

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CULMINATING PROJECT

Who must complete a Culminating Project?

All students seeking a Renton School District diploma must satisfy the Culminating Project requirements.

- Students in *alternative placements* (Running Start, home school, or other alternative settings) will still be required to participate.
- *English Language Learners and Special Education* students will be accommodated within the parameters of individual student language needs and abilities, or individual student education plans (IEP).
- *Transfer Students*: Students who transfer into the Renton School District will be required to complete the Culminating Project. Building project coordinators work with students to accommodate work completed in their former school in order to fulfill requirements.

Why is a Culminating Project required?

The Culminating Project emphasizes oral and written communication, evidence of learning, and analysis and synthesis of learning in and out of the classroom. All of these are essential elements in Washington State mandated education reforms and are important life skills.

Do student need to create a specific senior year project?

No. There is no Senior Project or community service requirement for high school graduation. In some schools, these may be required as a part of their Culminating Project, but they are not a requirement at Lindbergh High School or in the Renton School District. The Culminating Project is a graduation requirement, but the grade you receive for it will be Pass or Fail and it does not count as one of the 22 credits required for graduation.

When will students present their Culminating Project?

Your Culminating Project will be presented through your Government and Contemporary World Issues classes in the last two weeks of first semester

What happens if a student does not pass their Culminating Project?

Students not presenting or not passing the Senior Presentation at this time will be required to enroll in the IT – Project Management class 2nd semester to complete their Portfolio and Presentation.

When is work done on the Culminating Project?

Freshman

Before Pre-Registration in March, in Language Arts 1/2 class, 2 days will be spent in the computer lab doing

- Career Cruising interest and skills survey
- find a sample four-year plan for a career of their choice

During the first WASL testing week

- complete career interest/skills documents in Career Cruising
- create and save four-year high school plan
- save documents into eFolio

Sophomores

Before Pre-Registration in March, in World History class, 1 day will be spent

- update Career Cruising interest/skills documents
- create/refine four-year plan

Juniors

During 2nd week of WASL testing

- update Career Cruising documents
- write/refine resume
- write/refine 4 year plan
- save documents to eFolio

Seniors

Seniors are expected to work on the Culminating Project on their own time. Teacher assistance will be available in the afterschool tutorial in the LHS library. Students needing a greater level of guidance or assistance may sign up for the Project Management Class offered through the business department.

- There will be a September meeting, during CWI/Government class, in order to review expectations for Culminating Project
- Seniors will present the Culminating Project during the last two weeks of first semester, in their CWI/Government class