Senior Project Policies & Evaluation

Graduation Requirement

Senior Project is a graduation requirement. Every student must complete all five components and earn at least a Basic score on each to pass. Seniors who do not pass Senior Project will not graduate with their classmates in June.

Topic Selection

All Senior Project topics must be appropriate for a school setting. Additionally, all Senior Project topics must be approved by your Advisory teacher and a member of the group of teachers assembled to score the Topic Approval Packets. In certain instances, topic approval may come directly from the Senior Project Coordinator.

Mentors

Your Mentor must be willing to verify that you have completed 20 hours of activities related to your topic. Mentors must be at least 25 years old and may not be a parent or close relative. A mentor cannot be paid by the student or personally profit from the student's project.

Time Management

Seniors are expected to use A+, Advisory and time outside of school hours to work on Senior Project.

Special Requests or Issues

Special situations will be considered, and approved or denied, by the Senior Project Coordinator, and, if necessary, a Senior Project Review Board. Examples of special situations are: a request for an extension of an established deadline, a request to change the activity or research paper topic, and a request to change mentors. To make a special request, students must complete the Senior Project Issue Resolution Form on page 12 of this manual and submit it to the Senior Project Coordinator.

Evaluation of Submitted Work

All Senior Project components are scored by teachers using standardized rubrics that are included in both the 1st & 2nd Semester Senior Project Manuals. The passing scores for each component of Senior Project are **BOLDED** below.

- Topic Approval Packet (**Approved** / Not Approved)
- Research Paper (**Advanced** / **Proficient** / **Basic** / Below Basic / Incomplete)
- Visual Component (**Advanced** / **Proficient** / **Basic** / Below Basic / Incomplete)
- Portfolio (**Advanced** / **Proficient** / **Basic** / Below Basic / Incomplete)
- Oral Presentation(**Advanced** / **Proficient** / **Basic** / Below Basic / Incomplete)

Each part of the Senior Project must earn a score of at least *Basic* (or *Approved* for the Topic Approval Packet) before any new parts will be scored. For example, if you submit the Topic Approval Packet and it is returned to you with a score of *Not Approved*, none of the other parts of the Senior Project will be scored until the Topic Approval Packet is revised and earns a score of *Approved*. **Any component of the Senior Project submitted that is not to standard must be revised and resubmitted until it earns a *Basic* score.**

What happens if I do not pass or submit a component of my Senior Project?

Any student who does not submit one or more of the components of Senior Project will not only jeopardize his/her graduation from high school, but be required to go through the following steps of remediation. Also, if a student does not pass a portion of the Senior Project, he/she will also be required to go through the following steps.

1. **Friday School** = Students who do not submit or do not pass a component of Senior Project will be required to attend Friday school. Friday School will have designated staff members to help students complete/pass one or more missing components of the Senior Project. Friday School attendance will be required until the student has submitted and passed the missing component of Senior Project.
2. **Loss of Off Campus Privilege** = Students who do not submit or do not pass a component of Senior Project will lose Off-Campus Privileges until that component is submitted and passes to standard. Once a student has turned in his/her missing component(s), a minimum 1 week of evaluation time will be given to SVHS staff to determine if the student has met the passing standard. Students will have their off campus privileges reinstated once the component(s) of Senior Project have met the passing standard.

Plagiarism

Any student found to have plagiarized or falsified any component of Senior Project **will** be subject to the consequences for plagiarism outlined in the SVHS Behavior Expectations, and will jeopardize his/her graduation from high school. Where circumstances permit, this may also include further action by the SVHS administration.