

International Language Distinction

Students may choose to earn Distinction in French or Spanish by completing the following requirements.

- 4 yrs of a language
- 3.2 minimum GPA in that language. No grade below a C in language classes.
- Completion of a Portfolio* OR 2 years of another language
- Must declare intention by the end of Junior year

***Possible portfolio activities to earn required points.** The below activities are POSSIBLE activities. Students may propose other activities they feel would qualify and receive points with prior teacher approval.

Activities	Points earned	Initials	Date
ACTFL test-National Oral & Written (years 2 & 3)- 4 pts., can be done 2x. 25\$ fee			
IB TEST-8 pts.			
Café y Conversación (no double dipping of EC, REQ, or portfolio) -1 pt.			
Plan an Elementary lesson-2 pts.			
Teach the Elementary lesson-3 pts.			
Read & present academic articles in L2 - 2 pts. Prior approval required.			
Read authentic text (partial) write literary review-2 pts. Prior approval required			
Immersion Night 4 pts.			
Soirée de Ciné-1 pts.			
Presentation after travel- 2 pts. In L2 3 pts.			
Watch L2 language movie/show & present in L2.- 2pts.			
Spanish Club or French Club Participation per event 1 pt.			
Spanish Club or French Club planning -2 pts			
Current Events- Present in L2/ -1 pt.			
Make dish/food for class and present in L2-2.pts.			
Make/Present culturally relevant handicraft-2 pts.			
Make video of grammar topic-2.pts.			
Translate and present a song in L2-1 pts.			
Hosting foreign exchange 2 pts. Present in L2-3 pts.			
Your pre-approved idea-points to be determined			
Total points earned			

Language Distinction Formal Guidelines

Students must print these guidelines and the form and keep track of their points over their Junior and Senior years.

- Students must earn 30 points by the end of the Senior year final semester (May 10 or announced date).
- Supervising teacher's signature is required for each activity/event at the time of the event! No points will be given after the fact.
- Each activity is limited to 2x annually except French and Spanish Cafe et/y Conversacion and Club.
- Portfolio must be turned in ON TIME (meaning a WEEK or more BEFORE the deadline to the supervising teacher) for review and approval.

1. Portfolio

Portfolios should be formally submitted electronically or by hard copy to your language teacher at least one week prior to the due date. Portfolios should reflect accurate descriptions, thoughtful reflections, and overall professionalism. Disorganized or incomplete portfolios will not be accepted.

Please include the following in your portfolio-

1. Title Page (Include name, year, and cooperating language teacher)
2. Table of contents: Activity & Reflection
3. Page 1 of this document (List of activities and checkboxes)
4. Page numbers and or tabs throughout the portfolio.
5. Each reflection entry should cover ONE activity. This means if you did language club 3 times, you would only have 1 entry, BUT you must describe what occurred in each separate activity/meeting, WHY it was culturally relevant or interesting, and a reflection on how this activity affected your culture or language knowledge?
6. Each entry should be AT LEAST a half page (if just one small activity) with 12 pt font up to a full page. Reflection entries must be in the target language, and should reflect an **intermediate high** language level. **Reflections must be typed. Any suspicion of AI use or Google Translate will mean immediate disqualification for Distinction.**

**Students are encouraged to complete reflections shortly after they complete activity. This ensures reflections are accurate and also completed in a timely manner.*

3. Application paperwork

Students must also fill out counseling office applications, secure unofficial transcripts, and have that in to the counselors office by May 10th deadline (or announced deadline). No exceptions.