

Senior Class Project Overview 2021 - 2022

Senior Project is Meadows Valley School District high school graduation requirement.

Project Team: Administrator- Dee Fredrickson
Senior Project Facilitator- Kaytlyn Gilliam
Senior Class Advisor- Paige Walker
Student's Mentor- varies from student to student
Community Member- TBD

Five Components:

1. Portfolio
2. Research paper
3. Project
4. Community service project
5. Project presentation

Grading: Each major component of this course will have a grading rubric with detailed expectations.

1. Portfolio Requirements: Developed throughout the semester **(Due January 5th)**

- Mentor verification forms ****Must be a non family member** (Due September 8th)**
 - **Special approval needed for an MVSD Staff member as mentor.**
 - Must meet with a mentor for a minimum of 10 hours.
- Project proposal **(Due September 15th)**
- Research paper with abstract **(Due December 15th)**
 - Smaller component deadlines will be communicated out via Google Classroom and 1:1 meetings with Senior Project Advisor.
- Project logs and documentation **(Due January 5th)**
- Letters to the Judges **(Due January 5th)**

*This will be graded and turned in to the judges **January 5th** for them to prepare for presentations on **January 12 & 13.**

2. Research Paper Requirements: Completed in the 1st semester **(Due on December 15th)**

- Expository Essay (not a report)
- **7 pages** (not including title page or works cited pages)
- **12 sources** (1 must be an interview)
 - Annotated Bibliography **(Due November 17)**
- **MLA format (citation style AND Formatting)**

*Benchmarks and deadlines throughout the semester-, outline, 2-6 page rough drafts, etc.

***Each student will need to find a staff/community member (maybe your mentor) to help proofread the paper.**

3. Project Requirements: (Completed by January 5th)

- Approved by a Project Team member.
- Students are responsible for any resources required (money, supplies, etc.)
- Must be substantial- should be a final product or something that has been created.
 - High interest and motivating
 - **Challenge the student and result in growth and learning. (Doing something you already know will not qualify).**
- **25+ hrs dedicated to the project.** (Students will document and complete hours logs)
 - 10 of which need to be completed with your mentor.

4. Service project:

- Regular progress reports will be required.

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- You will have a meeting with Ms. G every other week to discuss your progress
- Project logs and documentation **(Due January 5th)**
- **Each student is responsible for 20 hours outside of class to complete the project. (Students will document and complete hours logs)**

5. Presentation: Presented publicly (January 12 & 13)

- 5-7 minute overview/highlight recorded video presentation **(Due January 5th)**
- 15-20 minute in person presentation required **(January 12 & 13)**
- Presentations are made before a panel of judges who evaluate the presentation as well as the project itself. Your project team will also be involved in your project grading.

Definitions

Portfolio: All project requirements, this will be a physical portfolio in a 3-ring binder and a digital portfolio that will be on the Celebration of Learning Website.

Mentor: Must be an adult, 21 years or older. Must be a NON-FAMILY member, and only under extenuating circumstances be an MVSD Staff member. Should be knowledgeable in the field you have chosen. Will oversee at minimum 10 hours of work on your project. Will sign a verification form that spells out the expectations for both mentor and mentee. Will sign project hours logs. Will write an evaluation of your project and verify you have completed your hours. Is NOT responsible for helping you with your research paper or your presentation, but could be the person who proofreads your paper.

Project: Should “STRETCH” your abilities and CHALLENGE you to learn to do something new.

Letter to the Judges: This is a thank you letter to our panel of judges. It should briefly explain your project, your passion for the subject, and thank them for taking the time to review your project portfolio.

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1:1 Meetings with Senior Project Facilitator

- Each student will meet with Ms. Gilliam a minimum of once every other week.
 - Times are scheduled ahead of time, and meeting invitations will be sent out to students using Google Calendar.
 - Students will need to bring their Chromebook, updated Project and Community Service Logs, progress updates on the most recent project component (communicated to students via Google Classroom).
 - If you are absent on the day of your originally scheduled 1:1 meeting it is YOUR responsibility to contact Ms. Gilliam to reschedule.
- Open office hours for additional questions regarding senior projects are posted in Google Classroom and Ms. Gilliam's website.
 - Mondays 11:30 - 12:00
 - Every other Wednesday 10:40 - 12:00

Responsibility Policy

If you...

- miss a major due date (for example: rough draft, project hours check, portfolio submission deadline, any other element with a deadline, etc.)
- are irresponsible in contacting and working with their mentor

Then you will face some or all of these consequences...

- Loss of privileges at school (open campus, early release on Fridays, etc.)
- Loss of end of year senior privileges (prom, senior trip, etc.)
- Loss of graduation ceremony

What if you miss a deadline?

- If you miss a deadline you will meet with the Project Team (defined above) to develop a recovery plan that you and your parent(s)/guardian will sign.
 - If you fail to comply with the agreed upon recovery plan, you will fail your Senior Project.
- If you have extenuating circumstances that caused you to miss this deadline, you have the right to appeal to the Project Team for an extension of that deadline.

How does the appeal process work?

You will have to appear in person before the Project Team: they will consider your story as well as...

- All of your classroom grades and behavior records.
- Your attendance in all classes.
- An update on your work with your mentor.
- Documentation verifying the extenuating circumstances you claim.
 - Doctors notes, family emergency/hardship, etc.