THE NUEVA SCHOOL

Nueva's Creative Project How-To Guide

Nueva's Creative Project is an open-ended opportunity for you, the applicant, to express whatever captures your interests. What makes you lose track of time? What do you love learning about, contemplating on, or immersing yourself in? Any medium that showcases what you love is welcome. You could create art, act out a scene from a play, solve an equation, record a video teaching us something—the possibilities are endless! This is a chance for you to show us how you dive deeply into a topic you are passionate about. **We are interested in what inspired your creation, so please tell us about your process and why you chose your submission.** Have fun with this!

Creative Project Guidelines

What we are looking for when reviewing your Creative Project:

- A project created specifically for the Nueva application (started after September 1, 2026).
- A project that creatively showcases ONE or at most TWO of your passions.
- Something authentic; we want to get to know you and what you're curious about. There isn't a right answer!
- A project created with whatever means you have available. We're not looking for professional quality. How you choose to complete your project is up to you and the materials you have.
- A project focused on your passion(s); this is not the place to give us a mini-introduction to yourself. We get all of that through your other application materials.
- An explanation for why and how you chose a topic/passion, and why and how you chose the medium (art, song, robot, etc.). This can either be a written piece to accompany your project or woven into your project itself.

Artificial Intelligence: At Nueva we value creativity, original thought, and proper attribution of sources and intellectual property. While we embrace generative AI as an emerging part of education, all submitted work must reflect your own voice and thinking. AI may not replace your original thought process or be passed off as your own work.

We do not expect or encourage students to use AI for their Creative Project, but want to set clear guidelines for those who choose to use it.

- Students may not use AI for writing or editing. All words must be their own.
- Any use of AI tools must be cited as a source, and students must include an explanation of how and why AI tools were used.
- AI tools are not permitted for students under 13 without parental consent.
- Work that uses AI without citation and explanation will be considered plagiarism and will affect your application to Nueva.

Physical Object: If your project is a physical object, simply add a picture of your submission to a PDF or Word document and upload it to Ravenna. Please do not mail us your final product. Pictures and descriptions uploaded through Ravenna are sufficient.

Video: If your project is a video, please ensure it does not exceed 3 minutes. Ravenna does not support medium- to large-sized files, so please upload your content to YouTube, Google Drive, Vimeo, etc. Then, copy and paste the link into a document and upload the document to Ravenna.

Written Piece: If your project is an essay, excerpt from a novel, or other written piece, please ensure it does not exceed three pages. Please upload the Word document or PDF to Ravenna.

Multiple Documents: If you need to upload multiple documents, we suggest converting them into PDFs (if they aren't already) and combining them into one cohesive document. Simple instructions for how to do this can be found on Google.

Contact us if you have trouble uploading your project to Ravenna.