

Students at Holyoke Jr/Sr High School begin the process of building their capstone project beginning in 7th grade and continuing through their senior year. This project is facilitated by student's 8th period seminar teachers as they provide college and career planning lessons as well as soft skills lessons and social-emotional learning lessons. Each year students gain skills in the areas of professionalism, social-emotional competence, career connectedness, effective communication, and perseverance which are all pre-determined graduate competencies for Holyoke students. Students document their growth in each of these areas using a google slides template and ultimately, pare down their information to demonstrate their growth and development in each of these categories over the course of their time as a Holyoke student. With the pared down presentation, senior students present their presentation to a panel of judges including teachers, administrators, and school board members. Students are scored on a rubric in which they have received feedback on during the course of their time as a Holyoke student.

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