

Graduation

Types of Diplomas

1. The **Regular Diploma** will be awarded to students who earn the required credits and have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct.

Graduating with Honors - students who score at or above all of the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT will graduate with honors.

Graduating with Distinction - Students will be recognized as graduating with distinction by attaining a B average and completing at least one of the following:

- * earn a nationally recognized industry certification
- * participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools
- * participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations
- * be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
- * attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT
- * attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two advance placement exams
- * successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
- * earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed post-secondary credit

2. A **Transition Certificate** may be awarded at the end of their fourth year of high school to students with disabilities who have (1) taken classes toward a high school diploma (22 units of credit), (2) have satisfactorily completed an individualized program, and (3) have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct. Students who obtain the Transition Certificate may continue to work towards the high school diploma through the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-two years old.

3. An **IEP Certificate** will be awarded to students with disabilities who have (1) successfully completed a portfolio, and (3) have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct.

Graduation Ceremony

No student will be permitted to go through graduation ceremonies in Benton County High Schools until all requirements for graduation have been satisfactorily completed.

Graduation Requirements

The student, parent and guidance counselor will develop the plan as students enter the ninth grade. Students shall complete the Ready Core Curriculum plus either the University Preparation Elective Focus or the Technical Elective Focus. A minimum of 22 units are required to graduate.

All students must choose a Focused Program of Study that will include the requirements for graduation.