



Application to Graduate with Distinction 2018

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In order to graduate with distinction in **Academics, Athletics, Arts** or **Service** you must complete an **application portfolio** and then **present** it to a small group of peers/adults.

All application portfolios require a **cover letter** which answers the question "How has my work in this area helped me grow as an individual and contribute to my school community?" Some portfolios also require an **artifact** (something that represents your work in that area), a **log** documenting your work, and/or a **letter** from a coach/mentor. See below for the exact requirements in each area. **You may apply for distinction in multiple areas, one area, or all areas.**

What follows is a checklist to help you prepare your portfolio(s). You need to turn in this checklist with the final portfolio. Complete portfolios are due to Nico no later than **June 1st**. Presentations will be held in late June.

Distinction in Academics

- I made honor roll/principal's honor roll in 6th and 7th grade and for the 1st and 2nd trimesters of 8th grade.
- I have selected an artifact to represent my academic work which I am including with my application (this should be a piece of work, not a report card).
- I have written a cover letter which I am including with my application explaining how my academic work while at PS/IS 276 helped me grow as an individual and contributed to my school community.
- I have checked over my written work and I am prepared to present to a small group.

Distinction in Athletics

- I participated in at least one sports team/club in 6th grade and at least one in 7th grade at 276.
- I participated in at least one sports team/club in 8th grade at 276.
- I have prepared a log of teams I have participated in which includes dates I participated and is signed by the coach(es) I worked with at 276.
- I have asked one of my coaches to write a letter talking about my sportsmanship, athleticism & dedication to the sport, and I am including that letter with my application.
- I have written a cover letter which I am including with my application explaining how my participation in athletics while at PS/IS 276 helped me grow as an individual and contributed to my school community.
- I have checked over my written work and I am prepared to present to a small group.

Distinction in the Arts

- I demonstrated a commitment to studio art, music, dance, and/or theater while at PS/IS 276 by participating in clubs, after school groups, etc.
- I have asked someone who has worked with me as a teacher or mentor to write a letter talking about my participation and achievement in the arts OR I will ask my art teacher to sit in on the portfolio presentation.
- I have selected an artifact to represent my work in the arts which I am including with my application.
- I have written a cover letter which I am including with my application explaining how my participation in the arts while at PS/IS 276 helped me grow as an individual and contributed to my school community.
- I have checked over my written work and I am prepared to present to a small group.

Distinction through Service*

- I will have participated in at least 25 hours of service by June 1st. I will provide a log on June 1st (if you need help finding service opportunities, please speak to Nico immediately).
- I have prepared a log showing the service work I have done, along with dates and number of hours, which has been signed by my supervisor(s).
- I have selected an artifact to represent my service work which I am including with my application.
- I have written a cover letter which I am including with my application explaining how my service work while at **PS/IS 276** helped me grow as an individual and contributed to my school community.
- I have checked over my written work and I am prepared to present to a small group.

*Community Service Elective students have an additional requirement: You must request a letter from the teacher(s) you have been working with throughout the year.

