

# Overview of the 2021 Independent Senior Project

- Independent Senior Project (ISP) Dates: **Monday, May 17- Friday, May 28, 2021**
- **Project options include: 1) Traditional virtual internship; 2) Independent research on the topic of student's interest.**
- The ISP Committee (Mrs. Almeter, Ms. Bogdan, Mrs. Lyon-Vaiden, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Perry) oversees the program and grants final approval of proposals.
- Each senior is assigned a **GFS On-Campus Mentor** who supports the student throughout the project.
- For students taking part in a traditional virtual internship, they must have an **Off-Campus Mentor** who supervises their daily work. This person **may not be a parent, guardian, or sibling.**
- The ISP Committee and On-Campus Mentor advise seniors to:
  - Be realistic about what can be accomplished in the two week ISP period;
  - Schedule the required ISP Off-Campus Mentor meetings **early** (in person, by telephone, skype, email, etc.) **to find out what specific responsibilities will be during ISP;**
  - Have a **BACK-UP PLAN**. Some ISPs do fall through.

## Requirements

- ISP internships will be virtual and the student will be under the supervision of an adult other than a parent, guardian, or sibling;
- Completed required forms (ISP Requirements & Agreement, ISP Proposal, Off-Campus Mentor Agreement (if applicable), Parent Permission);
- Students may not receive pay for the ISP experience;
- Students must organize the ISP independently;
- **ISP Presentations** will take place at Garrison Forest School on **Wednesday, June 2.**

## Deadlines

### March 1, 2021

- **ISP Requirements & Agreement Form (hard copy)**

### March 29, 2021

- **ISP Proposal (Google Doc)**
- **Off-Campus Mentor Agreement - if applicable (hard copy)**

### April 12, 2021

- **Parent Permission (via Google Survey)--ISP Committee to email parents after proposal is submitted.**

## ISP Assessment and Grade

The ISP is evaluated by the student's On-Campus Mentor and reviewed by the ISP Committee. The evaluation and grade is based on the following:

- Submission of a clear, complete, and error-free ISP Proposal;
- Contact and communication with the **On-Campus Mentor** during ISP experience (if applicable);
- Daily journal entries shared throughout the two week experience with **On-Campus Mentor;**
- Trial-run of ISP Presentation to **On-Campus Mentor;** June 1, 2021 (practice);
- Formal ISP Presentation to GFS community on **June 2, 2021;**
  - Google Slide quality
  - Oral Presentation skills
- ISP Off-Campus Mentor evaluation (if applicable and received).

A **grade** of "Superior", "Satisfactory", "Unsatisfactory" **will be recorded on the student's final transcript.**