

Senior Challenge Application

After completing the application, please submit all paperwork to Mrs. Ritz by September 8, 2023.

You must also provide proof of MEDICAL/HEALTH insurance to participate in the Senior Challenge. Although each school district has liability insurance that will cover you should an accident occur, every student must also be covered under some type of medical insurance to handle accidents not covered under liability insurance.

Senior Challenge offers you and your parent/guardian an opportunity to design an educational curriculum that is rigorous, relevant, and built on relationships. Therefore, your individualized learning plan will be designed around an area of study that you are passionate about learning. This program will require you to demonstrate a high level of commitment, maturity, and responsibility. Furthermore, you are expected to demonstrate behaviors that will ensure optimal learning opportunities.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell (if applicable): _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent Email: _____

Work Phone: (Father) _____ (Mother) _____

Cell Phone: (Father) _____ (Mother) _____

Medical Insurance Provider: _____

Medical Insurance Group Number: _____

Please answer the following essay questions. Your response must be quality work, grammatically correct, and will help determine if you are a good fit for this program.

1. Please list three school/community activities you have been involved in while in high school, and describe how these activities have impacted your life or have made you a better person.

2. Considering the mission of the Senior Challenge program and the unique learning opportunities available, please discuss what you hope to gain from being a member of Senior Challenge. Please put some thought into this question. Remember, acceptance into the program is not automatic. Therefore, the responses you provide will help determine if you are a good match for the Senior Challenge.

3. Describe, in detail, the experiential learning opportunities you would like to explore. (For example, I want to explore the accounting field and go to elementary school. I also have a job and would like to work two days a week. So, for the fall semester I would like to be placed in a bank three days a week, and for the spring semester I would like to go to the elementary school three days a week. Another example might be: I want to take as many ACM courses as my schedule allows. I would like to shadow a physical therapist two times a month.)

Senior Challenge
Driving and Passenger Permission Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

You are responsible for providing your own transportation to the various learning environments offered by the Senior Challenge program.

By signing this release form, you and your parents are relieving the Senior Challenge program, all school districts, and school personnel of any liability and responsibility when your child is driving to a Senior Challenge event or when your child is a passenger in another student's vehicle that is traveling to a Senior Challenge learning opportunity.

I, _____, acknowledge and accept the above conditions

(Student's signature).

(Date)

I, _____, acknowledge and accept the above conditions.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

****My child _____ does _____ does not have permission to be photographed for
publication in newspaper articles and/or television coverage.

Senior Challenge
Guidelines/Expectations

- Students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of integrity, responsibility, honesty, and independence. Character indiscretions may result in dismissal from the program.
- Student progress will be monitored using authentic assessments such as journaling, supervisor evaluations, and student exhibits/demonstrations.
- Students are required to submit a reflection and a calendar that describes the type/s of learning situations experienced for each month. Consequences for being late on a reflection: first time—warning; the second time—the student must submit an additional reflection with a due date assigned by Mr. Hollinshead; the third time—the student must submit a one-page, single spaced essay on the importance of integrity and character; additional late reflections—a conference will be held to determine future participation in Senior Challenge.
- Students are required to attend scheduled meetings with Mr. Hollinshead, the Senior Challenge Director. The meetings will be planned in advance. Failure to attend these meetings may result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- Parents acknowledge that school transportation will not be provided in this program. The parent/guardian will be responsible for providing all transportation to the learning environments (i.e. college courses, job shadowing, student apprentice experiences, and work sites.)
- A driving waiver must be signed by the parent/guardian relieving all school personnel and school districts of any liability while the student is driving or is a passenger in another vehicle before the student can begin the program.
- If you are unwilling or unable to fulfill the objectives/goals of the Individualized Learning Plan, you may request to be reassigned a full schedule of classes at your home school district after the second nine weeks/fall semester.
- If the Senior Challenge Director determines you are not fulfilling your obligations according to the established guidelines, you will be dismissed from the program and will return to your home school district for a full schedule of classes.

This program requires you to invest time and energy in order to maximize your learning potential. By signing this agreement, you and your parent/guardian acknowledge and understand the guidelines of the Senior Challenge program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date