

Four Important Points:

1. You must have the physical project approved via the letter of intent before you begin working on it.
2. No student will be allowed to be an early graduate unless the research paper has been approved. Students will be assigned to a full schedule until this portion of the project is finished.
3. Upon completion of the project, students will receive one credit that will be applied toward their diploma.
4. Diplomas will be withheld pending the completion of the Senior Project. If a student chooses not to complete the Senior Project by the last day of the school year, then that student will begin anew with the Senior Project during the following school year.

- Parts of the Senior Project

1. **Letters of Intent**

- The English teacher you have during your first trimester of English (or Mr. Rickey) will sign off on both your thesis statement and physical project.

2. **Poster** – Your name, general topic, thesis statement

3. **Portfolio** – Pocket folder – Left side = Approved/Edited Letter of Intent, Right Side = Approved/Edited Research paper

4. **Research Paper** – The lion's share of this will be completed in your 1st trimester of English.

- Thesis Statement is typically to be something more than purely informative.
 - Argumentative
 - Persuasive
 - Cause and Effect

5. **Oral Boards** – Due in May – There will be no make-up day if school is cancelled.

- A formal speech that allows you to speak about your paper, your physical project, or both.
- Oral Room Assignments are made by Mr. Barber.
 - See him early if you want to have a specific room.

6. **Physical Portion of the Project** (10 hours) – Due in May

- Physical Project approval (Your English 12 teacher or Mr. Rickey may sign off on this.)
- What is a mentor? How is it different than an interview? Can the same person serve as both the mentor and the person interviewed?
- You must have the physical project approved via the letter of intent before you begin working on it. Don't do the physical project and then ask permission after the fact. You will be denied. Plan ahead.
- Common Questions----
 - May I do a job shadow for my physical project?
 - a. NO
 - May I do a poster or PowerPoint for my physical project?
 - a. NO
 - May I use a poster or PowerPoint as a display on fair night?
 - a. YES

- The four styles of physical projects that I have most often seen are as follows:
 - **3 Dimensional (i.e. hands-on)** – cars, boats, computers, scientific models, quilts, dresses, planes, etc.
 - **Volunteering** – day care, hospitals, nursing homes, City of Kendallville, the park, the YMCA, peewee baseball/soccer/football, Knight Mentoring, churches, etc.

 - **Take a class** – Freedom Academy (Photography, art, business, computers, etc.), Ivy Tech, IPFW, military boot camp, flying/gliding lessons, etc.
 - **Teach a class** – health, science, history to a grade appropriate or community group
 - a. The 10 hours are spent preparing the lesson, making handouts, PowerPoint presentations, posters, etc. and one or two hours teaching the class.
 - b. Contact the teacher well in advance to ask permission and set up a time table.
- Paperwork
 - Intent to mentor/Liability Sheet - submitted to your English teacher as soon as you have a mentor and have your parent's permission.
 - **Verification Sheet** - submitted to your English teacher as soon as you are finished with the physical portion of the project.

7. Senior Project Fair Night

- Attendance is required - Please inform your employer ASAP of your requirement to be present at the Senior Project Fair.
- Exception = previously scheduled school-related activities.
 - a. You must tell Mr. Rickey that you have a school conflict.
 - b. You still must set up and take down your display.
 - c. You must attach a type-written note explaining to the visitors why you are missing and explaining what you did for the physical portion of the Senior Project.

○ What do I display?

- 3 Dimensional (i.e. hands-on) projects will display the project itself **and** a tri-fold poster explaining what you have completed.
- All others physical projects will reflect the work completed with a tri-fold poster.
- ALL Posters need to have your name displayed prominently.

● Senior Project Work Day

1. There will be one (1) Senior Project Workday allowed for the school year that may be taken as one full day or two half days.
2. There is no form to submit. A parent/guardian may call it in.
3. **The deadline to take the day is the same as a college visitation day--May 1.**

Mr. Rickey's web address = See teacher web page links on East Noble High School website.

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The following is THE list of things that must be finished before the Senior Project is completed:

1. **Research Paper** – Meets Minimum Standards
2. **Physical Project** – Verification Form Submitted
3. **Oral Presentation** - Meets Minimum Standards
4. **Senior Project Fair** – Attendance Required