

**Fuquay-Varina High School  
Graduation Project  
Student/Parent Contract**

The North Carolina Graduation Project is a state graduation requirement beginning with the entering Freshman Class of 2006. **Both student and parent understand that the project includes the following components:**

- Research Paper: 8-10 page paper written on an approved topic, to be completed Junior year in English III
- Portfolio: Assignments, forms, and other items chronicling completion of the project
- Product: A tangible or intangible product (physical object, performance-based activity, service-oriented activity, job-related activity such as an internship) that is a natural extension of the research paper and requires a minimum of 15 hours of work
- Presentation: 8-10 minute speech connecting the research to the product. The speech will be presented to a group of judges Senior year during the semester the student has English IV.

**Both student and parent have reviewed the Fuquay-Varina High School Graduation Project Handbook 2007-2008 (distributed in May, 2008 and also available at <http://fvhs.wcpss.net>) and understand that the student will complete the following:**

- Select, present for approval and research a topic of interest, develop a research paper, and complete a product that relates to the research topic
- Work with their Faculty Advisor, Junior English teacher and Mentor in collaboration with other community partners, business representatives, and other school-based personnel in the development and completion of the Graduation Project
- Complete all forms distributed, including those in the Graduation Project Handbook, and required for documentation of the Graduation Project
- Maintain a Mentor/Product Log, honestly recording time spent working on the product
- Submit a research paper, portfolio, product, and presentation at the time designated by school personnel

**Both student and parent agree that they:**

- Have read and understand the above requirements involving the North Carolina Graduation Project
- Understand that once the Graduation Project is started it must be completed within the designated timeframe
- Understand that each component of this Graduation Project depends on the other three components; therefore, in order to complete the Graduation Project requirement, all components must successfully be completed.
- Understand that the student must work with their Mentor outside of the school day and provide his/her own transportation
- Understand failure to successfully complete all four components of the Graduation Project will result in not meeting the North Carolina High School Exit Standards for graduation

Parent agrees to support their child in completion of the Graduation Project and agrees to encourage them to abide by all requirements.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date