

Comparison of Tennessee Paths for Graduation

				<i>NEW for 2013</i>	
	University Path 10, 11,12 graduates	Technical Path 10,11,12 graduates	Tennessee Scholars 10,11,12 graduates	Tennessee Scholars 2013 graduates	Tennessee Diploma Path 2013 and beyond
English	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits in standard or above	4 credits
Math	3 credits (Alg.I, II, Geometry)	3 credits	4 credits (Alg.I, II, Geometry, & 1 higher math)	4 credits (Alg.I, II, Geometry, & 1 higher math required "Bridge math does not count for TN Scholars")	4 credits (These courses could be regular, integrated or technical, 4th year of math can be a bridge math class)
Science	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits in lab science (Biology and Chemistry, plus another lab science(Physic preferred)	3 credits in lab science Biology and Chemistry required plus 1 other lab science (Physics Preferred)	3 credits Biology, chemistry or physics, and one other lab science
Social Studies	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3.5 credits Must meet state TDP requirements This includes personal finance	3.5 credits 1 world history or geography or AP 1 US history or AP .5 credit economics .5 credit government .5 credit personal finance
Wellness	1 credits	1 credits	1 credit	(See Physical Ed below)	
Career Technical Or 2 additional AP Classes	0 credits	4 credits	2 credit (one must be in a computer class)	2 CTE credits Or 2 additional AP credits	3 credits Elective Focus(may be CTE, science and math, humanities, fine arts, AP/IB, or other approved)
Foreign language	2 credits in same language		2 credits in same language	2 credits in same language	2 credits in same language Can opt out if not going to college
Fine Arts	1 credits		1 credit	1 credit	1 credit(Can opt out if not going to college)
Physical Education and health				1.5 Credit(Must satisfy the requirements for TDP)	1.5 credit
Pass Gateway or Exit Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Must pass all end- of-course exams	Can graduate without passing end-of-course exams
Attendance	School policy	School policy	95% Required(9days per year or no more than 36 total days in 4 years)	95% Required(9days per year or no more than 36 total days in 4 years)	
Discipline			No "out of school suspensions"	No "out of school suspensions"	
Community Service			40 hours	80 hours	
Average	Pass subjects	Pass subjects	Maintain "C" average.	Maintain "C" average in all Tennessee Scholars classes	Pass subjects

To be eligible for Hope Scholarship a student must graduate with at least one of the following criteria:

1. At least a B average
2. A 21 on the ACT

According to statistical data, students who take the Tennessee Scholars course of study have a high percentage of meeting both criteria; thus qualifying for more scholarships and maintaining the grade point average in college required to keep possession of those scholarships through graduation. Students, who take the path of least rigor, have a harder time keeping the scholarships awarded to them upon graduation from high school. The average ACT of a Tennessee Scholar is 22.8.