



Getting Geared Up

With Senior Projects

Senior Project

- Senior Project is an on-going process that showcases a student's growth and understanding of an idea or topic they are passionate about
- **Academy Requirement:**
 - It is an IBHS requirement that all students who are in the 3rd and/or 4th level of an Academy must complete a senior project related to their academy.
 - Teachers may require all seniors to participate, regardless of the level they are in.
- A senior project packet will be distributed in your classes.

Requirements

- Portfolio
- Project
- Presentation & grading in class
- Presentation to the Community

Senior Project Steps

- Choose a Topic
- Formulate a Project Proposal
- Conduct Background Research
- Outline & Collect Materials
- Organize your Portfolio
- Classroom Presentation
- Complete a Showcase Needs Form
- Bulldog Showcase Presentation

Choose a Topic

Due by the end
of October

- Choose a project idea.
- Think about a topic that interests you and turn it into a question for further study.
- Choose a topic that is relevant to their academy.

Formulate a Project Proposal

See Project Proposal

Due to your
Academy Teacher
for approval by the
end of October

- Could be based on your background knowledge, research or experience.
- Thinking about why you are in this academy
 - What interests you in this field?
 - What you want to have as a career?
- Write a 300-word essay describing your project.
- Select at least 5 project elements for the presentation of your project



Validate your Design – before asking for approval, ask yourself these questions..

- Is it safe?
- Do I have permission to do it?
- What materials do I need and can I get them?
- Do I have enough time to complete my project?
- If it involves living things, will they be safe?

Conduct Background Research/Data

Due end of
Semester One

- What do you already know about the topic?
- What are the processes involved and how do they work?
- Find out what others know.
 - Primary sources interviews with a teacher, a professor, a career professional or other person with specialized knowledge.
 - Secondary sources such as books, magazines, journals, newspapers, online documents, or literature from non-profit organizations.
- Research is ongoing and can be a report, an interview, a journal, job/career shadow, etc.
- As you are conducting and recording research, you may need to update your project proposal.
- Remember to record resources for a bibliography

Outline and Collect Materials

Due by the end of
Semester One

- Write steps or create an outline of how you are going to design or create your project.
- Create a timeline and set deadlines for each step.
- Make a list of things that you will need to collect or purchase to complete the project.

Organize Your Portfolio

Due by the end of
January

1. Cover Page
2. Project/Portfolio Checklist
3. Senior Project Proposal
(including the written description
of the project)
4. Personal Statement
5. Résumé
6. 2 Letters of Recommendation
7. Research Documentation
 - Interview form
 - Journal
 - Report
 - Job/career shadow
8. Classroom Presentation Rubric

Classroom Presentation

February 5th-February 16th
Exact date to be
determined by Teacher

- Practice in front of friends/family
- Keep your presentation to a minimum of 10 minutes.
- Present to your class for a grade
 - Dress professionally
 - Get feedback from your classmates



TOP
60

Need Representation From Every Academy

**TOP 60 SENIOR PROJECTS SCHOOL-
WIDE ARE SUBMITTED TO BULLDOG
SHOWCASE**

Showcase Meeting

Monday, February
26th at 9:00 AM

- Get details on Bulldog Showcase
- Complete a Showcase Needs form
 - Be specific about what you will need to present your project.
- Write 3 questions for judges
 - Must require detailed answer
 - Must be thought provoking
- Save any files needed in Google Docs
(PowerPoint, videos, etc.)

Bulldog Showcase

Tuesday, March

6th

8:00-10:00

- Monday, March 5th, Period 8 - Students set up projects (find your **assigned** location).
- Tuesday, March 6th
 - 7:15-7:45 – Getting ready for judging
 - 8:00-10:00 – Students present to Community & Business members.
 - 10:00-11:00 Judges meet
 - 11:00 Pizza Lunch for presenters

Project Awards

- All presenters – Bulldog Showcase pin for graduation sash
- Showcase Top Ten – Prizes
- Top Five Finalists – Recognition at Senior Awards

Remember....

- Senior project is all about you!
 - Seek help from family, teachers, friends, or community members
 - See the Academy Coordinator, Mrs. Silva, in the Career Lab if you have additional questions.