Important Information - Senior Project 2025

Senior Project Overview

The Senior Project is designed to provide qualified seniors with the opportunity to explore individual interests and career opportunities in an extended community partnership.

NOTE: To access the Senior Project section on the website, log on to **www.solonschools.org.** Select Solon High School from the school dropdown box. Go to Quick Links – Senior Project. Use your full name and student ID to log into the system.

Senior Project Goals:

1. To provide an alternative educational experience beyond the classroom.
2. To enhance the personal growth of the student in a way that is not possible within a school setting.
3. To provide the student with an opportunity to work collaboratively with community members.
4. To enhance students' ability to reflect meaningfully about their life goals.
5. To receive hands-on experience in a career field that interests the student.
6. To develop a deeper awareness of occupational fields selected by the student.
7. To develop a sense of self-discipline and to build on the responsibility of the student.

Description of Senior Project:

Seniors will spend 10 days (50 total hours) with **one** on-site sponsor in a career field of their choice. Students will write goals for their experience and be evaluated by both their on-site sponsor and their faculty advisor. At the conclusion of the project, students will participate in the Senior Project Symposium.

All students must agree to the following:

1) That I must NOT receive payment for this project.
2) That I may NOT work for a family member.
3) That I may NOT work at a place of business where I am currently or have been employed previously.
4) Solon High School will not be held liable for any injuries sustained as a result of this project.
5) That I am responsible and liable for all transportation and any costs connected to the project.

Eligibility:

1. **GPA** - Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 after 7 semesters.
2. **"Good Academic Standing"** - Students must be passing all current classes in preparation for graduation.
3. **Behavior** - Students may not have been suspended or expelled during their senior year.
4. **Attendance** - Students may not have missed more than 7 days during the first three quarters of their senior year (95% attendance).

Appeal Process:

Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements may submit online a written letter explaining why they should be considered for Senior Project. The Senior Project Committee will evaluate the appeal.

Support Roles:

1. **Faculty Advisor** – Students must find a faculty member (teacher, counselor, or administrator) who will serve as a faculty advisor. The staff have been informed of their responsibilities as faculty advisors.

2. **On-Site Sponsor** – Students must secure a person who will help coordinate the student's Senior Project. The on-site sponsor will also evaluate the student at the end of the Senior Project.

Timeline:

August 14 – Details on Senior Project given to students
January 7– Senior Project meetings with all seniors (through English classes)
January 14 – Senior Project applications available online
April 4 – Completed Senior Project Application due by 3:00 p.m. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
April 11 – Students will be notified by email as to whether their application was approved
April 17 – Thank you letter uploaded online and emailed to your on-site sponsor
April 25 – Last day for seniors who are going on Project
April 28 – May 9 – Students are on Senior Project (10 days)
May 12 - 13 – Senior Project Symposium (during school hours)
May 13 – All paperwork is due by 3:00 p.m. (submitted online to faculty advisor)
May 14 – Advisors review & approve paperwork by 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be approved --- Parent/Guardian, Faculty Advisor, and On-site Sponsor **MUST** approve the application in the Senior Project system prior to the 3:00 p.m. deadline on April 4, 2025 in order for the application to considered complete **(i.e. No Pending approvals).**

Incomplete:	Incomplete:	Complete:

Requirements for Senior Project:

1. Submit a completed application **online** by 3:00 p.m. on April 4, 2025. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
2. Write and **submit online** a confirmation/thank you letter to the on-site sponsor. You must send your confirmation/thank you letter to your on-site sponsor on or before **April 17, 2025.** Your letter should include: **1)** 2-3 goals for senior project **2)** schedule for project (hours/day and total).
3. **Daily Log** – Students must log their hours and complete a total of 50 hours over the 10-day Senior Project period.
4. **Daily Journal** – Students are expected to keep a journal of daily activities and reactions. Each entry must be dated and **submitted online in the senior project portal.**
5. **On-site Sponsor's evaluation** - an evaluation form will be emailed to your on-site sponsor toward the end of the Senior Project period. Your sponsor will evaluate and verify your hours.
6. **Reflection paper** – You will be expected to use good composition skills. Your reflection paper must be typed and be a minimum of 500 words or 2-3 pages in length. **The reflection paper must be uploaded and submitted online to your advisor for approval.**
7. Attendance at Senior Project Symposium – **You are required to attend the Senior Project Symposium**. You will be asked to give a 3–4-minute presentation about your experiences during Senior Project. **There will be a penalty for missing.**
   A) **Miss your presentation day or time = Two letter grades off score and may result in the Loss of Privilege to participate in the graduation ceremony.**
   B) **Miss your audience day = One letter grade off score**
8. AP Testing/Science Olympiad – Student participation in senior project is a choice. **You must have prior approval by Mr. Frazier if you need to make any changes or adjustments to your schedule (Approval must be granted by April 17).**

NOTE: STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE SENIOR PROJECT DEADLINES AND COMPLETE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF SENIOR PROJECT. FAILURE TO DO MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.