Diploma Distinctions

Distinction	Requirements
GMSD Honors Diploma	Students shall be recognized as graduating with GMSD Honors if they have met the graduation requirements, as well as the following: • Earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher • Successfully complete twelve (12) advanced courses: Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment courses • Two (2) of the honors courses must be completed the 12th grade year
District Distinction	Students shall be recognized as graduating with District Distinction if they have met the graduation requirements, as well as the following: • Earn an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher • Earn a recognized industry certification in area of career interest or a regionally recognized industry certification
State Honors	Students shall be recognized as graduating with State Honors if they score at or above all subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT.
State Distinction	Students shall be recognized as graduating with State Distinction if they obtain an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher AND complete one of the following: • Earn a national and/or state recognized industry certification; • Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools; • Participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations; • Earn statewide recognition or award at a skill or knowledge-based state tournament, convention, or competition hosted by a statewide student organization, and/or qualify for national recognition by a national student organization; • Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist; • Attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT or SAT equivalent; • Attain a score of three (3) or higher on at least two advanced placement exams; • Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme; or • Earn twelve (12) or more semester hours of postsecondary credit.
Industry 4.0	Students shall be recognized as graduating with Industry 4.0 Distinction if they complete the following: 1. Before the end of grade 10, the student must: • Notify the student's counselor or school principal with documentation signed by the student's parent or legal guardian indicating that the student's parent or legal guardian is aware of the requirements for the parent's or legal guardian's student to obtain an Industry 4.0 Diploma Distinction and consenting to the student's intent to pursue the diploma distinction; • Register with an American Job Center (AJC) or other career counseling or community partner approved by the student's school; and • Enroll in Work-Based Learning (WBL) or dual enrollment courses for the student's grade 11 school year. 2. During the student's grade 11 school year, the student must: • Meet no less than once per month with a career coach; • Successfully complete all coursework required to progress toward graduation; and • Enroll in WBL or dual enrollment courses for the student's grade 12 year. 3. During the student's grade 12 school year, the student must: • Meet no less than once per month with a career coach; and • Successfully complete all coursework required for graduation.