



Support Through Advisory

- Each student will be assigned a faculty member who will be their advisor throughout the entire four year process.
- The advisor will guide the student and assist with portfolio documentation. The advisor will also ensure the completion of all Graduation Project components.



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A Quick Overview



The Graduation Project

North Carolina leaders have embraced the challenge of preparing students for a 21st century global society. New high school exit requirements will apply for the first time to entering ninth-graders in the 2006–07 school year. In addition to passing five end-of-course tests, students will be required to complete a graduation project.

The graduation project's comprehensive nature requires that the student work toward completion of each component throughout the high school experience. This timeline offers the minimum requirements for each student by grade level.



Freshman Year

- Student and family becomes familiar with Graduation Project process.
- Students learn basic research skills in all subjects.
- Practice oral presentation skills in all classes.
- Students complete interest survey in Keystone 101 class.
- Begin compiling portfolio of evidence of skills learned/practiced.

Sophomore Year

- Students choose their topic
- Reinforce research, presentation, and technology skills.
- Continue portfolio compilation.
- Explore essential questions for paper.
- Create a plan for product.
- Research potential mentors.

Junior Year

- Topic Finalized
- Write essential questions.
- Successfully complete paper requirement.
- Secure mentor for product options and begin consultation to log hours.
- Practice oral presentation skills.
- Finalize product idea.
- Continue portfolio compilation.

Senior Year, The Final Product

Paper

- 8-10 pages
- MLA documentation

Product

- 15 logged hours of minimum investment
- Extension of research paper

Presentation

- 8-12 minute formal presentation
- Panel of community and faculty members.

Portfolio

- Key documents from each year delineating the process.
- Paper must be included.

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