

# Which Tennessee Diploma Option is Best for You?

## Regular Education Diploma

- Must be earned within four years plus a summer to count towards graduation rates.
- A student with an IEP can return to school to pursue a regular diploma until they receive it or age out of school at 21 inclusive, whichever comes first. "Twenty-one inclusive" means if a student is 21 at the beginning of their final year of high school, they can stay in school and continue to receive special education services during the school year in which they turn 22.
- Must complete 22 units of credit, take an ACT or SAT, and have a satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.
- Special Education within the school system is complete

## Alternate Academic Diploma

- Recognizes the learning and success of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The Diploma aligns with the coursework and ACT requirements of students earning a Regular Education Diploma. It helps ensure that all students have access to rigorous and meaningful instruction.

IEP = Individualized Education Program or Plan

## Occupational Diploma

- Awarded to a student who has completed a Skills, Knowledge, and Mastery Assessment (SKEMA) with a performance level of "3" or higher on all four Required skills or a performance level of "3" or higher on 8 of 10. Critical skills Completed their IEP.
- Attended school regularly.
- Completed two years of work experience, paid or unpaid. Choosing the Occupational Diploma is an IEP Team decision made on or after the conclusion of the 10th grade or two years before exiting high school.
- Students may work toward both the Occupational Diploma and a Regular Education Diploma.
- View the full SKEMA Assessment: <https://bit.ly/3AfuFzh>

## Special Education Diploma

- Awarded to a student who does not meet the requirements of a regular diploma but has completed an IEP and has a satisfactory attendance and discipline record.



For more information on diploma options, please access the TNSTEP Parent Guide to Tennessee Diploma and Post-Secondary Options at [www.tnstep.info](http://www.tnstep.info).

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## Diploma de Educación Regular

- Debe obtener cuatro años más un verano para contar tipo de graduación
- Un estudiante con un IEP puede regresar a la escuela para obtener un diploma regular hasta que reciba el diploma o hasta que este fuera de la escuela a los 21 años inclusive, lo que ocurra primero. "Veintiún inclusive" significa que si un estudiante tiene 21 años al comienzo de su último año de escuela secundaria, puede permanecer en la escuela y continuar recibiendo servicios de educación especial durante el año escolar en el que cumple 22 años.
- Debe completar 22 unidades de crédito, tomar un ACT o SAT, y tener un registro satisfactorio de asistencia y disciplina.
- La educación especial dentro del sistema escolar se completa una vez que se obtiene un diploma de educación regular.

## Diploma Académico Alternativo

- Reconoce el aprendizaje y el éxito de los estudiantes con las discapacidades cognitivas más significativas. El Diploma se alinea con los cursos y los requisitos de ACT de los estudiantes que obtienen un Diploma de Educación Regular. Ayuda a garantizar que todos los estudiantes tengan acceso a una instrucción rigurosa y significativa.

IEP = Individualized Education Program or  
Plan- Programa de Educación Especial

## Diploma Ocupacional

- Otorgado a un estudiante que ha completado con éxito: Completó una Evaluación de Habilidades, Conocimientos y Dominio (SKEMA) con un nivel de desempeño de "3" o superior en las cuatro Habilidades requeridas o un nivel de desempeño de "3" o superior en 8 de 10 Habilidades críticas Completó su IEP
- Asistía a la escuela regularmente
- Completó dos años de experiencia laboral, remunerada o no remunerada
- Elegir el Diploma Ocupacional es una decisión del Equipo del IEP tomada en o después de la conclusión del 10º grado o dos años antes de salir de la escuela secundaria.
- Los estudiantes pueden trabajar tanto para obtener el Diploma Ocupacional y un Diploma de Educación Regular.
- Ver por completo SKEMA Assessment: <https://bit.ly/3AfuFzh>

## Diploma de Educación Especial

- Otorgado a un estudiante que no cumple con los requisitos de un diploma regular pero que ha completado un IEP y tiene un registro satisfactorio de asistencia y disciplina.

