

CAPSTONE FOR SENIORS

Introduction: The purpose of the senior Capstone class is to allow students an extended period of time to focus on their projects. During the Capstone mod, seniors who lack credits for graduation may have an additional class, but the remainder of their day will be devoted to working on their projects. During the class students will complete any research deemed necessary for successful completion of their project, spend most of the school day working with their mentor, and complete their final presentation.

Objectives: To provide students with alternative learning experiences
To expose students to the demands of the adult work environment
To develop critical thinking skills
To give students the opportunity to use the things they learned in the research component of their project in hands-on situations

Policies: Students must earn the right to be in the senior Capstone class. The requirements are:

1. Students must have completed some basic research in connection with their project.
2. They must have completed all required paperwork and turned in monthly time sheets indicating that they are working on their projects.
3. Before their senior year begins, they must have completed at least 40 hours of hands-on work on their projects. Students may choose to work on projects during the summer before their junior or senior year. If they choose to do so, they need to make arrangements with both a mentor and Mrs. Rhutasel-Jones who will supervise all Capstone work including collecting time sheets.
4. Students must be on track for graduation before they can register for the senior Capstone class. This means students need to consult with Mrs. Monahan early in their junior year in order to plan schedules to insure that they will be able to include the Capstone class and still complete all other graduation requirements.
5. Students must complete the Capstone class they take their junior year with at least a B. Students whose schedules do not allow for the junior Capstone class must complete their research as well as their 40 hours of hands-on work before mod 7 of their senior year begins.

Grades: SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CAPSTONE IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT. The final grade for Capstone will be based on a cumulative average of grades earned on research, timely completion of paperwork, the mentor's evaluation, and the grade earned on the final presentation.