

KING PHILIP GRADUATION DISTINCTION IN STEM

King Philip students have an opportunity to graduate with a distinction in STEM. 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 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics*; in addition, students will be required to develop and complete a project that will expose them to the "real world" applications available through STEM studies.

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 science, technology, engineering, and/or math.
- 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

Science (4 years)

Physical Science or Core Foundations

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Mathematics (4 years)

The student must take 4 full years of math courses.

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.