



Tennessee Diploma Project

Lack of Degree Limits Job Options

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The average high school freshman is not thinking about their earning potential, which is why they need a parent or advocate who is.

FACT: More than 75% of careers experiencing the highest growth require some college education.

Many jobs require more education and training than you might expect. Truck drivers, auto repair specialists, bus and transit drivers all require education beyond high school.

FACT: Employees with a college degree earned nearly twice as much as employees without a college degree, according to July 2009 Department of Labor findings.

The Tennessee Diploma Project puts in place college and career-ready standards so all Tennessee graduates have the qualifications to continue their education or find employment with a liveable wage.

Potential Jobs for Tennessee Students

High School Diploma 2.6% of growth jobs

- Tile/marble setters
- Cement masons
- Roofers
- Painters
- Construction/Maintenance

High School Diploma and Some College

18.2 % of growth jobs

- Operation technicians
- Medical equipment repair
- Legal secretaries
- Truck drivers
- Bus and transit drivers
- Police, fire, ambulance dispatchers
- Auto repair

High School Diploma, Some College or College

11.7 % of growth jobs

- Construction Managers
- Flight Attendants
- Healthcare technologists
- Payroll and HR assistants

Some College, College 33.8 % of growth jobs

- IT Specialists
- Database Administrators
- Real Estate Brokers
- Loan Officers
- Medical Lab Technicians
- Bio-technicians
- Generals sales
- Police

College Degree 33.8 % of growth jobs

- Public Relations
- Pharmacist
- Actuary
- Civil Engineer
- Market Research
- Teacher
- Counselor
- Physician
- Lawyer

All data 2016 Projections, U.S. Dept. of Labor:

http://www.bls.gov/emp/optd/optdtabi_5.pdf

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Career-Ready Equals a Solid Future

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Why College- and Career-Ready Graduation requirements?



A high school diploma is no longer enough for success:

In 1950, 60% of jobs were classified as unskilled, attainable by young people with high school diplomas or less. Today, less than 20% of jobs are considered to be unskilled.

One result: In Tennessee, the demand for middle and high-skilled workers is outpacing the state's supply of workers educated and experienced at that level.

FACT: 81% of Tennessee's jobs are middle- or high-skill (jobs that require some postsecondary education or training).

FACT: Yet only 30% of Tennessee adults have some postsecondary degree (associate's or higher).

Among Tennessee's occupations with the largest and fastest-growing employment are a number of skilled jobs that require some postsecondary education or training but less than a four-year degree, such as:

Occupation	#of Jobs	Median Salary
Computer support Specialists	8,580	\$41,000
Registered nurses	51,960	\$54,000
Paralegals and legal assistants	3,730	\$36,900

For more information, visit the Department of Education's Web site at <http://tn.gov/education/TDP/index.shtml>.