



Occupational Diploma

An occupational diploma will be awarded to students with disabilities at the end of their fourth (4th) year of high school who have:

- (1) Not met the requirements for a regular high school diploma;
- (2) Received special education services or supports and made satisfactory progress on an IEP;
- (3) have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct;
- (4) Have completed the occupational diploma Skills, Knowledge, and Experience Mastery Assessment (SKEMA) created by the Tennessee Department of Education; and
- (5) Have completed two (2) years of paid or non-paid work experience.

The determination that the occupational diploma is the goal for a student with a disability will be made at the conclusion of the student's tenth (10th) grade year or within two (2) academic years prior to the expected graduation date. Students who obtain the occupational diploma may continue to work towards a regular high school diploma through the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-two (22) years old.