

# **Senior Project 2018/2019 SPRING**



**Submitted  
In  
Partial Fulfillment  
Of  
San Jacinto Unified School District's  
Graduation Requirements**

# Senior Project Instructions

Welcome to the Senior Project for San Jacinto High School for 2018/2019. The process is designed to help you fulfill a graduation requirement and to assist your transition to the post high school world. You will have the opportunity to determine your future directions as you explore career options and prepare for employment, creating an important link between high school and your post high school plans.

Decisions you make as a senior will directly affect the direction of your life after high school. Now is the time for you to develop and put in motion a plan to guide you in attaining your personal goals. A plan means that your life can have purpose, direction, and meaning and decisions about college, career, and/or work become easier when measured against your plan.

## Requirements

The Senior Project is an individual graduation requirement of the San Jacinto Unified School District. The Senior Project will give you an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a variety of skills you should have learned in high school. A few of the skills you will demonstrate while completing the Senior Digital Portfolio:

- ❖ Organization
- ❖ Writing
- ❖ Long range goal planning and preparation
- ❖ Oral Presentation

The Senior Project contains FOUR elements.

- ❖ Create a Google Site that will contain a resume, a career oriented research paper, the FAFSA confirmation page and an application for college, military, or job.
- ❖ Complete a visual enhancement for your oral presentation. The enhancement will consist of a google slides presentation.
- ❖ Deliver an oral presentation before a panel of teachers, community members and volunteer members of the junior class. The oral presentation highlights items within your google site and speaks to your high school career, what you learned, and your future plans.

## Google Site Component

- Your google site will consists of a resume, a career research paper, the FAFSA confirmation page and a college/military/or job application. It is an important in that it will be your first impression to your panel members that will hear your oral exhibition. Your google site will contain important personal documents that could be used for job interviews, college interviews, and prospective service organizations.
- The topic for your career research paper is your future career goal. After you have selected a career, the next step is to do the research that is necessary in order to develop a research paper and presentation. With the information you gather, you will be required to turn in evidence in support of your findings by creating a works cited page. This is done by creating a list of sources that you have found and read, citing them using MLA format (to be gone over in class), and writing a brief summary or statement on what was covered in that source. This is to be typed (double spaced, 12 point font Times New Roman with 1 inch margins).The research paper should be in a five section format. The paper should be a minimum of four pages in length.

- The google slides presentation will be reduced to notes on index cards that you will use to present in front of a panel of judges for your senior presentation.
- The final culmination of all of your research, work and dedication will be your formal presentation of your topic in front of a panel of judges. The presentation is required to be approximately 5 minutes in length and to include details of who you are, your topic, how it relates to you, and how it is significant to your future. As part of your presentation, you are required to create a Google slides/site presentation that illustrates your topic. It is very important that your Google Site and research paper are free of spelling errors.

## **Components of the Career Research Paper**

- The first section of your paper will be your personal introduction. This is your opportunity to share with the panel where you have been in life, important aspects of your life in the present, and where you expect to go in the future. This should naturally lead to an introduction of your topic (the career you've chosen to research).
- The second section of your essay will describe what steps you need to take in order to achieve your career goal. This includes things like education, training, career steps, and experiences that will help you achieve that goal. Learning reflections will be addressed.
- The third section of your essay will describe what the job is actually like. Questions you might respond to would include:
  - What is a typical day like in this career?
  - What are the most rewarding aspects of that job?
  - What irritations, stresses, and drawbacks come along with this career?
- The fourth section of your paper will explain how this career will help you achieve your personal and professional goals.
  - Is salary the only benefit?
  - Does the career carry prestige in your community?
  - Does it allow you to help others?
  - Does it help you to do other things that you love?
  - Is it rewarding in and of itself?
- The final section of your paper will conclude your essay. This is where you will explain how your high school experience has prepared you for your career. You need to include a reflection of your core classes and at least one elective.

## **Presentation Component**

- The oral presentation will be done before a panel consisting of SJHS staff members, members of the San Jacinto community at large, and a member of the junior class. At the end of the presentation, the panel will have the opportunity to ask you some questions related to your presentation. This is your opportunity to interact with the panel and share your future goals.

The Senior Project which contains a resume, career research paper, FAFSA confirmation page and a college, military or job application, and a presentation must be completed successfully in order for a student to be eligible to receive a diploma from San Jacinto High School. The resume, career research paper, FAFSA confirmation page, application, and the power point presentation will be graded by your English teacher. The panel will sign off on the presentation basically confirming it was completed. Students not passing both components become ineligible for any and all senior activities until the components are passed. If the requirement is not met prior to the end of the semester students will be deemed ineligible for a diploma and will not graduate.

## **Senior Project Oral Presentation Guideline/Format**

**10 slides minimum**

Slide 1:

Title: SJHS, Name, Picture, Date of Presentation, Career Path...

Slide 2:

Introduction: Who am I? Describe your background. Influences?

Slide 3:

Education/Training

Slide 4:

Career Goals

Slide 5:

Day in the life of a \_\_\_\_\_

Slide 6:

Pro/Cons of Career Chosen...

Slide 7:

Salary Chart/Graph...

Slide 8:

Effects toward Community/Social Value... (How are you going to make a difference?)

Slide 9:

High School prepared me to be\_\_\_\_\_ through...

Slide10: (If Enrolled in Clubs i.e. AVID; UPWARD BOUND; Academic Decathlon)

Slide 10 or 11:

Conclusion/Thank you/Questions from panel

Be creative and show your personality and professionalism within the above oral presentation.

# Resume

Naviance and/or Google Docs can assist you with completing your resume.

Go to <http://www.connection.naviance.com/sanjacintohs>

Username: Long Id #

Password: Pass2019

You can also use other online resources to complete your resume.

## Guidelines for completing a Resume

A resume is one of the most important job research tools used to get an interview. It is a personal advertisement that markets your qualifications for a particular job. In that regard it is a concise listing of your accomplishments.

You must create a resume for an entry level position in the area of your chosen career interest. Your resume should outline your education endeavors and your experience as a graduating high school senior.

Human Resource research indicates that many employers spend only about twelve seconds evaluating each resume to determine whether the person is worthy of further consideration. It is imperative that your resume is easy to read and clearly presented.

- Limit your resume to one page—it should not contain your life's history
- Use white, pale gray, or ivory colored paper
- Use an easy to read print font that is no smaller than 11 points
- Avoid “crowding” information on the page (leave some “white space”)
- Use “bulleted” items rather than paragraphs
- Proofread the resume until it is absolutely letter perfect.

There are many variations of resume format. Resume sections vary in title and presentation order according to personal experience. The following topics would typically appear in the resume of a graduating high school senior.

1. Education. List the schools that you attended in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent. Dates of attendance, diplomas, degrees, awards, and certificates should be listed under the school name. Your grade point average should be included if it is to your advantage (3.0 and above). You also could include any seminars or training sessions that you attended that would relate to the job for which you are applying.

2. Skills and Abilities. This section may consist of a short “bulleted” list of achievements or skills. Include all of the skills that you have acquired (through your work experience or vocational training). This section is critically important to applicants who are relatively new to the employment market and who may lack extensive work experience.

3. Experience. Full-time, part-time, or summer employment, internships, volunteer experiences, clubs, tutoring, and babysitting can all be included in this section. Enter your experience in reverse-order beginning with the most recent indicating job title, name of the organization, dates of affiliation, responsibilities and accomplishments. Use active verbs in past tense phrases to describe your past experience; use active verbs in present tense to describe your current position.

ABC Hardware Store  
San Diego, California  
Cashier/Stock Clerk

January, 2005 to present

- Provide customer service
- Operate electronic cash register and credit card terminal
- Stock merchandise on store shelves
- Assist with yearly inventory
- Train new employees

McDonalds Corp  
El Cajon, California

June, 2004 to December, 2004

Front Counter Customer Assistant

- Handled front counter and drive-through orders
- Assisted with food preparation
- Assisted with restaurant and parking lot clean-up

4. Activities and Awards. You may list activities, honors, and community service under separate or combined headings. List all activities and offices held in campus and community organizations. Note honors, special awards, scholarships, and academic recognitions in this section or in the education section but not in both. Listing your work in community service or volunteer projects in this section gives an employer an idea of your worth to the business. Employers are looking for demonstrated leadership and team skills so it is important to list your accomplishments in this section.

5. Personal. Information about interests or travel experience can be included only if it indicates exceptional achievement or is relevant to the career field that contains the job to which you are applying.

6. References. Obtain at least three employer or personal references by asking permission of the person to have her/his name listed in your resume. References should be listed on a separate sheet of the same color paper as the resume and should include the appropriate contact information: name, title and telephone number and/or e-mail address.

7. Hints. In composing your resume you should avoid these resume "pitfalls."

- Personal pronouns "I," "we," and "my."
- Complete sentences, wordy phrases, slang and abbreviations
- Employer street addresses
- Salary history or expectations
- Reasons for leaving previous positions
- Exaggerated, erroneous, or falsified information
- Personal information including birth date, height, weight, race, gender, health, or ethnicity.

# Class of 2018

## Spring Presentation Deadlines

Senior Project Requirements			
Requirement	Teacher Initials/Date	Due By	Comments
1. ABOUT ME: Google Site		5/17/19	Needs to include all elements listed below.
2. Resume		5/3/19	Needs to be included in your google site
3. Career Research Paper		5/3/19	Needs to be included in your google site
4. FAFSA Confirmation Page		5/8/19	Needs to be included in your google site
5. College, Military, or Job Application		5/8/19	Needs to be included in your google site
6. Google Slides-Oral Presentation		5/17/19	Needs to be previewed in your English class and embedded into your google site
7. Formal Senior Project Presentation		5/17/19	Dress to impress!

Name of Your English Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

I, (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_, have completed my Senior Project presentation to the best of my abilities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_