

SENIOR RECOGNITION AT GRADUATION

Graduating with Honors (Pin)

Students who have met the graduation requirements and maintained an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher will graduate with Honors. Students will also receive recognition in the graduation program.

Graduating with State Honors (Gold Tassel)

Students who score at or above ALL of the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT will graduate with State Honors. Students will also receive recognition in the graduation program. (English -18, Math -22, Reading-22, and Science- 23)

Graduates with State Distinction (Gold Cord)

Students will be recognized as graduating with State Distinction by attaining a 3.0 average and completing at least one of the following:

- Earn a nationally recognized industry certification
- Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools
- Participate in one of the states 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 score of 3 or higher on at least two advanced placement exams
- Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma program
- Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit
- Students will also receive recognition in the graduation program.

Graduating as an Academic Scholar (Gold Stole)

An Academic Scholars Seal will be placed on the diploma of students with a GPA of 3.2 or greater who complete the specific graduation requirements and successfully complete eight (8) honors courses. A student may count only two honors courses from one technical program (Transportation only at South Side) area to be eligible for the Academic Scholars seal. Students will also receive recognition in the graduation program.

Graduating as a Technology Scholar (White Cord)

A Technology Scholars Seal will be placed on the diploma of students with a GPA of 3.2 or greater and who successfully complete the requirements of a CTE focused plan of study. Students will also receive recognition in the graduation program.

Community Service Recognition (Gold Medallion with Green Ribbon)

A Community Service medallion is awarded to those students who have completed 10 community service hours per semester each semester of high school.

Graduating with District Distinction (Silver Cord)

Students shall be recognized as graduating with district distinction if they have met the graduation requirements, have obtained an overall grade point average of at least a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and have earned an industry certification in his or her career interest category or a regionally recognized industry certification. (TN State Board of Education High School Policy 2.103)

Tri-Star Scholar (Red and Blue Cord)

A student who earns a composite score of nineteen (19) or higher on the ACT, or an equivalent score on the SAT, and earns a capstone industry certification as promoted by the Department of Education, shall be recognized as a Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar upon graduation from high school. The public high school shall recognize the student's achievement at the graduation ceremony by placing an appropriate designation on the student's diploma, or other credential, or by providing a ribbon or cord to be worn with graduation regalia. The student shall be noted as a Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar in the school's graduation program (TN State Board of Education High School Policy 2.103)