

RATIONALE and RESPONSIBILITIES

TO: Students, Parents, Sponsors and Faculty

RATIONALE:

The Senior Project, a requirement for graduation, is based on the belief that through direct experience, students can most effectively learn about the various professions and the responsibilities of the people involved in them. By exposing the student to meaningful opportunities within the community, which not only permit, but encourage her to apply the knowledge and skills learned in school, we seek to provide added meaning and significance to her formal education.

We believe that this project serves both the student and the community. Successful experience will broaden the student's perspective and heighten her awareness of the relationship between the individual and the community. The project also provides an excellent opportunity for the professional men and women of the community to play a more active role in today's secondary education and to help bridge the gap between the theories of the classroom and their practical application.

PURPOSES:

The purposes of the Senior Project are as follows:

1. To broaden the educational experiences of the student by exposing her to experiences, people, issues, and ideas which are not part of the ordinary classroom experience
2. To provide an opportunity for the student to engage in a project under the direction of a Sponsor who is an experienced professional, thus allowing maximum personal development of the student.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student's responsibilities are:

1. To make a choice for the Senior Project that corresponds with her possible career interests.
2. To discuss her choices with her parents.
3. To work with faculty advisor who will guide her.
4. To secure a Sponsor willing to offer on-site opportunities.
5. To secure necessary signatures from parents, faculty advisor, and sponsors.
6. To develop appropriate goals for Senior Project.
7. To meet all deadlines as determined by the Senior Project Committee.
8. To participate in a minimum of thirty-six (36) non-pay hours at her project location.
9. To keep a daily written log about her senior project.
10. To send a follow-up "Thank You" note to her Sponsor at the end of Senior Project and make sure that the school receives the sponsor's evaluation.
11. To share insights gained through the experience with fellow students and respective Faculty Advisor.

The Sponsor's responsibilities are:

1. To provide thirty-six (36) hours of worthwhile activities in accord with the student's capabilities and interests.
2. To supervise the student while she is on the project.
3. To help the student attain the goals previously determined.
4. To evaluate the student's efforts on the proper evaluation form provided.
5. To send in the evaluation form by the designated date.

The Faculty Advisor's responsibilities are:

1. To assist the student in finding an appropriate opportunity and Sponsor.
2. To read and approve the student's goals and direction for her project.
3. To complete the appropriate information as requested by the Senior Project Committee.
4. To encourage and guide the students to meet all deadlines.
5. To phone the Sponsor during Senior Project to check on student's progress.
6. To evaluate the student's efforts through the submitted logs and evaluation, and to attend the Project Sharing session at the end of the Project.

The Parents'/Guardians' responsibilities are:

1. To discuss the student's career plans with her and to assist her in finding an appropriate project site.
2. To grant permission for the student to participate in the Senior Project Experience.