

# DVS Presentation of Learning DETAILS AND POLICIES



December 2019

The Presentation of Learning (“POL”) is a tradition at the Da Vinci Schools in which students prepare and deliver a formal presentation to a panel of their teachers. POLs give students the opportunity to practice their speaking and presentation skills and are a final opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding and mastery of a topic. Because these are formal presentations, students are expected to wear formal attire.

Each student will earn a letter grade for his/her POL based on the total score and the grade scale shown. **This letter grade will be reflected on the student’s transcript.** The POL is worth one credit, which is the same amount of credit earned for most seminar courses. All POLs will be scheduled between Monday 12/16 and Thursday 12/19.

## Schoolwide Plans & Policies

- Guardians, families, and special guests are encouraged to attend a student’s POL.** Please bring ID and check-in at the reception desk on the first floor before proceeding to the 2nd floor for the presentation. Please allow at least 15 minutes to park, check-in, and walking to the 2nd floor. Every effort will be made to run presentations on time, and presentations will not be delayed to wait for a parent, guardian, or special guest to arrive.
- All students are expected to come to school for all POL days,** regardless of dates of scheduled presentations. School hours are the same for all students: **8:30am - 2:25pm.** POL days begin on Monday, 12/16 and end on Thursday, 12/19. Please see below for the schedule:

Week 17	Monday, 12/16 POLs & EOCs	Tuesday, 12/17 POLs & EOCs	Wednesday, 12/18 POLs & EOCs	Thursday, 12/19 POLs & EOCs	Friday, 12/20
	no office hours	no office hours	no office hours	no office hours	No School - Professional Development Day
	POLs & English EOCs 8:30-11:30	POLs & Science EOCs 8:30-11:30	POLs & Spanish EOCs 8:30-11:30	POLs & Math EOCs 8:30-11:30	
	Lunch 11:30-12:00	Lunch 11:30-12:00	Lunch 11:30-12:00	Lunch 11:30-12:00	
	POLs & English EOCs 12:05-2:25	POLs & Science EOCs 12:05-2:25	POLs & Spanish EOCs 12:05-2:25	POLs & Math EOCs 12:05-2:25	
	Dismissal @ 2:25pm				

- Students will be assigned their POL presentation dates and times.** Any requests for changes to a student’s POL date or time must be made by a student’s parent or guardian on or before **Tuesday, December 10th.** Please make these requests directly to your student’s teachers.
- Students are expected to dress professionally** for all of their POLs. Professional dress is a component of the student’s grade for the presentation. Students who are not dressed professionally or who are demonstrating a lack of preparedness will be permitted to present their POL, but will be awarded accountability scores that reflect his/her preparedness. Professional dress expectations are as follows:
  - Opaque, button-down dress shirt (shirt must be tucked in); Ties for males; Suit jacket (optional)
  - Khaki pants or dress pants (no jeans); Dress or skirt that touches tops of knees when standing up straight
  - Closed-toe dress shoes (no sneakers or excessively high heels)
  - Hair should not cover the face

5. Students are expected to create a **digital presentation** (most often in Google Slides) in which work from this semester is displayed.
6. **Presentations are scored by the panel using a Google doc;** there is one shared Google doc per student where all teachers enter their scores and comments.
7. **Students' final POL score is an aggregate of their scores in each subject in which they were scheduled to present.**  
A student who earns a passing grade overall – even if they do not pass a particular component – passes his or her POL. The overall grade for a student's POL will be reflected on the student's semester report card and transcript as a one-credit course.
8. **A student's presentation may be the final piece of evidence in the grade for the course.** The grade earned for a specific subject may be entered into the gradebook of that course, and this evidence may raise or lower a student's overall grade in the course.
9. **Students who miss a panel presentation without a valid reason\* will not be permitted to re-present for that panel.** \*Valid reasons include unexpected doctor's appointments with doctor's note and parent confirmation, hospitalization with appropriate documentation and parent confirmation, and deaths in the family with appropriate documentation and parent confirmation. Please contact school administration if a student will miss or has missed a panel presentation for a valid reason as identified above.
10. **There will be no POL makeups for students who miss their POL time for any reason other than those identified as valid reasons above.** Transportation issues, miscommunication, and misunderstandings are not reasons for a POL to be made up at a different time or place.
11. **Students who do not pass their POL on the first attempt will not be permitted to re-present.** There are no make-ups other than for the reasons outlined as valid reasons above.
12. **Each panel member may ask questions to the student regarding his/her presentation.** These questions are intended to be clarification or application type questions. There will not be leading or informing questions or commentary.
13. All students will be assessed using the DVS 4-point mastery grade scale.

**The plans & policies that will be determined by the grade-level teachers are as follows:**

- The individual scheduling of each student's panel presentations.
- Recommendations or requirements for how students should divide up the minutes they are allotted.
- Recommendations or requirements regarding the content of the presentation.
- The length and structure of the question and answer period.
- Which classrooms students are assigned to each day.
- The content that will be scored for each course.