

## STEPS AND PROCEDURES

### Senior Project

#### The Purpose of Senior Project is:

- To showcase the learning and skills that you have obtained throughout high school.
- Reflect in-depth knowledge within the School and Academy chosen by the student.
- Require the student to experience new learning (a "learning stretch").
- Directly reflect at least one of the school's **Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLR's)**.

#### Procedure and results:

- All students will do Parts I through IV (see below).
- The Research Paper will comprise part of the English grade for the first semester.
- The Presentation will compose part of the Government/Economics grade for the second semester.
- You **MUST** do a Senior Project in order to receive an Academy Certificate in most Academies (check with your senior TAP teacher to see what the requirements for certification are in your particular academy).
- Special awards will be given to honor exceptional Projects / presentations (including adherence to the timelines) at the Senior Awards Night in June.

#### STEP ONE: Research Paper

- You will submit a 5-7 page (excluding images) research paper to your English teacher. The information that you will research will be directly connected to the Senior Project topic that you have chosen.
- All of the requirements for the paper and rubric will be given to you by your English teacher.
- The grade for this paper will be reflected as part of the total English grade for the Fall Semester.

#### STEP TWO: Fieldwork

- The fieldwork will use the knowledge that you have acquired during the research phase and create/produce a concrete project.
- Your work must be of enough magnitude that it requires at least *twenty hours* of *independent* effort. If part of your project calls for an internship, the number of internship hours cannot be more than ten out of the total twenty.
- The fieldwork **must** be done on your own time. It **cannot** be done while you are attending a SSHS class.
- Your work will reflect a significant learning stretch.

#### STEP THREE: Portfolio

- You will submit a portfolio that will show a connection between the research paper and the fieldwork.
- The portfolio will contain all the items listed on the Portfolio Table of Contents page (see website):

~ Letter of Introduction  
~ Resume  
~ Senior Project Overview  
~ Graded Research Paper  
~ Project Log  
~ Mentor Letter of Recommendation/Regret  
~ Mentor Verification Form  
~ Thank You note to your mentor

- ~ Letter of Reflection
- ~ Copy of Approval Contract
- ~ Integrity Commitment Form
- ~ Mentor Commitment Form
- ~ Visual Enhancements

- The portfolio will be due three weeks before the presentation. (See Sr. Project Major Dates timeline)

#### **STEP FOUR: Presentation**

- You will deliver a 7-10 minute speech to a panel of judges called the Senior Board. The three to five judges will consist of SSHS faculty, juniors, and community members.
- You will supplement your speech with some type of prop. This can be a model of your project, a PowerPoint presentation, a video/DVD, etc.
- You will show the relationship between the research paper and the fieldwork.
- You will be dressed in respectable clothes that you might wear to a professional place of business for an interview.
- Your completed portfolio will be given to the judges prior to your presentation.