



Stone Memorial High School  
**Graduation Requirements**  
Beginning with the Class of 2020

- Language Arts – 4 credits**
  - o English 9
  - o English 10
  - o English 11
  - o English 12
- Mathematics – 4 credits**
  - o Algebra 1
  - o Geometry
  - o Algebra 2
  - o One Additional Upper Level Math
- Science – 3 credits**
  - o Biology 1
  - o Chemistry or Physics
  - o One Additional Lab Science (Physical Science, Agriscience, Biology 2, Chemistry 2, Anatomy & Physiology)
- Social Studies – 4 credits**
  - o World History & Geography
  - o U.S. History
  - o Economics
  - o U.S. Government or American Business & Legal Systems
- Physical Education and Lifetime Wellness – 1.5 credits**
  - o Lifetime Wellness
  - o Additional half credit of Physical Education. This may be met by substituting an equivalent time of physical activity in other areas including but not limited to marching band, cheerleading, interscholastic athletics, and school sponsored intramural athletics.
- Personal Finance – 0.5 credit**
- Elective Focus – 3 credits** (Academic or CTE programs available)
- Fine Art** \*– 1 credit
- Foreign Language**\* – 2 credits in the same language
- ACT or SAT**
  - o Completed prior to graduation
  - o All juniors enrolled in a TN public school will be given the ACT
- United States Civics Test**
  - o All high school students shall be given a United States civics test
- End of Course Examinations** in the following subjects will be administered in the semester students complete the relevant course work: English I, II, and III, Algebra I and II, Geometry, U.S. History, Biology I, and Chemistry
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Interest Inventory**

\*The fine art and foreign language requirements may be waived for students who are sure they are not going to attend a University. The requirements may be replaced with courses designed to enhance and expand the elective focus.

## GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Students who score at or above all the subject area benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent will graduate with honors.

### ACT Benchmarks:

- English-18
- Math-22
- Reading-22
- Science-23

## 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 national recognized industry certification
- Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools
- Participate in at least one of the state's All State music 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 advanced placement exams
- Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credits

## CLASS RANKING

- Final grade average earned in each class in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first semester of grade 12 are used in determining final class standing. This standing is based on a combination of Grade Point Average (GPA) and the Quality Point Average (QPA).
- GPA calculations will now be called **Lottery GPA** and **Local Weighted GPA**. The Lottery GPA will be based on a 4.0 scale. The Local Weighted GPA will be based on a 5.0 scale. Teachers will continue to add additional points to the final grade of the course, and the following guidelines will be adhered to:
  - o Honors courses will receive .5 additional quality points.
  - o Statewide dual credit course will receive .75 additional quality points.
  - o AP and Dual enrollment courses will receive 1 additional quality point.
- Students will be eligible for the HOPE scholarship IF they receive a 21 on their ACT or have a 3.0 GPA at the end of their senior year.
- The TN Promise scholarship is available to all TN High School graduates who complete requirements (tnpromise.gov). This is a last dollar scholarship, which covers tuition and fees at any TCAT or TN Community College.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

- Students completing at least ten hours of community service, each semester they are in attendance at a public high school, shall be recognized at graduation.