

Overview of the 2022 Independent Senior Project

- Independent Senior Project (ISP) Dates: **Monday, May 16- Friday, May 27, 2022**
- **Project options include: 1) Traditional internship; 2) Virtual internship 3) Independent research on the topic of student's interest.**
- The ISP Committee (Mrs. Almeter, Ms. Bogdan, Mrs. Lyon-Vaiden, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Perry, Ms. Baylor) 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 or 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 Zoom, by phone, email, etc.) **to find out what specific responsibilities will be during ISP;**
 - Have a **BACK-UP PLAN**. Some ISPs do fall through.

Requirements

- For ISP internships 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));
- 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 1.**

Deadlines

February 25, 2022

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

March 31, 2022

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

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;** May 31, 2022 (practice);
- Formal ISP Presentation to GFS community on **June 1, 2022;**
 - Google Slide quality
 - Oral Presentation skills
- ISP Off-Campus Mentor evaluation (if applicable and received).

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