

JB Task 1: Understand Overview of Senior Project and Start to Prepare a Project Proposal.

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 (30-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 or the option of a digital slide show displayed on a Chromebook.

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 30 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 the English 12A Course.

The Presentation: A portfolio will be compiled that includes all paperwork completed while working on the senior project (see Senior Project Portfolio Rubric). Each senior student will provide an oral presentation of the project with a trifold poster or the option of a digital slide show displayed on a Chromebook. 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

12. Senior Project Portfolio Rubric

Name: _____ Advisor: _____

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

***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 (must be type for final copy)
- _____ 4. Senior Project Mentor Contract
- _____ 5. Project Proposal (must type for final copy)
- _____ 6. Project Proposal Presentation Rubric (save copy with passing grade)

The Project (Section 2)

- _____ 7. Project Journal (must be typed with 5 mentor signatures and 5 parent initials)
- _____ 8. Mid-Project Mentor Evaluation
- _____ 9. Final Mentor Evaluation
- _____ 10. Self-Evaluation (must type for final copy)

The Research Paper (Section 3)

- _____ 11. Senior Project Research Paper Rubric (with passing grade)
- _____ Final Draft of Research Paper (must be typed 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)
- _____ 15. Mentor Thank You Note

The Presentation Visuals

_____ Project Proposal Presentations at Junior Boards only require a half of poster board. Senior Project Presentations at Senior Boards require a trifold poster board, or students have the option of a digital slide show displayed on a Chromebook. Senior project visuals require project photos.

As an Advisor for CRHS, I agree that the above student has met or exceeded the minimum requirements of the Senior Project Portfolio Rubric***. The above named student is eligible to participate at Open House and in Senior Boards.

Advisor Approval Signature: _____