



Pontiac Township High School

Mission Statement

We are committed to the development of our students as adaptive learners, global thinkers, and responsible citizens through collaboration across our school community.

Graduate of Distinction Program

Pontiac Township High School will begin the Graduate of Distinction program beginning with the Class of 2022. The program will recognize student accomplishments in the 4 Mission Pillars: Adaptive Learners, Global Thinkers, Responsible Citizens, and Collaboration across School Community. Under the Mission Pillars are the Categories: Academic Achievement, Attendance, Citizenship, Community Service, and Participation in Extra-curricular and Co-curricular activities. Students accumulate points as described on the attached rubric and must accumulate points in each of the five Categories. Students meeting the criteria will be recognized at graduation by receiving the Graduate of Distinction Medal.

Graduate of Distinction: 4 Mission Pillars

Adaptive Learners	Global Thinkers	Responsible Citizens		Collaboration across School Community
Academic Achievement	Participation in Extra-curricular/Co-curricular Activities	Attendance	Citizenship	Community Service
students must achieve, at minimum, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the end of the 1 st Semester of their senior year	students support the school's educational mission by participating in and providing leadership to extra-curricular and co-curricular activities	students must maintain an attendance rate of 95% or higher during their high school years	students must be in good standing and discipline record must be absent of out-of-school and in-school suspensions	students participate in 70 hours of community service during their time at PTHS while serving as a volunteer supporting the community at-large

Graduate of Distinction Rubric



Applicant's Full Name: _____
(Last)
(First)
(Middle)

Pillar	Category	Description	Points Earned
Adaptive Learners	Academic Achievement	Final Cumulative GPA of 3.5 15 points	
		One point for every .10 over GPA of 3.5	
		One point for every Dual-Credit Course	
		One point for every AP Course	
Global Thinkers	Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities	One point for each activity participated in during high school (i.e. being in Student Council for four years will net you 4 points) (points will vary)	
		One point for holding a leadership position in an activity (must be in position for full season/year)	
Responsible Citizens	Attendance	95% attendance rate during high school 10 points	
		One point for each percentage point above 95%	
	Citizenship	Student discipline record is absent of out-of-school and in-school suspensions 5 points	
Collaboration across School Community	Community Service	Freshman Year: 10 hours Sophomore Year: 15 hours Junior Year: 20 hours Senior Year: 25 hours 2.5 points per year	
		One point for each additional 10 hours of service over yearly minimum. (up to 10 additional points)	
Total Points earned from all Categories			

Guidelines:

- Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above by the end of the 1st semester of their senior year
- Student must earn a minimum of 50 points to qualify as a Graduate of Distinction (students who transfer to PTHS after the first day of their freshman year will have all requirements prorated)
- Student must earn points from each of the five categories
- Community service activities require a sponsor's signature
- Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities must have the sponsor's signature
- Begins on the first day of school freshman year



Graduate of Distinction

General Information

Application Guidelines:

- Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above by the end of the 1st semester of their senior year
- Completed applications must be returned by last Tuesday in April of Graduation Year to the Main Office
- Student must earn a minimum of 50 points to qualify as a Graduate of Distinction (students who transfer to PTHS after the first day of their freshman year will have all requirements prorated)
- Student must earn points from each of the five Categories
- Community Service activities must be on approved list and require a sponsor's signature
- Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities must have the sponsor's signature and cannot be a fundraiser
- Program begins on the first day of school freshman year

Application Directions:

- **2nd Tuesday in January of Graduation Year** – Complete the top part of the Application form (Name). Do not complete the column labeled "Points Earned". The column will be completed based on information submitted and the Academic Achievement, Attendance, and Citizenship information gathered from Skyward.
- **1st Tuesday in April of each School Year** – Completed Extra-curricular and Co-curricular Activity Log with required signatures
- **Last Tuesday in April of each School Year** – Completed Community Service Log with required signatures
- **Last Tuesday in April of Graduation Year** - All signed documentation must be submitted to the Main Office

Notification:

- **1st Tuesday in May of Graduation Year** – Students notified of acceptance