

The Wildcat Capstone Experience Guide

What is the Wildcat Capstone Experience?

- designed to engage all learners in developing, identifying and demonstrating the critical skills and learning expectations needed for future success.
- **4 essential skills** are:
 - *Communicating*
 - *Critical and creative thinking*
 - *Collaborating*
 - *Contributing to community*
- students will collect artifacts that demonstrate their abilities in the essential skill areas both inside and outside of school
- Students will synthesize their artifacts during Senior year and present to a panel of stakeholders their evidence of proficiency in the 4 essential skill areas

When and where will students work on their Wildcat Capstone Experience?

Freshman and Sophomore Years:

- Wildcat Homeroom time will be used to explore each of the four essential skill areas
- All teachers will help connect learning in their classroom to the 4 essential skill areas
- Upload high quality artifacts from both inside and outside of school to demonstrate their proficiency in each skill area (up to 6 artifacts per skill area) during academic classes and the Wildcat period
- Include a written reflection for each artifact focusing on work habits, learning,

challenges and successes using the [Reflection Guide](#) provided here

- Begin logging community service hours to build proficiency in being a community contributor. A total number of **15 hours** across the four years is required.

Junior Year:

- All teachers will help connect learning in their classroom to the 4 essential skill areas
- Upload high quality artifacts from both inside and outside of school to demonstrate their proficiency in each skill area (up to 6 artifacts per skill area) during academic classes and the Wildcat period
- Include a written reflection for each artifact focusing on work habits, learning, challenges and successes using the [Reflection Guide](#) provided here
- Begin logging community service hours to build proficiency in being a community contributor. A total number of **15 hours** across the four years is required.
- Begin to select/highlight the artifacts to be used as evidence of growth and proficiency in the 4 essential skills in preparation for the Senior Wildcat Capstone Experience presentation

Senior Year:

- Collect and reflect on any final artifacts
- Synthesize artifacts/evidence into a final presentation that highlights proficiency in each of the essential skill areas and how proficiency developed throughout the years

*Some of this work will be completed in Wildcat homeroom while the rest will be completed outside of school.

What is an artifact?

Artifacts are used to capture a skill set at the time of completion.

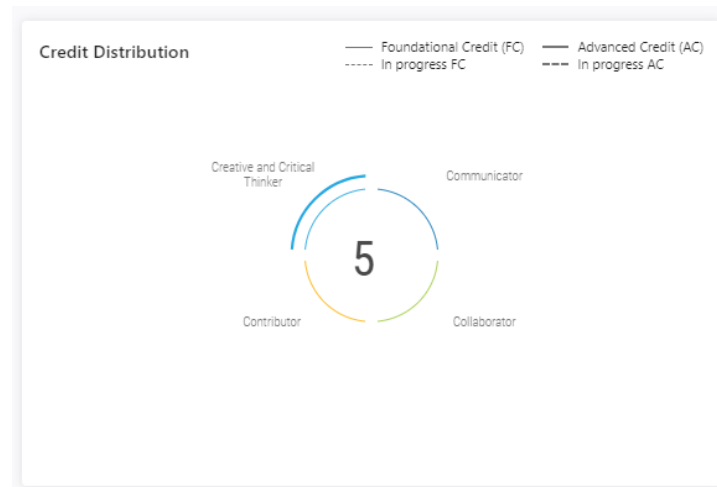
Examples: projects, papers, videos or audio projects, posters, essays, artwork, certificates, awards, articles, photographs, blueprints, etc. **Artifacts can be collected from opportunities both inside and outside of school.**

Ex: Social Studies Civic Action Project as an example for collaboration
A handout made when coaching a volleyball clinic as an example of communication
A photograph of a fundraiser held to raise money as an example of contribution

Where will students upload their artifacts?

All students will have access to an online platform called [Mastery Transcript Consortium](#). This is where students will be able to upload their artifacts for each of the 4 essential skills. As students add an artifact, they will also be able to include a written reflection before submitting their work to their Wildcat homeroom teacher for approval. Students will learn how to use the platform in their Wildcat homeroom

A sample visual of what the Mastery Transcript Consortium platform looks like is included below.



<p>WHAT are the expectations for the Wildcat Capstone Experience throughout the 4 years?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wildcat Capstone Experience Yearly Expectations
<p>HOW will students be assessed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will give a presentation, in any format, to highlight evidence that demonstrates their growth in the 4 essential skill areas ● A small panel will be present to hear presentations/participate in a discussion with each student about their growth ● Presentation Rubric
<p>WHAT is expected of the student?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upload high quality artifacts that demonstrate proficiency in the 4 essential skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classwork ○ Outside school ● Upload thoughtful reflections which connect the artifact or experience with their growth in the essential skill ● Seek out approval of uploaded artifacts from Wildcat Advisor ● Meet with school counselor to discuss progress ● Share MTC portfolio with parents/guardians ● Collect 5 hours of community service ear year (9th-11th grade) ● Create senior year presentation to demonstrate growth and proficiency in the four essential skill areas
<p>Videos</p>	<p>Click here to see all tutorial videos and student videos on the 4 essential skills.</p>