

KING PHILIP GRADUATION DISTINCTION IN LIBERAL ARTS

King Philip students have an opportunity to graduate with a distinction in liberal arts. Participation in the Graduation Distinction program will be noted on the school transcript and a program description will be included in the school profile that is sent to colleges. This distinction can be achieved when students *choose specific electives from a particular set of courses that focus on liberal arts (English, world language, social studies, art, etc.)*; in addition, students will be required to develop and complete a project that will expose them to the "real world" applications available through the study of liberal arts.

The criteria for this project will include the following:

- a. Students must propose, receive approval, and engage in a project that incorporates the core concepts of liberal arts.
- b. Students will work with an advisor to create a proposal, establish the parameters of the project, and establish the format of the final product.
- c. Students will conduct background research on the chosen topic and write a report on this using MLA format.
- d. Students will produce a final product that will be shared in a public venue that has been approved by the advisor.
- e. Students will write a summary paper about the project and make an oral presentation to a faculty panel for evaluation.

Required Courses

English (4 years - 4 credits)

English 9

English 10

English 11

English 12

Additional Liberal Arts Course Credits

The student must take 4 additional credits in liberal arts courses (English, social studies, world language, media arts, fine and performing arts)

Project Design

The project must be completed in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Graduation Distinction advisor. The project will be presented to a faculty panel in the form of a paper that includes background research and an oral presentation. The paper as well as the Works Cited will follow MLA format.

Project Timeline

Initial proposals must be submitted by the end of term 3 of the student's junior year.

Projects must be completed and the final presentation paper that will be submitted to the faculty panel must be completed by the end of term 3 of the student's senior year.