

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Classes of 2018: A student must complete a minimum of 25 credits, including 5 credits in English (including credits from English 11 or AP Language and credit from English 12 or AP Literature or the grade level equivalents), 4.66 credits in math (including 2 credits in either Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II or the grade level equivalents), 4 credits in science, 3 credits in history or social science, and 3 credits in Latin. All seniors are required to complete a senior project, which includes both a written and oral component.
- Class of 2019-2021: A student must complete a minimum of 25 credits, including 5 credits in English (including credits from English 11 or AP Language and credit from English 12 or AP Literature or the grade level equivalents), 4.66 credits in math (including 2 credits in either Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II or the grade level equivalents), 4 credits in science, 3 credits in history or social science, and 3 credits in Latin. All seniors are required to complete a senior project, which includes both a written and oral component. Per State Law, students may have to pass all Keystone assessments.

Additionally, students must earn 6 Activity Credits. Of the 6 required Activity Credits, 2 must be completed by the completion of 9th grade. Students will remain in a 9th grade homeroom until they earn the 2 Activity Credits required of freshmen. Activity Credits may be earned through participation in Leadership Academy, an athletic team, the theatre productions, 21st Century programming, community service, or an external activity of equivalent time that is approved by the Principal. Ninth grade students must participate in Leadership Academy a minimum of 2 days per week. (Students may be assigned to a 3rd day of non-credit bearing Academic Probation if needed.)

The aforementioned programs are credit bearing as follows:

- Sports/AGA = 1 credit per season;
- 1 day of LA = 1/2 credit per trimester;
- 10 hours of approved community service = 1/2 credit

Students must attend a minimum of 80% of all required sessions in order to earn the designated credit. Activity Credit accrual will be reported on student report cards at the completion of each trimester. Students who earn 9 Activity Credits, including at least partial credit during the Senior Year, will receive special honors recognition at the graduation ceremony.

- NOTE: Valedictorian and Salutatorian determined at the conclusion of the 2nd trimester.

SENIOR PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

What is the Senior Project?

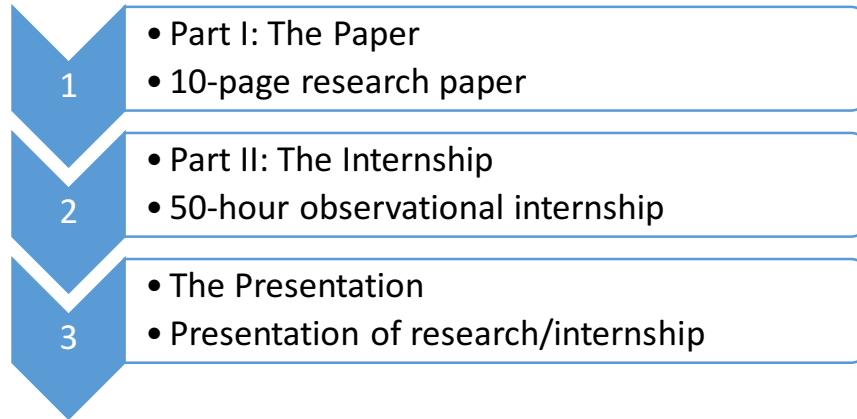
The Senior Project is an opportunity for students to put together all the learning they have done throughout high school to examine and research topics that are important to them.

- The senior project is a 3-part independent research project.
- Each student picks a topic that interests him, usually related to his desired career.

Part 1: Students create, research, and answer a question related to their topic in a research paper.

Part 2: Next, they complete a 50-hour internship at a company/organization that relates to their research paper.

Part 3: Finally, they present what they have researched and observed in a formal presentation to a panel of teachers and other students.



Why do seniors at Boys' Latin do the Senior Project?

The Senior Project is an opportunity for each student...

- ...to apply personal interests to real-world experience
- ...to choose and research a topic of individual importance and interest
- ...to integrate personal interests and goals with empirical data in a research project
- ...to develop research and writing skills for college and beyond
- ...to observe and experience working in his desired career field
- ...to make professional connections for the future
- ...to practice professionalism and learn professional etiquette in his desired career field
- ...to present his research and observations to teachers, peers, and younger students
- ...to improve public speaking and presentational skill

Senior Project: Requirements and Grading Policies

Requirements

- Each student must complete the Senior Project in order to graduate.
- Each student must complete **all three parts** of the Senior Project in order to pass the project.
 - 10-page research paper
 - 50-hour observational internship
 - Presentation of research and experience to a panel of teachers/students
- Each student **must be approved** by his mentor, Mr. McDaniel, and Mrs. Bonner **before going on his internship**:
 - Final draft of the research **paper** must earn a passing grade from his mentor.
 - Mr. McDaniel must establish that he is on track to complete all **graduation requirements**. If a student is in danger of failing any of these required credits, he will not be approved to go on his internship.
 - Need to complete Mrs. Bonner's college or post-graduation **preparedness checklist**:
 - If he is going to college after graduation:
 1. Need to have been accepted to at least one college, or applied to at least one safety school
 2. Need to have completed all financial aid paperwork
 3. If he has chosen a school, need to have sent in deposit and intent to enroll
 - OR
 - If he does not plan on going to college after graduation:
 1. Need to have planning meeting with Mrs. Bonner

Grading Policies

- The project will count as the final exam grade for students' senior English course

- Students must pass the final exam for their senior English course
- Students cannot graduate without passing their senior English course
- Therefore, students must pass the project in order to graduate
- The total point value for the project is 250 points
 - The paper is worth 180 points
 - The internship is worth 35 points
 - The presentation is worth 35 points
- Standard policy across all portions of the project is that students can only receive 80% of earned score for late submissions.

For example, if a student submits the research paper late, a mentor will grade the paper according to the rubric. Once this score is given, it will then be multiplied by 0.8 to get the final grade. A paper that earns a score of 160 but is submitted late would ultimately be counted as a 128 ($160 \times 0.8 = 128$).

A. “WALKING” PRIVILEGES

- Graduates must fulfill **all** graduation, academic, and discipline requirements in order to “walk,” i.e., participate in Graduation Exercises.
- No student who has failed to meet any graduation requirement, e.g. Senior Project, etc. will be permitted to “walk” at graduation.
- No student found cheating on his Senior Final Exams will be permitted to “walk” at graduation.