



# Tennessee

## Work Ethic Distinction Standards

### 1. Attendance Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has no more than 5 absences from school during the senior year.
- (2 pts.) Student has no more than 3 absences from school during the senior year.
- (3 pts.) Student has no more than 1 absence from school during the senior year.

### 2. Absence Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has no more than one unexcused absence from school during the senior year.
- (2 pts.) Student has no unexcused absences from school during the senior year.

### 3. Tardiness Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has no more than two unexcused tardies to school during the senior year.
- (2 pts.) Student has no more than one unexcused tardy to school during the senior year.

### 4. Discipline Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has no more than one discipline referral during the senior year.
- (2 pts.) Student has no discipline referrals during the senior year.

### 5. Overall Grade Point Average Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has an overall GPA of 2.0 to 2.9
- (2 pts.) Student has an overall GPA of 3.0 to 3.4
- (3 pts.) Student has an overall GPA of 3.5 or above

### 6. Drug Free Standard

- (5 pts.) Student voluntarily presents written proof as being drug free.

### 7. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coursework Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has successfully completed at least one CTE course by the end of the senior year.
- (2 pts.) Student has successfully completed two CTE courses by the end of the senior year.
- (3 pts.) Student has successfully completed three or more CTE courses by the end of the senior year.

### 8. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Competition Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has competed in an approved district/regional level CTE competition or earned an achievement recognition during high school.
- (2 pts.) Student has competed in an approved state level CTE competition or earned a state achievement recognition during high school.
- (3 pts.) Student has competed in an approved national level CTE competition or earned a national achievement recognition during high school.

### 9. TN Promise Standard

- (2 pts.) Student has fulfilled all requirements for TN Promise, including the required 8 hours of community service.

### 10. Dual Enrollment/Credit Standard

- (2 pts.) Student has successfully completed a Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit, or Advanced Placement course and has been granted credit by any accredited post-secondary institution during or before the senior year.

### 11. Industry Certification Standard

- (2 pts.) Student has received a national industry certification during or before the senior year.  
(i.e., Snap-on Metering Certificate, CNA, Mechatronics Siemens Level 1 Certification, etc.)

### 12. Enrollment in Post-Secondary Standard

- (2 pts.) Student is registered or has applied at a post-secondary institution for the fall of the graduating year.

### 13. Progress towards the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) (based off of ACT)

- (2 pts.) Student is at a predicted Bronze Level Career Readiness Certificate.
- (4 pts.) Student is at a predicted Silver Level Career Readiness Certificate.
- (6 pts.) Student is at a predicted Gold or Platinum Level Career Readiness Certificate.

### 14. Industry Awareness Standard

- (1 pt.) Student has participated in one industry awareness event during the senior year.
- (2 pts.) Student has participated in more than one industry awareness event during the senior year.
- (3 pts.) Student has earned credit in a work based learning activity before or during their senior year.

**\*To receive the Work Ethic Distinction a student must earn a minimum of 20 points and a regular diploma\***