



BRVGS SENIOR CAPSTONE BASICS



The BRVGS Senior Capstone ties a *Professional Learning Experience*, a *Research Project*, and *Community Service Project* to a central topic of *your* choosing. All elements must relate to your topic.

Your topic should be something about which you are passionate, and must be significant. For success, you should know your topic before school starts and possibly have served your PLE during the summer with BRVGS approval. Afterwards, you can determine issues for your research and plan your community service project to meet a related significant need in your community. The student should organize and run the Community Service, or have substantial leadership responsibilities for the project .

You should serve at least 30 hours total for your professional learning experience and community service project, with a minimum 10 hours devoted to each. See further requirements below:

<u>Professional Learning Experience*</u>	<u>Research Project</u>	<u>Community Service Project</u>	<u>Presentations</u>
Minimum 10 hours unpaid (Total of 30 hours in combination with Community Service) Learn about your topic from a professional Should be a "learning stretch" *May be done during the summer with approval	Complete a substantial paper, based on academic research Must address a significance issue within your topic Must be "conclusive" – should create original conclusion from research	Minimum 10 hours unpaid (Total of 30 hours in combination with Professional Learning Experience) Organizer or Leadership Role Use knowledge from Research/Professional meet a need in your community Should have a "Significant Impact"	Local presentation of PLE, Research findings and CS outcomes - local panel of judges Website- open to the public, reviewed by EXPO judges Senior Expo - "science fair" format, present to a pair of regional judges