

## Tennessee Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Tennessee during the 2007 calendar year are:

- ***Tennessee Scholars.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
  - Four credits in English
  - Four credits in math (including Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry and one higher level course)
  - Three credits in science (Biology 1, and two other lab sciences)
  - Three credits in social studies (chosen from U.S. and world history, geography, economics, and government)
  - Two credits in the same foreign language
  - One credit in business/computer related course
  - One credit in wellness
  - One credit in fine arts
  - Two credits in technical courses in same technical track
  - Twenty hours of community service
  - Overall C average in all Tennessee Scholars courses
  - 95 percent attendance
  - No out-of-school suspensions
  
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
  - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
  - Three years of social studies; and
  - One year of a foreign language.
  
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
  
- ***Tennessee University Path Curriculum.*** This program requires:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of math (including Algebra, Algebra II, and Geometry);
  - Three years of science (including biology, and at least one physical science course);
  - Three years of social studies;

- Two year of the same foreign language; and
  - One year of the fine arts.
- ***Tennessee Dual Enrollment Program.*** Students must successfully complete a minimum of six (6) credit-bearing college coursework in core content subjects with at least a 2.75 high school GPA.