

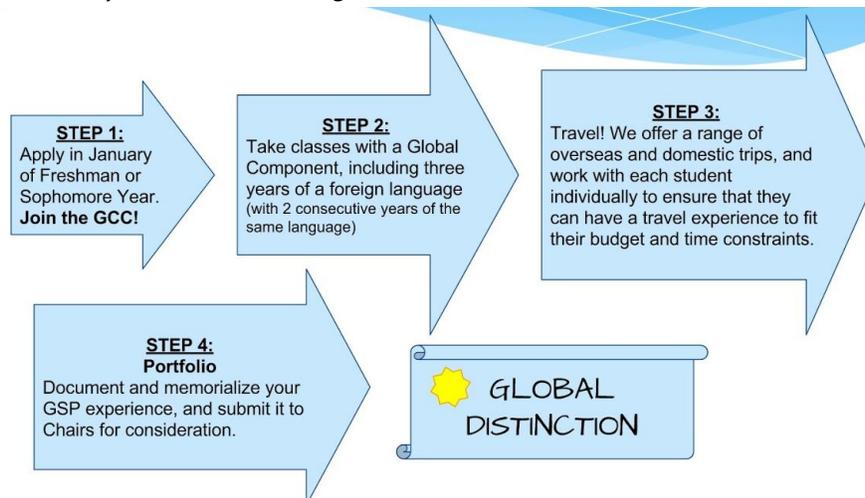
## GLOBAL DISTINCTION PROGRAM

Tahanto's GSP offers students the chance to graduate with a Global Distinction on their diploma -- a mark that will distinguish them from their peers as they compete for places at colleges and universities, and later, in the workforce. Candidates are encouraged to apply in freshman or sophomore year. **Applications must be submitted no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>**, and applicants will be notified of their status by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Freshmen applicants not accepted can re-apply as sophomores.

### Expectations

Global Distinction Students will:

- demonstrate proficiency and confidence in a second language;
- attain knowledge of – and show an appreciation for – cultural differences;
- examine contemporary issues from multiple perspectives;
- contribute with energy and spirit to the GSP community of learners;
- share their expertise and enthusiasm with the broader Tahanto community;
- actively promote global understanding and the peaceful resolution of conflicts;
- achieve personal growth through reflection ;
- strive to realize their full potential to lead as global citizens.



### Attendance Policy

Global Distinction candidates are responsible for the following:

- mandatory attendance at GCC meetings at least once per month;
- participation in at least one GCC activity per quarter;
- regular communication and meetings with GSP Advisor and other Distinction candidates.

**A student will be dismissed from the Distinction Program after three violations of the stated attendance requirements.**

**Note:** If a student / family is experiencing unique circumstances which create a difficulty in fulfilling these requirements, the student should communicate with his or her advisor. If there is an exceptional reason why you must miss a meeting (health, religious holiday, college interview, etc.), you must provide your advisor with documentation (i.e. note from parent) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting you will miss.

### Advisory Groups

Each student will be assigned to a GSP Advisor, and will meet quarterly to:

- check on academic progress in global courses;
- discuss topics for your Global Exploration Project;
- plan travel experience or travel-equivalent experience;
- discuss and debrief about Global Citizenship Club activities;
- work on Global Resumé and Portfolio.

## GLOBAL DISTINCTION - APPLICATION FORM

Both an academic and extracurricular program, the GSP offers students the chance to increase their global awareness, heighten their appreciation of diversity, and enlarge their capacity to work and contribute in an increasingly interconnected world. Not only will students have the opportunity to explore the world around them, but they will also be recognized for their efforts on their college applications and be awarded a Distinction upon completion of the program. The students who participate in the program may travel internationally, participate in local intercultural activities, organize global activities for their peers and their community, belong to the Global Citizenship Club, and complete a globally-focused project. Let the adventure begin!

### In order to be considered for the GSP Certificate Program, candidates must:

1. Be a current freshman or sophomore.
2. Answer all short-answer essay questions. (see below)
3. Meet academic requirements - have a B- or higher in all global classes (see list below). Print and attach your most recent report card, highlighting global classes.

If you do not meet this criteria as stated above, write a detailed explanation as to why you feel you should still qualify for the GSP Distinction program. If this explanation is not included, we will not consider your application.

### Short-Answer Essay Questions

In the top left-hand corner of your typed answers, please include the following lines and fill them in with the appropriate information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Answer ALL of the following questions in typed, double-space paragraphs. Each answer may not be longer than 200 words. Responses should be specific, detailed, and free of mechanical errors.

1. Explain why you are interested in joining GSP and what you personally hope to gain from participation.
2. Explain how you have made a positive impact on a team, club, or other organization in the past. How would that skill set help you to contribute to GSP?
3. Identify and briefly describe a contemporary international issue and explain why it interests you.
4. By participating in this program what type of knowledge and experiences do you hope to bring back to enrich your own community.

### Academic Requirements

**Freshmen applicants** must provide a copy of their most recent report card., and must have a B- or higher in the following courses:

9<sup>th</sup> grade World History  
9<sup>th</sup> English  
Foreign Language\*

**Sophomore applicants** must provide a copy of their most recent report card AND a print out of their transcript from ninth grade.

Applicants must have a B- or higher in the following courses:

9<sup>th</sup> grade World History  
9<sup>th</sup> grade English  
10<sup>th</sup> grade US History  
10<sup>th</sup> grade English  
Foreign Language\*

\*Any student who has documentation that officially exempts him/her from the TRMHS foreign language requirement may submit that along with his/her application.