in Junior Council fundraising planning	5
Take an active role in implementing the Junior Council fundraiser	5
Participate in approved fundraising or sponsorship communication	5
Take a leadership role in part of the fundraising project	10
Send a donor or sponsor thank-you email	3
Submit a handwritten donor or sponsor thank-you note for IAS to mail	5

Junior Council members will have the opportunity to participate in a fundraising project led by the IAS Executive Director. Points reward participation, responsibility, and leadership throughout the process—not the amount of money a student raises. Students are **not required to secure a donation or sponsorship** to receive fundraising points.

IAS Junior Council Awards

Leadership Points accumulated throughout the program year determine eligibility for the following awards.

75 POINTS: IAS Junior Council Recognition

- **Junior Council Pin**

100 POINTS: IAS Junior Council Excellence Award

- **Junior Council Pin + Certificate**

150+ POINTS: IAS Junior Council Honors with Distinction

- **Junior Council Pin + Certificate + Award Presentation**

Submitting & Tracking Leadership Points

The Indiana Academy of Science will track Leadership Points throughout the program year.

Junior Council members will have access to a Leadership Points Submission Form for activities completed outside of Junior Council meetings and IAS events.

Students may be asked to submit simple verification of an activity. Depending on the activity, this could include a photo, event registration, program, grade report, presentation, reflection, volunteer verification, or other appropriate documentation.

Activities recorded directly by IAS, including Junior Council meeting attendance and participation in IAS programs or volunteer opportunities, do **not** need to be submitted through the portal.

Repeatable activities—such as monthly meetings, community service, college visits, STEM events, and IAS activities—may earn points more than once. The same individual activity may not be submitted multiple times for the same point category.

Additional STEM, academic, service, professional, or leadership experiences that are not specifically listed in this guide may be submitted through the portal for consideration.

Officer Leadership & Engagement

Junior Council officers have additional responsibilities and opportunities to earn points throughout the year. Officers are expected to demonstrate a higher level of engagement and are strongly encouraged to participate in person whenever possible.

Officer Activity	Points
Attend a Junior Council meeting in person	Additional +2
Provide an officer update during a Junior Council meeting	3
Lead a portion of a Junior Council meeting	5
Take responsibility for an officer-specific Junior Council activity	5
Represent the Junior Council at an IAS Council or leadership meeting	10
Represent the Junior Council at an IAS event or program	10
Assist with Junior Council Annual Meeting planning and preparation	10
Represent the Junior Council during the IAS Annual Meeting	15