

Macon County High School
HONORS, DISTINCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Class of 2026 only

--As determined by the policies of the Tennessee State Board of Education
and the Macon County Board of Education and the practices of Macon County High School
(Refer to actual policies for more detailed explanations)

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GRADUATING WITH CAREER-TECHNICAL HONORS—Silver diploma seal

- Earned a Lottery GPA of 3.0.
- Completed a single 4-course CTE *Program of Study* with a 90 average or higher.

GRADUATING WITH STATE DISTINCTION—Silver diploma seal (TSBE Policy 2.103)

- Completed an approved credential from the following:
 - State or nationally recognized-industry certification
 - Tennessee *Governor's School*
 - *All State* musical organization
 - *National Merit Finalist* or *Semifinalist*
 - Composite ACT score of 31 or higher
 - Score of 3 or higher on two *Advanced Placement* exams
 - *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme*
 - Twelve or more hours of transcribed post-secondary credit

GRADUATING WITH HONORS—Gold tassel

- Earned a Lottery GPA of 3.75 or higher.

GRADUATING WITH STATE HONORS—Gold diploma seal (TSBE Policy 2.103)

- Scored at or above the college readiness benchmarks on the ACT
- English—18, Math—22, Reading—21, Science 24

HONOR STUDENT—Gold stoles and gold diploma seal

- Complete the *Honors* curriculum (courses required for graduation) in addition to two or more honors/advanced/AP/DE/LDC/SDC courses.
- Ranked by Core GPA on a 100-point (5.0) scale using required core academic classes only.
- Top-ranked senior will be *Valedictorian* and the second-ranked senior will be *Salutatorian*.

TENNESSEE READY GRADUATE—Medallion with purple ribbon

- Earn a composite score of 21 or higher on the ACT or a 1060 or higher on the SAT; or
- Complete four early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs); or
- Complete two EPSOs + earn an industry certification; or
- Complete two EPSOs + earn a score of 31* on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT); or
- Complete two EPSOs + earn a WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (level TBD)

INDUSTRY 4.0 DIPLOMA DISTINCTION—

- Apply by May 15, 2023
- Receive enhanced career counseling;
- Earn nine work-based learning (WBL) or dual enrollment credits during their junior and senior years of high school;
- Apply for dual enrollment grants and other necessary financial aid; and
- Have the option to substitute a WBL or dual enrollment course, as approved by the State Board of Education, for one math credit and one science credit

TENNESSEE WORK ETHIC DISTINCTION--Red, white, and blue cord and gold diploma seal

- Earned 20 points or more based on CTE standards and other criteria

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Class of 2027 and beyond

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GRADUATING WITH STATE DISTINCTION—Silver diploma seal (TSBE Policy 2.103)

- Completed an approved credential from the following:
 - State or nationally recognized industry certification
 - Tennessee *Governor's School*
 - *All State* musical organization
 - *National Merit Finalist* or *Semifinalist*
 - Composite ACT score of 31 or higher
 - Score of 3 or higher on two *Advanced Placement* exams
 - Twelve or more hours of transcribed post-secondary credit

GRADUATING WITH HONORS—Gold tassel

- Earned a Lottery GPA of 3.75 or higher.
- **Must have a 21 ACT or higher composite (ERM composite, if applicable). The last reportable score eligible to count will be the scores from the national testing day in December of the student's senior year as reported to the system.**

GRADUATING WITH STATE HONORS—Gold diploma seal (TSBE Policy 2.103)

- Scored at or above the college readiness benchmarks on the ACT
- English—18, Math—22, Reading—21, Science 24

HONOR STUDENT—Gold stoles and gold diploma seal

- Completion of the *Honors* curriculum (courses required for graduation) in addition to two or more honors/advanced/AP/DE/LDC/SDC courses.
- **Must have earned a 21 ACT or higher composite (ERM composite, if applicable). The last reportable score eligible to count will be the scores from the national testing day in December of the student's senior year as reported to the system.**
- Ranked by Core GPA on a 100-point (5.0) scale using required core academic classes only.
- Top-ranked senior will be *Valedictorian*, and the second-ranked senior will be *Salutatorian*. **In case of ties, the highest ACT on file will be used as the tie-breaker.**

TENNESSEE READY GRADUATE—Medallion with purple ribbon

- Earn a composite score of 21 or higher on the ACT or a 1060 or higher on the SAT; or
- Complete four early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs); or
- Complete two EPSOs + earn an industry certification; or
- Complete two EPSOs + earn a score of 31* on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT); or
- Complete two EPSOs + earn a WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (level TBD)

INDUSTRY 4.0 DIPLOMA DISTINCTION—

- Apply no later than the first week of January of 9th grade year
- Receive enhanced career counseling;
- Earn nine work-based learning (WBL) or dual enrollment credits during their junior and senior years of high school;
- Apply for dual enrollment grants and other necessary financial aid; and
- Have the option to substitute a WBL or dual enrollment course, as approved by the State Board of Education, for one math credit and one science credit

TENNESSEE WORK ETHIC DISTINCTION--Red, white, and blue cord and gold diploma seal

- Earn 20 points or more based on CTE standards and other criteria as indicated in the W.E.D. folder

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