



**Lower Merion Senior Project:
An Introduction**



Senior Project Background

- Feedback from Faculty, Administration and Students
- Observation of other schools
- LMSP – student-driven, experiential, transitional

People Involved

- *Student* – chooses an interest, poses an essential question, decides on a project, finds a mentor, completes 70 hours of work during the experiential phase.
- *Senior Project Advisor* – will be assigned as per student and teacher schedule, guides student through the process during regular meetings embedded in second semester schedule (starting 2/5), assigns grade.
- *Mentor*– provides expertise, supports student in having a meaningful learning experience, signs off on the required 70 hours of fieldwork.
- *Senior Project Coordinator* – oversees and coordinates the project, supports Senior Project Advisors and students.

Phases of the Project

- The Senior Project is a process-focused research project based on a student's interest. There are three phases to the project that occur during the second semester.
- *Planning* – this is what happens during the 3rd and 4th quarters under the guidance of their Senior Project Advisor – scheduled meetings embedded in second semester schedule
- *Experiential* – in field/community – this is what happens under the guidance of the Mentor while staying in touch with the Senior Project Advisor
- *Presentation* – evaluated by the Senior Project Advisor – individual presentations

Other Important Information

- Students will receive a Pass or Fail grade for the 3rd and 4th quarter and a grade for the final presentation. All students must present a successful presentation to be eligible for graduation. (Advisor)
- The Senior Project is worth 1/2 credit.
- The experiential phase occurs from May 4 – 22; Presentations occur from May 26 – June 1.

Types of Projects

- Furthering knowledge about an existing interest
- Applying existing skills in a new way
- Learning new skills
- Community Service

Important Things to Remember

- Meetings with Advisors are mandatory
- Immediate Family members cannot be Mentors
- No group projects unless it is integral to the project
- Cannot be paid for your Senior Project
- Topics must be school appropriate
- Traveling is not a Senior Project
- Get started early

Support For Your Project

- Network
- Advisor
- Senior Project Coordinator
- [Handbook](#)
- [SP Blackboard](#)
- [LMSP Website](#)

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