



Professional Careers Academy Endorsement Mass Communications Student Tracking Form

Olathe South High School

Report for: _____
Last Name First Name

Date of Report: _____


Projected Date of Graduation: _____ **Student I.D. #:** _____

There are three main components of the Professional Careers Academy Endorsement:

- GPA Criteria
- Academic Criteria
- Additional Mandatory Endorsement Criteria.

Each component has a stated level of performance to reach in order to earn one of the following levels of endorsement:

- Endorsement
- Endorsement with Distinction



GPA Criteria

GPA Endorsements Requirements:

Endorsement: must maintain a GPA of **2.5** or higher for **Overall GPA**, **Program GPA** and **Core GPA**.

Endorsement with Distinction: must maintain an **Overall GPA** of **3.0** or higher & a **3.5** for **Program GPA** and **Core GPA**.

GPA	Freshman Year		Sophomore Year		Junior Year		Senior Year	
	Program	Core	Program	Core	Program	Core	Program	Core
GPA 1 st Semester								
GPA 2 nd Semester								

A **minimum Overall GPA of 2.5** needs to be maintained to continue enrollment in the program.

Academic Criteria

Academic Endorsement Requirements: *(Table on following page)*

Endorsement: needs to have taken one course from each cell.

Endorsement with Distinction: needs to have taken one or two courses listed in **blue** type for 1 credit.



PCA Mass Communications Academic Criteria Table

	Freshman	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year	
<p>Professional Careers Academy Mass Communications Area of Emphasis Courses</p> <p>(2 Credits- Endorsement, 3 Credits – Endorsement with Distinction) *Core GPA Classes*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics (Freshman or Sophomore Year)				
	<p>Need 2-4 courses to total 2 full credits from the following list:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Adv Comm. Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Digital Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Digital Photo <input type="checkbox"/> Publications and Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design I <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design II <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design I <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design II <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Creative Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook (With Distinction – Editor position) <input type="checkbox"/> Photojournalism <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism (With Distinction – Editor position) <input type="checkbox"/> Novice Debate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Debate <input type="checkbox"/> Forensics - ISD <input type="checkbox"/> Speech <input type="checkbox"/> Argumentation and Debate </td> </tr> </table> <p>With Distinction (1 credit)</p>				<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Adv Comm. Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Digital Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Digital Photo <input type="checkbox"/> Publications and Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design I <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design II <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design I <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design II <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing
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<p>English (4 Credits) *Program GPA*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> English I <input type="checkbox"/> English I PreAP/Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> English II/World Lit <input type="checkbox"/> English II PreAP/Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> English III <input type="checkbox"/> AP English - Lang. & Comp.	<input type="checkbox"/> CP English <input type="checkbox"/> AP English - Lit. & Comp.	
<p>Math (3 Credits) *Program GPA*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Course: _____	
<p>Science (3 Credits) *Program GPA*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Course: _____	
<p>Social Science (3 Credits) *Program GPA*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Modern World History	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Science Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Science Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Science Course: _____	
<p>International Language (1 Credit) *Program GPA*</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> International Language Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> International Language Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> International Language Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> International Language Course: _____	
<p>Electives (1 Credit in each subject area)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> PE/Health <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Practical and Consumer Arts				

Additional Mandatory Endorsement Criteria

PART 1: Mandatory requirements for ALL levels and types of PCA Endorsements:
These activities may occur outside the school day.

FRESHMAN YEAR:

- Set goal for endorsement level** – by the end of 2nd semester.

 **Endorsement Level Goal** ([Endorsement](#), [Endorsement with Distinction](#))

- Career Awareness Project** – submitted by the end of 1st semester.
- Participation in Approved Service to Program/Community**
(must participate in 4 activities for Endorsement – 1 activity per year.)
- Attend and Participate in at least 2 PCA Lectures (3 PCA Lectures for Distinction) per Semester:**
[Complete and turn in reflection sheets after each lecture.](#)

Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____

- Professional Goal Statement** – submitted by the end of 2nd semester.

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- Annotated Bibliography** – submitted by March 1.
- Participation in Approved Service to Program/Community**
(must participate in 4 activities for Endorsement – 1 activity per year.)
- Attend and Participate in at least 2 PCA Lectures (3 PCA Lectures for Distinction) per Semester:**
[Complete and turn in reflection sheets after each lecture.](#)

Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____

- Review Professional Goal Statement from Freshman Year**-by the end of 2nd semester.

JUNIOR YEAR:

- Two Book Reviews and/or Article Reviews** (subject to approval)
(one submitted last seminar in Dec. and one submitted the seminar following spring break)
- Participation in Approved Service to Program/Community**
(must participate in 4 activities for Endorsement – 1 activity per year.)
- Attend and Participate in at least 2 PCA Lectures (3 PCA Lectures for Distinction) per Semester:**
[Complete and turn in reflection sheets after each lecture.](#)

Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____

- Resume/Vita Sheet** – submitted prior to March 1 of junior year.
- Project Proposal for Senior Year** – submitted last seminar in January.
- Review Professional Goal Statement from Sophomore Year**-by the end of 1st semester.

Part 2: Senior Requirements (must complete one):

These activities may occur during the school day or outside the school day.

▷ Research Project

- Proposed research topic submitted to PCA Mentor by October 1 _____
Proposed research topic: _____
PCA Mentor: _____
- Proposed topic approved by mentor. Mentor initials: _____
- Research project successfully completed.
- Research project presented in PCA Senior Symposium. Date of Symposium _____
- Symposium presentation saved in PCA Archive.

▷ Internship/Mentorship (Placement approved by August 1st)

- Description of Internship/Mentorship: _____
- Location of Internship/Mentorship: _____
- All expected responsibilities successfully completed.
- PCA Internship Mentor _____
- Internship/Mentorship presented in PCA Senior Symposium. Date of Symposium _____
- Symposium presentation saved in PCA Archive.

Participation in Approved Service to Program/Community

(must participate in 4 activities for Endorsement – 1 activity per year.)

Attend and Participate in at least **2 PCA Lectures (3 PCA Lectures for Distinction)** per Semester:

Complete and turn in reflection sheets after each lecture.

Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____
Date _____	Presenter _____	Date _____	Presenter _____

Post-Secondary Goal Statement

Summary of Completion of Professional Careers Academy Endorsement

For: _____

Date of Summary: _____

PCA Review Advisor: _____

The requirements have been checked according to the level of endorsement selected:

GPA Criteria

- Endorsement
- Endorsement with Distinction

Academic Criteria

- Endorsement
- Endorsement with Distinction

Additional Mandatory Endorsement Criteria

- Endorsement
- Endorsement with Distinction

Professional Careers Academy Endorsement Earned:

- PCA Mass Communications Endorsement**
- PCA Mass Communications Endorsement with Distinction**
- No Endorsement earned. Student failed to meet requirements.

PCA Advisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

