

Task 1: Understand the Overview of Senior Project and Start to Organize Portfolio.

Senior Project: Life-Ready Leadership in Action

Overview: The Senior Project is designed to be the culmination of each student's academic experience at Twin Falls School District. It is a real-life opportunity for students to merge their various interests, passions, and curiosities with the community, the modern workplace and their academic lives as seniors in high school. The project is a vehicle for seniors to demonstrate their life-ready leadership of personal autonomy, initiative, creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving, coupled with interpersonal communication, collaboration and synergy. This experience requires seniors to go beyond the basic knowledge of subject matter and utilize 21st century, life-ready learning and working skills, as mentioned above. The Senior Project is a measurement of life-ready skills that demonstrate seniors are ready for success in postsecondary education, career choice and life.

The Four Main Components of Senior Project

1. The Project Proposal (Junior Board Presentation)
2. The Research Paper (English 12A Senior Research Paper)
3. The Project (40-Hour Project)
4. The Presentation (Presentation/Portfolio)

The Project Proposal: Each student will develop a project proposal during the junior year in Leadership Class. The proposal will include an overview of the project and demonstrate how it meets the senior project requirements. The proposal will identify the area of focus and the purpose of the project and illustrate how the project connects to his/her academic interests, service to the community, and/or career interests. The student must be able to connect his/her proposal to two of these areas. Each junior student will provide an oral presentation of the project proposal for approval at their Junior Board with a poster.

The Project: The project is a creation based on choosing, designing, and developing a product, project, or service related to the student's interest while connecting it to the community or to a career interest of choice. The project must require 40 hours.

The Research Paper: Each project will require a senior research paper that supports a specific thesis statement with evidence from research and warrants. The paper will be written in the MLA format and require cited sources from research. This will be completed in English class 12A.

The Presentation: A portfolio will be compiled that includes all paperwork completed while working on the Senior Project (see Portfolio Checklist). Each senior student will provide an oral presentation of the project with a trifold poster. A final evaluation of the portfolio containing all four required sections, and an evaluation of the final presentation will determine the successful completion of the senior project.

Senior Project Portfolio Checklist

___ Title Page – the Title Page goes on or inside of the front cover of the binder.

___ 1. Portfolio Checklist – the Portfolio Checklist may be used as the Table of Contents.

***The binder must include dividers (with or without tabs) to separate each section.**

The Project Proposal (Section 1 is to be completed junior year.)

- ___ 2. Parental Consent
- ___ 3. Project Proposal Planning Guide
- ___ 4. Senior Project Mentor Contract
- ___ 5. Project Proposal
- ___ 6. Project Proposal Presentation Rubric (save copy with passing grade)

The Project (Section 2)

- ___ 7. Project Journal (with photos and 5 mentor and parent initials)
- ___ 8. Mid-Project Mentor Evaluation
- ___ 9. Final Mentor Evaluation
- ___ 10. Senior Project Self-Evaluation

The Research Paper (Section 3)

- ___ 11. Senior Project Research Paper Rubric (with passing grade)
- ___ Final Draft of Research Paper (with works cited page)
- ___ Rough Draft of Research Paper (optional)

The Presentation Section (Section 4)

- ___ 12. Senior Project Portfolio Rubric
- ___ 13. Senior Project Open House Rubric
- ___ 14. Senior Project Presentation Rubric (Senior Project Final Grade)

The Project Poster

___ Project Proposal Presentations only require a half of poster board. Senior Project Presentations require a trifold poster board.