

Senior Culminating Project (SCP) 2007-08

Washington State school reform includes a culminating project that is required for graduation beginning with the Class of 2008:

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Footnote 8: Each student shall complete a culminating project for graduation. The project consists of the student demonstrating both their learning competencies and preparations related to learning goals three and four. Each district shall define the process to implement this graduation requirement, including assessment criteria, in written district policy.

What are the goals of the Senior Culminating Project?

- To provide students with an opportunity demonstrate their ability to:
- Think analytically, logically, and creatively;
- Integrate experience and knowledge to form reasoned judgments and solve problems.
- Understand the importance of work and how performance, effort, and decisions directly affect future career and educational opportunities.

Who completes the Senior Culminating Project?

Anyone who wants to graduate with a diploma from Port Angeles High School must complete a Senior Culminating Project. This includes students enrolled in the Running Start Program and/or taking classes at the North Olympic Skills Center.

What must a student do to complete the Senior Culminating Project?

The student must

- Identify a viable project, writing a satisfactory essential question.
- Submit a satisfactory Senior Project Prospectus.
- Obtain parent permission to pursue the proposed project.
- Prepare and post a proclamation poster.
- Complete a successful I-Search paper, including an annotated bibliography.
- Apply the knowledge gained in the previous steps and complete a tangible project that demonstrates or illustrates the student's learning.
- Give a passing presentation to the assigned panel, a student audience, and community members.

What if a student does not have an advisor or is not enrolled in English 12?

There are several helps in place:

- The student can check the SCP website.
<http://www.pasd.wednet.edu/school/hs/SeniorCulminatingProject/PAHS-SCPindex.htm>
- The student can contact the Career Center.
- The student can refer to the SCP Handbook which is available on the SCP website as well as in the Career Center.
- The student can contact the administrative supervisor for the SCP at the PAHS office.
- The student can contact the previous year's advisor or a current English 12 teacher.

- The student can request the PAHS bulletin be sent to his/her email address or check the bulletin board at Peninsula College.

What happens if students don't meet the requirements of the Senior Culminating Project, but have passed all the required classes?

The students will not graduate yet. Students will be able enroll in English 12 the following semester.

Can students participate in commencement exercises if they have passed all my required classes, but have not completed all the requirements for the SCP?

No. The SCP is a graduation requirement. All graduation requirements must be met before students can participate in the commencement ceremony at PAHS.

The following is a list of the 5 components of the SCP and their completion dates. These suggested dates are intended to help students budget their time within the SCP process and avoid unnecessary stress during their senior year. Additional assignments designed to support students in the SCP process will be assigned and evaluated by the various English 12 teachers.

SCP Components	Suggested Completion Dates	
	Class of 2008	Class of 2009
○ Prospectus	Second week of January 2007	Second week of January 2008
○ Poster	Second Week of April 2007	Second week of April 2008
○ I-Search Paper	First Friday in December 2007	First Friday in December 2008
○ Application Project	May 2008	May 2009
○ Presentation	Wednesdays in May 2008	Wednesdays in May 2009