

Ready Graduate Advisor Mission

Maintain and grow our excellence in the college realm while building out equally meaningful career experiences.

Intentionally align students with college and career opportunities through personalized service.

Build relational capacity between the Ready Graduate Advisors and students/families beginning in the 6th grade.

Provide clear communication about pathways and build experiences to expose students to those pathways.



Maryville City Schools

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Maryville Ready Graduate Center

Every Maryville student deserves to enter the next phase of life with the appropriate tools for that next step.





Ready Graduate Program

Are you “Maryville Ready”? Our new college and career program will help every student become a “Ready Graduate”. We will do this through intentional one on one planning, purposeful pathway design, and focused self-discovery.

We've created a program that individualizes every student path through high school to maximize their choices for college or career path. We are excited to begin this journey with your student beginning in the 6th grade. We can't wait to start this path of exploration with every Maryville student!

Our Why

We want to ensure that every Maryville Student

- Resilient
- Respectful
- Critically Thinker
- Problem Solver
- Communicator
- Competitor in the world
- Meets or exceeds state and local expectations

What Is a Ready Graduate?

In 2020, in accordance with the “Every Student Succeeds ACT” (ESSA), the state of Tennessee implemented it's “**Ready Graduate**” program. The goal is to recognize and reward schools and districts whose high school graduates demonstrate readiness for meaningful postsecondary education, a training program, and/or workforce entry. In simple terms, our Maryville students should be ready to go to college, trade school, or go straight into the workforce.

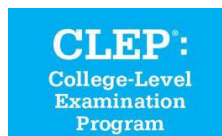
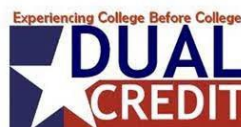
The State of Tennessee defines a **Ready Graduate** as a student that has completed one of the following:

- Score a 21 or high on the ACT or a 1060 on the SAT
Or
- Complete 4 Early Post Secondary Opportunities
Or
- Complete 2 EPSOs & earn an Industry Certification
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- Complete 2 EPSOs and earn a 31 on the ASVAB

What are EPSOs?

- Advanced Placement Course (AP)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Local Dual Credit Courses (LDC)
- State Dual Credit Course (SDC)
- Industry Certification

Advanced Placement Exams



Meet Our Team

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Key Offerings

Within our program, we will be utilizing the award-winning  **SchoolLinks** college and career readiness platform. This is a phenomenal resource for students to become thoroughly educated about their college, career, or military strengths and options. This all-encompassing tool fits well in the history and expectation of excellence in Maryville City Schools.

Parent Sign Up!

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