

<b>TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION</b>		
<b>COURSE CREDITS AND GRADUATION</b>		<b>4605</b>
<b>ADOPTED:</b> <b>April 9, 2021</b>	<b>REVISED:</b> <b>July 29, 2022</b>	<b>MONITORING:</b> <b>Review: Annually</b>

Each authorized charter school shall require students to meet or exceed all course graduation requirements as outlined in State Board Policy 2.103 and Commission rules.<sup>1</sup>

**Graduation with Honors, State Honors, and State Distinction (High Schools Only).** Authorized charter schools shall develop a policy outlining how students meeting the requirements to graduate with the following distinctions will be recognized. Such policy, at minimum, shall include placing the appropriate notation in the school’s graduation program.<sup>2</sup>

- (1) Honors;
- (2) State Honors;
- (3) State Distinction;
- (4) District Distinction;
- (5) Tri-Star Scholar;
- (6) Students receiving a Tennessee Seal of Biliteracy (school policy also must require affixing an appropriate insignia to the diploma or transcript of the student indicating that the student has been awarded a Tennessee Seal of Biliteracy);
- (7) Students voluntarily completing at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester the student is in attendance at a public high school;
- (8) Students receiving a gold or platinum medal on National Career Readiness Certificate; and
- (9) Students graduating with a school-developed work ethic distinction (if applicable).

Any high school student who completes an early high school graduation program pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6-8103 shall remain enrolled in the LEA for the remainder of the school year for purposes of calculating the LEA’s ADM or FTE ADM for the respective school year.<sup>3</sup>

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Legal References:

<sup>1</sup> TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.05;  
TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.06;  
TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03 (6);  
State Board Policy 2.103  
<sup>2</sup> State Board Policy 2.103  
<sup>3</sup> T.C.A. § 49-3-371.