

Section 5.214(b) of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Curriculum Regulations, requires that all graduating seniors complete a Graduation Project as a prerequisite for graduation. The regulation states that... A student shall complete a project in one or more areas of concentrated study under the guidance and directions of the high school faculty. The purpose of the project, which may include research, writing or some other appropriate form of demonstration, is to assure that the student is able to apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The preparation and completion of the Graduation Project will typically be a four year-long effort and will be completed with an exit presentation in front of a panel of elementary and high school teachers. For the implementation process, the classes of 2024 & 2025 will present a comprehensive project on the following:

- Student project will include a final copy of a cover letter
- Student project will include a final copy of a resume
- Students will complete a 5 to 7 minute presentation on post secondary plans. It will also include a brief reflection on how this process impacted that choice. The presentation will also include any aspects of their education here at Laurel that influenced that choice (Class, teacher, club, activity, community service).

### Final Copy of Cover Letter

Cover letters are essential to a resume and provide prospective employers insight into a candidate's qualifications for possible employment. This information may not be apparent simply through a candidate's resume. Each portfolio must include a final cover letter that supports the final resume. Improperly formatted cover letters will not be accepted. Cover letters will be taught and finalized during their senior Social Studies course.

## Final Copy of Resume

A good resume is an essential component to a portfolio. It provides prospective employers insight into a candidate's qualifications. Resumes support the candidate's experiences expressed in the cover letter. Improperly formatted resumes will not be accepted. Resume writing will be taught and finalized during their senior Social Studies course.

## Presentation

Students must complete a brief presentation to their mentor group on the preceding information. Students will be required to use either visual aides or electronic media to present their information. Presentations must be 5 to 7 minutes in length with all supporting documentation. Failure to complete a presentation will result in failure to participate in commencement proceedings.

***Absent a cumulative grade for senior project, all parts of senior project must be completed in order for a senior to attend commencement.***

***(please sign, cut, & return to Senior Social Studies Teacher)***

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## Graduation Project Contract

Students will work during the school year with their 12th grade Social Studies teacher to update documents essential for the senior project. The Social Studies teacher will serve as a resource for students during their project preparation. Finally, during the month of April, the district will approve an ACT 80 day. During the afternoon, Seniors will present their Graduation Projects to their mentor team. Participation in these 5-7 minute projects are a requirement for students to participate in Commencement Proceedings.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_