

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
Content Areas	Credit Requirements	Amount of Credits you have satisfied
English	4 credits English I, II, III, IV	<input type="checkbox"/> English 1 <input type="checkbox"/> English 2 <input type="checkbox"/> English 3 <input type="checkbox"/> English 4
Mathematics	4 credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, Additional higher level math Students with IEPs only: Algebra IA, Algebra IB, Geometry A, Geometry B *All students are required to earn 4 credits in math AND must take a math course every year. Math courses must advance each year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Math Higher than Algebra 2
Science	3 credits Biology, Chemistry OR Physics, 3rd Lab Science Students with IEPs only: Biology 1A (1 credit), Biology 1B (1 credit including EOC), 3rd Lab Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry or Physics <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Lab Science: _____
Social Studies	3.5 credits World History & Geography (or AP Human Geography), US Government (1/2 credit), US History, Economics (1/2 credit), Personal Finance (1/2 credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> World History& Geography (or AP Human Geography) <input type="checkbox"/> US Government <input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Finance
Physical Education	½ credit Participation in a school sponsored sport, marching band, or ROTC may satisfy this requirement. Must have documented and equivalent time (min. of 65 hours) in the activity.	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education
Wellness	1 credit 2 credits of ROTC will satisfy this requirement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Wellness
Fine Art	1 credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art
World Languages	2 credits Must be in the SAME world language.	<input type="checkbox"/> World Language 1 <input type="checkbox"/> World Language 2
Elective Focus*	3 credits All students must have 3 credits in the same pathway/elective focus area.	List Elective Focus Area: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Elective Focus 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Elective Focus 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Elective Focus 3
Total Required for Graduation	28 credits	Total Credits you have earned: _____

*The elective focus may be CTE (3 courses in the same CTE program area), Science and Math, Humanities, Fine Arts, JROTC, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Human Services, Humanities, Physical Fitness, Intervention Academic, or Community Education Cluster.

Additional Graduation Requirements:

- Pass the US Civics Test (students will take this in their US Government class during their 10th Grade year)
- Take the ACT before you graduate (the ACT is administered at school to all 11th students)

TYPES OF DIPLOMAS

Regular Diploma

To earn a regular high school diploma, students must:

- Earn the prescribed twenty-eight (28) credit minimum;
- If the student was enrolled in a Tennessee public school during their eleventh (11th) grade year, complete the ACT or SAT prior to graduation. The ACT or SAT is required to meet graduation requirements;
- Have a satisfactory record of attendance and discipline;
- Complete a Civics test and a project-based Civics assessment.

Graduating with Honors or Distinction (BOE #1-373 REVISED 12/2017)

Students may graduate with honors or distinction by meeting the criteria established for the Tennessee diploma with honors or distinction.

Honors

Students who score at or above all of the subject readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT will graduate with honors. Students must satisfy all requirements for a regular diploma AND score at or above all of the following ACT subject area readiness benchmarks (or equivalent SAT scores.) Acceptable scores may be used from more than one ACT test. The ACT benchmarks are: ACT English – 18, ACT Math – 22, ACT Reading – 22, ACT Science – 23

Distinction

Students will be recognized as graduating with “distinction” by attaining a B average and completing at least one of the following:

- Earn a national and/or state recognized industry certification;
- Participate in at least one of the Governor’s Schools;
- Participate in one of the state’s All State musical organizations;
- Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist;
- Attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT or SAT equivalent;
- Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two Advanced Placement exams;
- Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme;
- Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit.

Ready Graduate

The Ready Graduate indicator measures the percentage of students who earn a diploma from a Tennessee high school and meet success milestones that increase their probability of seamlessly enrolling in postsecondary education, ensures that students are ready to take full advantage of Tennessee Promise, and securing high-quality employment. Ready Graduates will be recognized during Senior Celebration.

To be considered an “READY GRADUATE” by the state of TN, a student must complete one of the following by graduation:

1. Score a 21 or higher composite on the ACT (or SAT equivalent)
2. Complete four (4) Early Post-Secondary Opportunities (EPSOs)
3. Complete two (2) EPSOs + earn an industry certification (in an approved CTE program of study, EPSOs may be general education and/or included in a CTE program of study).
4. Complete two (2) EPSOs + score 31 or above on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

Diploma of Specialized Education

Awarded to students who:

- Satisfactorily complete an Individualized Education Program (IEP);
- Do not meet the requirements for a regular high school diploma;
- Have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct.

Exchanging the Diploma of Specialized Education for a Regular Diploma

Students with disabilities who are awarded a Diploma of Specialized Education may continue to work toward the regular high school diploma through the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-two years old. To qualify, the student must:

- Earn the specified units of credit required for a regular diploma;
- Take the required End of Course exams.

Individuals may not hold more than one diploma. A person must return the Diploma of Specialized Education before being awarded a regular diploma. The counselor at the high school shall handle an exchange where the diploma was awarded.

Occupational Diploma

Awarded to students who:

- Meet the criteria for Diploma of Specialized Education;
- Successfully complete the SKEMA (Skills, Knowledge, and Experience Mastery Assessment) through two years of approved work experience.