

Statement to the Seniors

You came through the doors of Narragansett High School as a nervous, confused freshman three short years ago. Now you're about to begin your final year. As a senior, you will have an exciting opportunity to participate in a Senior Project that will be a culmination of your educational experience and will allow you to demonstrate your abilities as a creative problem solver, effective communicator, and responsible citizen. You will be challenged to delve into an area of curiosity or passion, to explore a core question or issue in depth, and to demonstrate the acquired knowledge and expertise through a formal oral presentation.

Senior Project is a multi-phase experience. First, you will select a topic, which must include a "learning stretch" that requires intellectual and emotional growth. Next, you will write a research paper related to your chosen topic and work with a mentor from the community who has expertise in your area of interest. By the end of this phase, you will complete a product that represents the completion of your learning stretch. Finally, you will make a formal presentation to a panel of judges, which will include faculty and community members. In this formal presentation, you will demonstrate your knowledge of the information you have gathered from your research and your fieldwork, discuss your experiences with your mentor, provide proof of your learning stretch, and discuss the impact this experience has had on you. Throughout the year, you will compile a portfolio, which documents your Senior Project journey.

This manual clearly defines the requirements for each phase of the Senior Project. Many people will be available to assist you during each phase. **Although you are encouraged to develop ideas about your Senior Project over the summer, you must read this manual in its entirety and complete the *Senior Project Manual Sign-off Sheet* before beginning any part of the Senior Project.**

This is *your* Senior Project. Live It, Learn It, Love It!