



# The Senior Project Boot Camp - June 2023

“This is my chance to  
be something different.”

# The Project Topic

- **Must include a “learning stretch”**
- **Explore:**
  - **Careers/Post-graduation plans**
  - **Something you have never done – take a chance!**
  - **Something you have done, but want to take to a higher level – challenge yourself!**

# Mentor

- **Must be someone who has the expertise or experience to help you complete your learning stretch**
- **Mentoring can be in-person, remote, or a combination depending on your project**
- **Must have or get a state criminal background check (BCI)**

**Tips for Finding a Mentor**

# Senior Project Components

1. **Paper**
2. **Mentoring/Product**
3. **Portfolio**
4. **Presentation**

# Research Paper

- **Connected to Senior Project topic**
- **This is NOT a report.**
- **This is a research-based position paper:**
  - **Take a position**
  - **Support it with evidence from your research**
  - **You know the structure from your Junior Research Paper.**

# Product

**Product = Evidence of Learning Stretch**

*You must show how you created the product from start to finish.*

*Document the Process!!*

- **Documentation of the entire Senior Project Process**
- **Series of artifacts showing your journey**
- **Build it as you go; don't wait until the end!!**

**Portfolio**

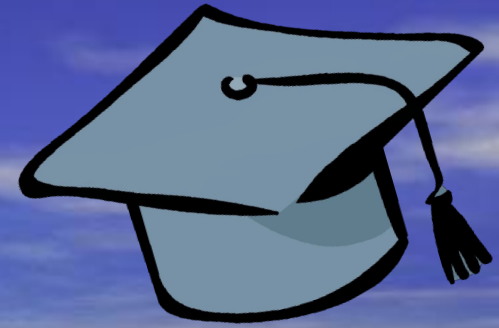
# Presentation

- **Opportunity to showcase what you learned through the Senior Project experience**
- **Panel of judges comprised of teachers, staff, and community members**
- **This is your chance to shine!**



Put all the pieces together and  
you are one step closer to . . .

**Graduation!**



**Presentation**

**Portfolio**

**Product**

**Research  
Paper**

# Senior Project

## The Do List



DO relax and enjoy your summer

DO check your email regularly

DO read the Senior Project Manual ([Senior Project Website](#))

DO decide on a Senior Project topic and research paper topic

- Make the most of your choice: choose something fun or interesting

DO some reading and talk to people about your project and paper topic

DO start looking for a mentor

[Invitation to Mentor](#)

[Background Check](#)

# Senior Project The Don't List



**DON'T start working on a project without first getting it approved!!**

**DON'T choose a topic that is "easy" because "easy" can lead to misery!!**

**DON'T forget to check your email regularly!!**