

JB Task 2: Understand the requirements of the Senior Project and get Parental Consent.

Dear Parents/Guardians of Juniors:

Canyon Ridge High School is excited to announce to all juniors that they are required to complete a Senior Project. This is an opportunity for students to use the academic and life-ready skills they have acquired throughout their educational careers. Senior Projects are required by the State of Idaho, and Canyon Ridge High School provides this opportunity as a culminating learning experience in our school district.

Students will not be alone in their quest to complete a Senior Project. Parents, teachers, administrators, counselors, and community mentors will help students explore their areas of interest and complete their project. The Leadership Class teacher will be the project advisor. The project advisor, a counselor or administrator will help students decide upon a project mentor in their junior year. This will be an amazing opportunity for students to connect with a mentor in the community and find relevance in their education.

The Senior Project has four components: the project proposal, the research paper, the project, and the presentation. The first component of the project is the proposal. Starting as juniors in high school, students will have the opportunity to think about what they want to focus on for their project. They will develop a proposal throughout their junior year that will be presented at the end of the year for approval. This will give the students the summer before their senior year to start completing their 30 hours.

The project component will require students to log the actions they take to complete their 30-hour project. They will document interviews, cite sources, and relate successes, as well as failures during the process of completing their project. The journal documents how the project was completed.

The research paper will be the focal part of the English 12A curriculum. Because research is a state standard at this level, students must create a proficient research paper to pass the course. Senior students will not pass English 12A without completing their senior research paper.

At the conclusion of the project, the students will present to a panel of judges. They will wear business-like clothes and present themselves in a mature and knowledgeable manner giving the details of what they achieved and learned as documented in their Senior Project Portfolio. The students will create tri-fold poster demonstrating the work of their project and may present any physical creation of their project as well. The trifold will be the center of the student's presentation and will be shown at the community open house.

The Senior Project will not only enhance the academic learning of each student, but will give them the opportunity to demonstrate they are ready for success in postsecondary education, career choice and life. We hope, as a faculty and administration, that you will support your student in this important, life-enhancing endeavor.

Sincerely,

Principal Kasey Teske, Ph.D.
Principal of Canyon Ridge High School

2. Parental Consent Form

To the Parent or Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student at Twin Falls School District, I am aware that my son/daughter must pass all four components of the Senior Project to graduate: the project proposal, the project, the research paper and the presentation.

I/We fully understand that the Senior Project selection decision is made independently of the staff and administration of the high school, but is subject to Junior Board Committee approval. It is assumed that costs of related activities will be minimal; however, the decision concerning expenditures is up to the student and his/her parent/guardian. All costs of the project will be assumed by the student/parent.

It is assumed that the Senior Project will be of an educational nature and will not involve unusual risk. If the Senior Project Advisor feels that there is unwarranted risk, parents will be notified before approval is given and may be asked to assume liability.

I/We understand that if my/our student does not complete any portion of the Senior Project he/she will not participate in graduation ceremonies until completion. If students cannot make these deadlines due to extenuating circumstances, he/she may appeal the deadlines to the high school principal prior to the due dates. The diploma will be held until successful completion of the Senior Project.

Finally, both my daughter/son and I understand that falsifying or plagiarizing any aspect of the Research Paper or Project will result in failure of the Senior Research Project. Failure means that that the student will not participate in graduation ceremonies and the diploma will be held until the entire component of the project that was falsified or plagiarized was redone from scratch.

Statement of Participation: By signing this Parental Consent form you acknowledge that you understand your responsibilities regarding the Senior Project.

Student Name: _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____

Parent Name: _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Advisor: _____ **Date received signed form:** _____