

# SENIOR PROJECT INTRODUCTION

## **(KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS)**

The Senior Project Program is designed to provide qualified seniors with the opportunity to explore individual interests and career opportunities in an extended community partnership.

### GOALS OF SENIOR PROJECT:

- To provide an alternative educational experience beyond the classroom. (Not for credit)
- To enhance the personal growth in a way that is not possible within the traditional school experience.
- To provide the student an opportunity to work collaboratively with community members.
- To enhance the student's ability to reflect meaningfully about their life goals.

Senior Project is an exciting opportunity to use, in a unique way, the education you have experienced. Senior Project allows you to integrate your knowledge & skills and requires you to demonstrate your integrity & responsibility.

As you read the notes below, please understand that all deadlines are expectations of your responsibility and they must be met on time. **Failure to meet expected deadlines may result in removal from the project.** You may seek help from the unit principal, your counselor, or your faculty advisor, but you must hand in all required work on time. You must make and keep all appointments with faculty advisors and on-site coordinators and you must assure your attendance and effort at your project site. The more effort you put into this project, the more rewarding it will be.

The Senior Project will occur during the last two weeks of the school year. Seniors will be exempt from the last two weeks of school including the exams. The grade each participating senior has upon leaving the classroom will be the grade for the last grading period and the semester final.

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

#### **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR PROJECT, THE STUDENT MUST:**

- **Be passing ALL courses**, including courses finished during the first semester. Students lose eligibility if they fail the first nine weeks of a second semester class.
- **Meet all graduation requirements** including obtaining at least 21 credits.
- **Demonstrate appropriate attendance.** An excessive number of unexcused absences from school and/or class will exclude a student from participation.
- **Demonstrate good citizenship and behavior** throughout high school. This is determined by the unit principal.
- **Complete all course requirements** up to the point of departure before Senior Project.
- PSEO students may participate in Senior Project; however, Mentor High School cannot excuse them from their college classes. PSEO students must also maintain their full time student status each quarter.

### SENIOR PROJECT GUIDELINES

- The project will be implemented during the last two weeks of the school year. (May 14-25)
- A student may NOT be supervised by a family member or relative.
- A student may not do a senior project in a previous or current place of employment.
- A student must participate in a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week.
- If a student is choosing a school setting, the student **cannot** choose any Mentor school as a site. The signature of the building principal as well as the on-site coordinator (classroom teacher) will be required.
- A student will not earn pay from his/her participation in Senior Project.
- Appropriateness of project site will be determined by Mrs. Skouby and the Unit Principal.
- If you are planning to do your Senior Project living away from home, you must provide a statement verifying place of residency. This must include place of residency, name of person, address, phone number and parent signature. Any project away from home will be subject to approval.

### **SENIOR PROJECT EXPECTATIONS**

**The dismissal of a participating student from Senior Project can be made by the Unit Principal if the student is not meeting the expectations of the program. The student will be returned to school immediately without credit for the project and the student will fail all work missed during participation in the project. No make-up work will be permitted. The student must complete all course work from reentry into the class and take the final exam.**

- The student must meet the requirements of the project which include meeting with the faculty advisor once per week at the mutually agreed upon time and agreeing to receive no compensation for project work.
- The student's advisor must be a certified employee of Mentor High School.
- Proof of project completion must be mutually agreed upon by the advisor and student and submitted to your Faculty Advisor by **May 30, 2012 - 2:30 p.m.**
- The student is responsible for all expenses incurred in completing the project.
- An honor cord will be awarded upon successful completion of the project.
- The school will not assume any liability incurred through the participation in the project
- All students will be expected to keep a daily log, submit a daily journal, prepare a final, typed personal reflection paper on the project (minimum of 500 words) and submit an evaluation of his/her project. Students will be evaluated by both their faculty advisor and their on-site coordinator. Completion of the project will be either satisfactory or failed. Projects will be returned to the student by their faculty advisor after a review has been completed.
- All students will be expected to participate in the Senior Project Fair to be held at the high school on **May 30, 2012** from 5:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Each student will be allotted table space and will make a display that summarizes your Senior Project experience, what you learned and displays some visual representation of what you did while in the community experience. You will be expected to be present during the fair to explain and answer any questions that people attending the fair may have about your project.

#### **\*\*\*FIRST STEP:**

**Turn in the attached Application to Mrs. Skouby in the Upper Learning Center by January 12, 2012**  
***You may begin researching & making contact with possible locations for your Senior Project.***

(DETACH THIS PAGE & TURN IN)

# **SENIOR PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

**YOU MUST TURN IN THIS APPLICATION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR PROJECT.**

Senior Project is a **two-week** program that is intended to be a unique and worthwhile way to end your high school experience. (See previous pages for guidelines and eligibility).

**You will be responsible for making all of the arrangements for your project experience.**

Please pay careful attention to the requirements of Senior Project listed below as you seek approval for participation:

- 1. THIRTY (30) HOURS/WEEK MINIMUM**
- 2. DAILY LOG**
- 3. DAILY JOURNAL**
- 4. WEEKLY MEETING WITH FACULTY ADVISOR**
- 5. REFLECTION PAPER**
- 6. STUDENT EVALUATION**
- 7. SENIOR PROJECT FAIR ON MAY 30, 2012**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) am asking permission to participate in the Senior Project.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **FACULTY ADVISOR:**

In order to participate in Senior Project, you are responsible for finding a Faculty Advisor who is willing to work with you during the course of your project. Faculty Advisor's must be a certified staff member of Mentor High School; (i.e., teacher, media specialist, counselor or administrator). Faculty Advisors are limited to no more than three (3) students.

**You must have a Faculty Advisor complete this section before you turn in this application.**

Faculty Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO MRS. SKOUBY IN THE UPPER LEARNING CENTER BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 @ 2:30 PM**