

## Comparison of Graduation Honors

<u>Tennessee High School Graduates of Highest Distinction</u>	State of Tennessee Honors		<u>Tennessee Scholars</u>	<u>Work Ethic Distinction</u>
	<u>Graduating with Honors</u>	<u>Graduating with "Distinction"</u>		
4 or more completed AP credits	Score at or above all subject area readiness benchmarks on ACT	"B" average, and <b>one</b> of the following:	All Tennessee minimum graduation requirements plus the following:	See p. 10 for more information
95 or above cumulative average (taken from final term grades)	Benchmarks are:	1. Earn a nationally recognized industry certificate	2 Career Technical Education Courses (Computer class may count as 1 CTE credit)	
29 or above ACT composite or	Mathematics – 22	2. Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools	- or -	
1280 or above SAT composite	English - 18	3. Participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations	2 AP credits	
	Reading - 22	4. Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist	- or -	
	Science - 23	5. Attain a score of 31 or higher ACT composite score	2 Dual enrollment, Dual Credit, Joint enrollment or online courses	
		6. Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least 2 AP exams	- or -	
		7. Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program	Any combination of two above	
		8. Earn 12 or more semester hours of postsecondary credit recorded on transcript.	80 hours of Community Service	
			"C" minimum in each TN/VA Scholars Course (Courses may be retaken to meet this requirement.)	
			95% attendance over the course of 4 years (No more than 36 total days)	
			No Out-of-School Suspensions	

## Work Ethic Diploma Distinction

The Work Ethic Diploma Distinction provides students the opportunity to demonstrate key concepts which are important for success in both the workforce and postsecondary. When students earn this distinction, they are letting area employers know they put a focus on the 21st century skills and understand their role in getting hired and staying employed. Students who graduate with this distinction will be guaranteed an interview with partnering companies if they meet other qualifications.

The following companies and more recognize this distinction in Northeast Tennessee:

The Robinette Company  
Mountain States Health  
Alliance  
Spherion Staffing Services  
Mullican Flooring  
Alcoa Howmett  
TRW Automotive  
Meritor, Inc.  
Petoskey Plastics  
General Electric  
Lear Corporation  
Rich Products Organization  
Team Technologies, Inc.

Lisega, Inc.  
Hutchinson  
Renold Jeffrey  
Iconex, LLC.  
Bodycote  
Original Footwear Co.  
Tuff Torq Corp.  
ColorTech, Inc.  
WorkNow!, Inc.  
Old Dominion Freight Line  
@Work Personnel Services  
Express Employment

Kelly Services, Inc.  
Cooper Standard Automotive  
Norris Homes  
Baldor Electric Co.  
Kawasaki TN, Inc.  
International Paper  
Mahle Powertrain LLC  
JTEKT Automotive