

SENIOR PROJECT COMPONENTS

Senior Project begins with choice! Choose a topic about which you feel impassioned. Go beyond your comfort zone. What you learn must extend well beyond your current level of expertise, but still be within your grasp. Your experience must represent a **learning stretch**. Much of your Senior Year will be devoted to your decision, so choose thoughtfully.

THE PAPER is a thesis driven research paper which requires in-depth research and analysis of an area of study linked to your chosen topic. The paper is not merely a report; rather, you must take a position on an issue and support it with your research.

THE PRODUCT is tangible evidence combining the knowledge gained in the research process and the experience in the field with your mentor. You will be working on this for a large part of your senior year. **You must document the process of creating the product from start to finish. You are responsible for obtaining and learning how to use any technology or computer programs needed to document the process and/or create your product and to display them during your presentation.**

THE PORTFOLIO documents the entire Senior Project process, from choosing a topic to the final reflection, and all the steps in between. It is a series of artifacts illustrating your journey. It is essentially your Senior Project yearbook.

THE PRESENTATION provides an opportunity for you to showcase the knowledge gained through the Senior Project experience to a panel of judges comprised of teachers, staff, and community members. This is your chance to shine!