

Move On When Ready Act

The Background:

TCA 49-6-8303 outlines a procedure that, beginning in the 20012/13 school year, allows students to graduate from high school early and enroll in a two year or four year institution of higher education provided specific requirements have been met. The requirements include the following: earned 18 credits, attained a GPA of at least a 3.2 on a 4 point scale, met benchmark scores on end of course tests, met benchmark scores on the ACT or SAT examinations in mathematics and English, met benchmark scores on a world language assessment, and complete two credits in AP, IB, dual enrollment or dual credit offerings. The law directs the State Board of Education to determine the benchmark scores for the end of course tests. Further, the law directs the State Board of Education to identify a world language assessment and to set the benchmark score. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission is directed to set the benchmark scores for the ACT or SAT examinations. Students choosing to graduate early under this law are to have attained benchmark scores that demonstrate an exemplary high school performance and are indicative of the ability to perform college-level work.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the State Board's *Master Plan* by providing a rigorous curriculum and high expectations.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of the following requirements relative to TCA 49-6-8303 on first reading:

1. The benchmark score for the end of course tests will be a performance at the advanced level.
2. The world language assessment will be AP world language assessments with a benchmark score of a 3 or better.

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The requirements include the following:

1. Earned 18 credits,
 - English I, II, III, and IV
 - Algebra I and II
 - Geometry
 - United States History
 - Two (2) courses in the same foreign language
 - One (1) course selected from the following:
 - Economics
 - Government
 - World Civilizations
 - World Geography
 - One (1) course selected from the following:
 - History and appreciation of visual and performing arts
 - A standards based arts course, which may include studio art, band, chorus, dance, or other performing art
 - Health and Physical Education (Wellness)
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
2. Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.2 on a 4 point scale
3. Scored at the advanced level on TCAP end of course assessments
4. Met benchmark scores on the ACT or SAT examinations in mathematics and English as determined by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission
5. Scored a 3 or better on a AP world language assessment
6. Completed two credits in AP, IB, dual enrollment or dual credit offerings.