

## Diploma Types

### Tennessee High School Diploma

To be eligible for this diploma, the student must complete the graduation requirements dictated by the state of Tennessee.

### Central Magnet School Diploma of Merit

To be eligible for this diploma, the student must complete the graduation requirements dictated by the state of Tennessee, all community service requirements for the student's time at Central, and the senior thesis. The student also must have completed 4 Advanced Placement courses during his or her high school career.

Students who earn this diploma can purchase a white stole with the Central Magnet School crest embroidered on it to wear for recognition during graduation. These students will also be recognized in the program for their achievement.

### Valedictorian

Students who complete the Rutherford County Valedictorian Requirements will have a valedictorian seal on their diploma, wear a Valedictorian medal at graduation, and be recognized in the program for their achievement.

### Graduation with Honors

To be eligible for graduation with honors, the student must meet specific ACT benchmarks:

English: 18      Math: 22      Reading: 22      Science: 23

For the classes of 2015 and beyond, the student will need to meet the newest set of benchmark scores to be eligible for graduation with honors. The deadline for submitting ACT scores to the school for these classes will be December of their senior year.

Students who earn graduation with honors will have a seal on their diploma and be recognized in the program for their achievement.

### Graduation with Distinction

To be eligible for graduation with distinction the student must attain a 3.0 grade point average plus ONE of the following:

- Earn a nationally recognized industry certification
- Participate in at least one Governor's School
- Participate in one of the state's All State Musical Organizations
- Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
- Attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT
- Attain a score of 3 or higher on 2 AP exams
- Successfully complete the IB Diploma Program
- Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcript postsecondary credit

### Work Ethic Distinction

To receive the Work Ethic Distinction, a student must earn a minimum of 20 points out of a possible 40 points and earn a regular high school diploma. Students who obtain this distinction are proving they are both college and career ready. Earning this and meeting job related requirements will guarantee an interview with participating Rutherford County employers. For more info visit <http://rutherfordworks.com/building-tomorrow-s-workforce/programs/work-ethic-distinction>.