

GESP Senior Project

2009-2010

As a culminating project in the GESP program, all seniors will complete a senior project. This is a chance for you to pursue an area of interest that is related to environmental issues. The senior project is the final spring exam and therefore 25% of your fourth period grade. All Global students must complete a senior project in order to get the Global certificate.

TIMELINE

Sept. 11	Project plan with all necessary signatures is due.
Nov 25	Progress check and research topic defined
Jan 26	Progress check
April 9	Project notebook including the research report is due. Each person turns in their own individual notebook even if they worked in a group.
April 9	confidential evaluation from your sponsor is due to Ms. Bailey. Each person requests their own evaluation even if they worked in a group.
May 14	Deadline for any projects granted an extension. No projects will be accepted beyond May 15
May 19	Project presentation in the media center
May 25	Project presentation at the PHS End of the Year Showcase at night

REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT NOTEBOOK

1. A **title page** including your name and period, and the name of your sponsor, the organization and location of your project
2. A **timesheet** consisting of at least 25 total hours listed by date, time, description of what was done and location and signed off by your sponsor or other supervising adult. Travel time, journal or report writing, etc. do not count as part of the 25 hours.
3. A **research paper** about a topic related to your senior project. The report must be typed, double spaced and follow the APA format. A total of 10 pages not including the bibliography, abstract, attachments, tables and graphs, etc. are required.
4. A **personal journal** consisting of at least 5 entries charting your progress as you plan, undertake and complete your senior project. Explain what you are doing, what you are learning, challenges, thoughts, ideas, etc.. Each entry must be typed, double spaced and follow Standard English format in terms of margins, font size, etc. . Although there is no minimum page length for each entry, a total of 4 pages are required for the journal. Do not skip extra lines between entries. Be sure to include a date for each entry
5. Reflection-2 pages:
 - a. what you did
 - b. how it helped the environment
 - c. what you learned
 - d. Describe your environmental ethic and how it may have changed or deepened from what you thought in September.
6. One 8 1/2 x 11 photo of you involved in your project and one digital photo.
7. Additional **supporting materials**, notes and references you used to complete the project.

(OVER)

SPONSOR

1. At the beginning of your project give your sponsor **a copy of the letter** explaining what a senior project is
2. At the end of your project, give your sponsor the **confidential evaluation** form and a stamped envelope addressed to Ms. Bailey at Poolesville H.S. Ask him or her to complete the evaluation and put it in the mail to me by the date it is due.

PRESENTATION (in May)

1. A professional looking poster including photos to document what you did.
2. Be ready to discuss with your audience what you did, why you did it, what you learned and how it impacted your environmental ethic.

**Project Planning Sheet
2008-2009**

Your Name _____ **Pd.** _____

Phone number _____ **email** _____

Parent's phone number _____ **email** _____

Title of Project

Name(s) of other students working with you (if any)

Name, phone number, and email of sponsor

Statement of your personal environmental ethic

Environmental problem you are addressing:

Explain how your project helps to solve this environmental problem

List the specific tasks and products you will complete

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Timeline: Use the chart below to schedule your major deadlines

Date	Task
Sept 11	Turn in Project Plan Sheet with all information and signatures
April 9	Turn in Senior Project Notebook
May ¹⁹ and May 25	Present Project in the media center and PHS End of the Year Showcase

I understand that the senior project will serve as my second semester final exam and therefor it will comprise 25% of my fourth period grade. It is my responsibility to complete this project on time, overcoming obstacles that come up and asking my sponsor, teacher and other people for advice and assistance when necessary.

Student signature

parent signature

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June 15, 2009

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the Global Ecology Program's senior project initiative at Poolesville High School. Your assistance with this important phase of the education of our young people is greatly needed and much appreciated. This program is a requirement of all Global seniors and students receive academic credit for their work. Students have chosen projects that they are interested in and that contribute to solving an environmental problem that we are facing today.

Students are required to spend at least 25 hours working on this project and I would appreciate it if you would initial their timesheet to verify that the student worked the hours stated. Also I would appreciate it if you would fill out a short evaluation on the student at the end of the year. The student will provide you with the form and a stamped enveloped addressed to me. This is a confidential evaluation and it is not shown to the student. I use the evaluation along with the student's journal, research paper, timesheet, and class presentation to determine the grade for the student.

I thank you for investing your time and interest in our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Joyce Bailey
Erin Binns
Teachers, APES**

Dear Sponsor: Thank you so much for taking the time to work with one of our students over the last year on their senior project. The senior project experience forms an essential part of our program. I would appreciate it if you would please help us evaluate her or his success by filling out the following confidential evaluation and returning it to the school in the pre addressed and stamped envelop the student has provided

Thank you again - - Joyce Bailey, Director

Sponsor Evaluation of Senior Project

Student's name: _____

Supervisor's name: _____ Phone number: _____

Please rate the student you worked with on the following criteria:

Punctuality/Attendance	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed
Teamwork	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed
Enthusiasm	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed
Communication Skills	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed
Willingness to Learn	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed
Ability to Follow Directions	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed
Takes Responsibility	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Observed

Overall Comments:

Overall Rating **Excellent** **Satisfactory** **Unsatisfactory**

Sponsor's Signature

Date