**GRADUATION RECOGNITION CRITERIA (Beginning 2013)**

**HONORS GRADUATE: Students who have met the graduation requirements and maintained an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher will graduate with Honors.**

**RECOGNITION: NOT YET DETERMINED**

**STATE HONORS GRADUATE**: The student must benchmark on all 4 subject areas of the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT.

**ACT BENCHMARKS: English: 18, Math: 22, Reading: 22, Science: 23.**

**RECOGNITION: GOLD TASSEL**

**STATE DISTINCTION GRADUATE:** The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and complete at least one of the following criteria: earn a nationally 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, attain a 3 or higher on at least two advanced placement exams, or earn 12 or more semester hours of transcripted postsecondary credit.

**RECOGNITION: GOLD CORD**

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARS GRADUATE**: The student must have a minimum 3.2 GPA and successfully complete 8 designated honors courses.

**RECOGNITION: GOLD STOLES**

**TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARS:** A student must have a minimum 3.2 GPA and successfully complete the requirements for a CTE focused plan of study **(3 or more credits in Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Marketing, Business, Information Technology, Manufacturing, or Automotive)**.

**RECOGNITION: WHITE CORD**

**VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN**: The student(s) must meet the requirements for the Academic Scholars Seal. Also, the student must have completed 4 of the 8 high school terms in the Jackson-Madison County School System, including both terms of the senior year.

**TN SCHOLARS GRADUATE:** The student(s) must complete 80 hours of community service, 95% attendance rate, maintain a C average, NO suspensions, take (2)AP or Dual Enrollment Courses, and complete the required paper work by the appointed deadline.

**RECOGNITIOM: MEDAL/SCHOLARSHIP:** (Colleges must be a participant of the program.)

***It is the student’s responsibility to provide documentation of meeting one or more of these criteria. The counselors will provide a form, in April, for the student to complete supporting this documentation.***