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88 STUDENTS AT HAYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL EARN 'READY GRADUATE' STATUS

BROWNSVILLE, TENNESSE, November 4, 2022 — The Class of 2023 at Haywood High School is already earning accolades months before they toss their caps in the air. 88 students from the senior class at HHS earned *Ready Graduate* status – the highest number of students of any senior class in the school's history.

According to the Tennessee Department of Education, the *Ready Graduate* indicator measures the percentage of students who earn a diploma from a Tennessee high school and meet success milestones that increase their probability of seamlessly enrolling in postsecondary education and securing high-quality employment. The indicators for a *Ready Graduate* student are as follows:

- score a 21 or higher on the ACT; or
- complete four early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs); or
- complete two EPSOs + earn a department-promoted industry certification; or
- complete 2 EPSOs + score a designated score of military readiness on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT)

EPSO's consist of local and state-wide dual credit classes in conjunction with a post-secondary institution, dual enrollment classes with a post-secondary institution, and Advanced Placement courses. Dual-credit and dual-enrollment courses are courses that are offered in partnerships with community colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools.

"A priority for Haywood High School is to offer students multiple pathways for post-secondary success. Through our vast array of dual-enrollment, dual-credit, and Career/Technical courses, our students are taking advantage of these opportunities. We are so proud of these *Ready Graduates* students," said HHS Assistant Principal Kelsey Nave.

The *Ready Graduate* seniors were recognized at halftime of the Haywood Tomcat football game on November 4.

