



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

Pillar	Category	Description	Points Earned
Adaptive Learners	Academic Achievement	Final Cumulative GPA of 3.6 – 10 Points <u>One Point for every .10 over GPA of 3.6</u> <u>One Point for every Dual Credit Course</u> <u>One Point for every Articulated Credit Course</u> One Point for every AP Course	
Global Thinkers	Extra-Curricular And/Or 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) <u>(Points will vary per activity)</u> 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 <u>10 Points</u> 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: 10 Hours Junior Year: 15 hours Senior Year: 15 hours <u>2.5 Points per year</u> One point for each additional 10 hours of service over yearly minimum (Up to 10 additional points)	
Total Points			

- Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 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 NCHS after the first day of their freshman year will have all requirements prorated)
- Student must earn points from EACH of the five CATEGORIES
- Extra-curricular and Co-curricular activities must have a sponsor's signature
- Extended hospitalizations and medical events will not count towards student's attendance for the graduate of distinction
- Community service activities require a sponsor's signature
- Begins on the first day of school starting with freshman year

Commencement Speaker Selection

Students who have been designated as a “Graduate of Distinction” are welcome to submit a speech to the Main Office by May 5th of their graduation year. The speeches will be read by a panel made up of teachers (student names will be redacted for anonymity purposes). Once all entries have been read, the panel will deliberate and extend an invitation to the student(s) they have selected to speak at the graduation ceremony.

Graduate of Distinction

- Students will wear a medal/chord designating them as a Graduate of Distinction
- Students and parents will be asked to stand and be recognized (this will be done individually)

Student Recognition at Graduation:

Senior students who have met the following GPA criteria will be recognized at graduation for their academic accomplishments:

summa cum laude ‘with highest honor’

GPA of 4.00

- Students and parents will be asked to stand and be recognized (this will be done individually)
- Students will wear a cord designating them as *summa cum laude*

magna cum laude ‘with great honor’

GPA of 3.80-3.99

- Students and parents will be asked to stand and be recognized (this will be done as a group)
- Students will wear a cord designating them as *magna cum laude*

cum laude ‘with honor’

GPA of 3.6-3.79

- Students and parents will be asked to stand and be recognized (this will be done as a group)
- Students will wear a cord designating them as *cum laude*