

# SENIOR PROJECT RAMP UP

## Summer Program

Get a head start on your Senior Project

Master the skills need for a successful Senior Project

Get Strategies For:

- Topic Selection
- Finding a Mentor
- Writing a Research Paper
- Maintaining a Portfolio
- Delivering a Presentation



Portsmouth High School will be offering a skills workshop for students in the class of 2009 who need assistance in research and presentation proficiency. Senior Project (SP) is a graduation requirement and must be successfully completed by every senior in order to receive their diploma. There are specific areas that SP demands students be proficient, and, as such, it is expected that each senior be capable of performing those necessary skills at a satisfactory level. This course will serve to be a tutorial and review of the required fields.

This course is intended for students that are in jeopardy of not meeting the basic Senior Project requirements. It is not intended for students that have an adequate aptitude in the areas of emphasis and merely wish to start their Senior Project early. Areas to be addressed are as follows:

- Senior Project Overview
- Organization and Pacing
- Research and Accessing Information
  1. Library Tutorial
  2. Efficient Internet Usage
  3. Research Strategies and Shortcuts
  4. Source Reliability and Validity
- Research Paper Skills
  1. Note Taking
  2. Format and Documentation (MLA writing style)
  3. Grammar
  4. Composition
- What is a “Learning Stretch”
- Portfolio Tactics and Layout
- Speech Delivery and Strategies
- Interview Preparation and Approach
  1. Note Taking
  2. Question Development
  3. Write-up
- Presentation Design and Effective Models
  1. Power Point
  2. Posters
  3. Video

## Senior Project Ramp Up FAQs

**Dates:** June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> (the same as summer school)

**Times:** As with all summer courses we can't lock in a schedule until we finalize our enrollment. All sections will meet ten times for two hours each. It tentatively looks like the course will run **Monday and Wednesday from 8:00-10:00. If enrollment is large we will probably run another section on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-10:00 as well.**

**Who:** Students **entering grade 12.** The ramp up program is designed for **anyone** who wants to get a head start on Senior Project. English teachers will be especially recommending it for students that may have struggled during the year in their English courses; however we designed the course to be for everyone. Since Senior Project is a graduation requirement that essentially is a culmination of all skills taught in all classes throughout high school, we feel that any student could benefit from taking the course to brush up on their skills and get a jump on their project.

**Cost:** The course costs **\$175.**

**Pre-Registration:** Forms are available from Kim Cunningham, Lisa Murphy, in the main office, and in guidance

**Registration:** Registration is at the high school on **June 23th and 24th 8-10 am and 4-7pm.**

**Additional Course Offerings:** We offer many courses in all disciplines for students entering grade 9 and up. Please see a summer school registration pack for more information.

Please let me know if you have anymore questions.  
Thank you!