



Parish Bridge

PREPARING FOR LIFE BEYOND GRADUATION

Parish Bridge provides an opportunity for students to design personalized learning experiences and nurture individual passions. Students create a third trimester curriculum that incorporates interdisciplinary learning and real-world application, resulting in a culminating high school experience that prepares them for life beyond graduation. Like the Academy of Global Studies and the Leadership Institute, Parish Bridge engages students in independent thinking and problem solving, directs students to explore areas of passion, builds students' networking and communication skills, and develops confident, self-reliant individuals who take ownership of their own learning.

# of Classes with Year-long commitments	Academic Coursework	Internship Hours
5	N/A	15
4	N/A	20
3	N/A	25
2	N/A	40
1	1	40
0	2	50

Academic Coursework

Parish Bridge allows students to pursue their unique interests and engage in personalized academic inquiry while also fulfilling their senior year graduation requirements. The third trimester contains five weeks of traditional classroom instruction, with the remaining five weeks allowing for independent research and academic inquiry through a blended learning environment.

- Students taking 2 or more Advanced Placement classes or classes with a year-long attendance requirement fulfill the Academic Coursework requirement by continuing with these classes (on campus) through the exam.
- Students enrolled in less than 2 Advanced Placement or classes with a year-long attendance requirement work with a Parish Episcopal School faculty member to complete an independent research project, designed by the student.

- Students conclude their Academic Coursework by presenting to a small group of faculty, writing a paper, or completing an alternative summative assessment.

Professional Experience

The Parish Bridge Professional Experience will prepare Parish seniors for the transition from high school to college, and ultimately the workplace.

- Students choose a Professional Experience from one or two of the following categories: career exploration, service learning, or creative endeavor.
- Students who need to complete 40-50 hours of professional experience may count up to 10 hours of paid work towards their requirement. Otherwise, students are not allowed to be paid for their ParishBridge professional experience required hours.
- Documentation of Professional Experience hours, as well as feedback on the student's performance, is submitted by mentors at the conclusion of Parish Bridge.
- The Professional Experience culminates with an all-school community presentation expo, where students will have the opportunity to share their experience with fellow students, faculty, administration and members of the Parish community.

Life Ready Seminars

Parish Episcopal believes traditional high school curriculums often overlook some of the most necessary information and skills that young people need to successfully transition to adulthood. During the second and third trimesters, seniors will attend Parish Bridge seminars on a variety of topics designed to prepare them for the journey from secondary to higher education, and beyond.