

## ***Tennessee State Scholars Program***

### **What is the Tennessee Scholars Program?**

The Tennessee Scholars program is a rewards and recognition program for high school students, sponsored by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Tennessee Scholars are high school students who complete a rigorous curriculum and reach a high level of skill in several areas so they are ready for the labor market or higher education.

### **How do students become Tennessee Scholars?**

To become a Tennessee Scholar students complete a demanding high school curriculum that emphasizes “on level” and above courses in mathematics, science, social studies, language arts (English and foreign language), and computer literacy. The program also stresses the importance of attendance and dependability.

In addition to meeting all State Board of Education graduation requirements, Tennessee Scholars complete the following course requirements:

- 4 English courses (Regular English and above)
- 4 Mathematics courses (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and one higher level course)
- 3 Science courses (Biology I and two other lab sciences)
- 3 History/Government/Geography/Economics courses
- 1 Business/Computer Related Course
- 1 Wellness
- 1 Fine Arts
- 2 Foreign Language courses in the same language
- 2 Technical courses in the same technical track

### **Additional Expectations:**

- 20 hours of Community Service
- Overall “C” average in all Tennessee Scholar Courses
- 95% attendance
- No out-of-school suspensions

The Tennessee Standard is based on the existing Higher Education system in Tennessee which includes: Vocational/Technical Schools, Community Colleges, the Board of Regents Universities and the University of Tennessee. It also fully considers the manufacturing and service industries in Tennessee and the trainable workforce needed for continuing their operations or new industry. This Tennessee Standard will allow students to pursue academic excellence to enter colleges, universities, or the technical workforce.

## ***Tennessee State Scholars Core Principles***

- Meets all core course requirements as required by State Board of Education
- Works with existing statewide graduation paths for high school
- Represents an attainable “stretch goal” that the majority of high school students can attain if they apply themselves
- Meets the expectations of evolving workplace, not just an entry-level set of skills
- Inculcates civic-mindedness in high school students
- Develops a sense of personal responsibility for attendance and behavior