Senior Project Examples

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What is the Senior Project?

Your senior project will be about something that truly interests you, something you choose, something you really want to study and learn about. You can design it to fit the way you like to learn. For example, it could be a research project, or it could be a hands-on activity. Think creatively!

Your senior project will allow you to apply and extend academic and career-related knowledge and skills in new and complex situations, appropriate to your own personal, academic, and/or career interests and post-high school goals.

You will use community and school resources to complete a problem-solving, hands-on project that relates to an interest or goal identified in your Education Plan and Profile (EPP).

Types of Projects

- Design or improve a product, service, or system
- Plan and organize an event or activity
- Learn, present and demonstrate knowledge of an advanced skill
- Other

Your project will need to meet the criteria for a significant activity.

- A significant activity helps students connect academic studies to real-life situations. Students use knowledge and skills learned to solve problems, create products, or make presentations in complex or non-routine situations.
- A significant activity should also demonstrate evidence of a sufficient investment of time and effort: approximately 15 hours, depending on the nature of the project, and the outcome should seem commensurate with the number of documented hours. Note: documenting extra hours may or may not improve the quality of the final project; extra hours will not replace other requirements of the portfolio.

You will document your Senior Project in a portfolio.
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Arts and Communications

Organize and run a speech tournament
Transpose a piano sonata into an arrangement for a string quartet
Design and produce flyers and playbills for theater productions
Produce a time-lapse video of several school-community projects
Produce a video about high school for new students
Write and arrange an original piece of music for the choir
Direct a dramatized fairy tale for an elementary school audience
Create a public service announcement for a local non-profit organization
Write, edit, and illustrate a children’s book
Write a one-act play

Human Services

Put on a sports clinic for younger children
Organize and direct a blood drive
Volunteer to lead activities at an elementary school, day care, or summer camp
Plan, advertise and organize a weeklong celebration for creative events honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
Collect supplies for a relief organization
Organize and carry out a voter registration drive for seniors
Organize a candidate’s debate for a local election
Organize a fundraiser for a local or international charity
Propose an original piece of legislation and present to a state legislator
Organize and conduct a charitable sports event
Volunteer for a political campaign

Health, Science and Natural Resources

Conduct a chemical analysis of the seasonal pollution patterns of a stream
Conduct an hour-long seminar on stress reduction for an invited audience
Work with the Humane Society or animal shelter as a foster owner
Work with Dogs for the Deaf or Guide Dogs for the Blind
Earn a Master Diver Certificate
Do comparative analysis of heart dissections
Manage safety in an outdoor environment
Volunteer at a Veterinary Hospital
Intern at a research lab at OHSU
Create an informational book that tells families and patients about mesothelioma

Business and Technology

Design and build a piece of furniture
Create a web page for a community organization
Plan a small business operation
Design a room, a house, a building
Learn to knit, then design and knit a sweater
Build a dune buggy
Screen, paint and sell t-shirts
Design and produce a computer animation
Rebuild an engine
Design and create a remote-control blimp
Create and lead a fund-raising event