

Tennessee Pathways

Tennessee Pathways is a Drive to 55 initiative that supports alignment among K-12 education, postsecondary institutions, and industry.

Tennessee Pathways is made possible through an agreement between the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The Tennessee Pathways Certification recognizes school districts with high schools that have developed strong, aligned pathways and partnerships with postsecondary programs and employers.

Certification Requirements

The Tennessee Pathways Certification recognizes high schools that meet the following minimum requirements:

- a minimum of three courses in a specific elective focus area (e.g., career and technical education, Advanced Placement pathway, Math and Science pathway) or program of study (nursing, accounting, etc.);
- a minimum of two early postsecondary opportunities aligned to the identified pathway (e.g., statewide dual credit Statistics and dual enrollment Mechatronics I);
- a partnership agreement with at least one postsecondary institution;
- a focus on college and career advisement and a spectrum of career-related experiences starting in middle school that includes a partnership with at least one employer; and
- providing equitable access for all students.

Certified Tennessee Pathways

School districts that opt to seek a Tennessee Pathways Certification must complete a Tennessee Pathways Certification application. Tennessee Pathways regional coordinators support school districts in choosing which pathways to submit each year.

The following are Certified Pathways in Putnam County School System and the year they were certified:

Cookeville High School

Coding | 2020

Mechatronics | 2019

Nursing Services | 2019

Monterey High School

Nursing Services | 2019

Upperman High School

Nursing Services | 2019



To learn about Certified Tennessee Pathways in other counties, visit the OREA website at www.comptroller.tn.gov/OREA/.