



# Tennessee

## Work Ethic Diploma 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 regional level CTE competition during the senior year.
  - (2 pts.) Student has competed in an approved state level CTE competition during the senior year.
  - (3 pts.) Student has competed in an approved national level CTE competition during the senior year.
- 9. TN Promise Standard**
  - (2 pts.) Student is in good standing with TN Promise and has completed 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 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, NCCER Certificate, 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. National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) (ACT WorkKeys) Standard**
  - (2 pts.) Student has achieved a Bronze Level Career Readiness Certificate.
  - (4 pts.) Student has achieved a Silver Level Career Readiness Certificate.
  - (6 pts.) Student has achieved a 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 participated in an internship or work based learning activity.

**\*To receive the Work Ethic Diploma distinction a student must earn a minimum of 20 points and a regular high school diploma\***

