
Mountain Home High School

Senior Project Handbook

What is a Senior Project?

A Senior Project is a comprehensive assignment that is designed to be a culmination of each student's academic experiences from his/her high school career. At Mountain Home High School, this project will include a **paper reflection, resume, and a presentation** which will reveal the student's progress over their high school career.

What are the state requirements for the Senior Project?

The requirements from the state for the Senior Project are that it includes a paper and oral presentation and must be completed by the end of the 12th grade year.

- The paper can be any research paper you have done but must have at least one source cited in MLA format.
- The Presentation

At Mountain Home High School, **the Senior Project** is to serve as a reflection of the student's growth over their four years at Mountain Home High School. The presentation gives the students the ability to share with the faculty how their education has shaped them through what they have learned in and outside the classroom. The overall goal of the project is to help in bringing focus to the senior year, build self-confidence, and give students a chance to showcase their knowledge, skills and talents.

Dual-Enrolled Students:

The Senior Project is mandatory for all students who anticipate graduation from Mountain Home High School. Each student must complete the senior project requirement.

Senior Project Checklist

____ Meet with your senior project advisor.

____ Submit your **Senior Research Paper Reflection**. Available on high school webpage. This document should be typed and is due to your adviser by **MARCH 4, 2026**.

____ Create a **Resume** and turn into advisor by **MARCH 4, 2026**. Use the enclosed guidelines and sample resume.

____ Turn in your senior project evaluation form with your name clearly printed on it.

Senior Research Paper Reflection and Resume will be 20% of overall score.

____ Enclosed are guidelines for your **Presentation** and a grading rubric. When creating your presentation, save to your Google drive **AND** a flash drive.

____ Presentation sign-ups will be in your government classes beginning **February**.

____ Presentations will be **APRIL 8, 2026**.

Grading Rubric for Senior Research Paper Reflection is as follows:

0=	Didn't turn it in
2= Poor.	Turned it in but put forth little effort.
4= Average.	Gave some thought to answers.
6= Good.	Honest reflection.
8= Excellent.	Obvious that student spent time reflecting on the research process and has a solid understanding of what their strengths and weaknesses are regarding the research process.

Grading Rubric for Resume is as follows:

0=	Didn't turn it in
2= Poor.	Turned it in but missing pertinent information or parts.
4= Average.	Provided basic information in all areas.
6= Good.	Provides more details with very few grammatical errors.
8= Excellent.	All areas are thorough with no grammatical errors.

Senior Project Research Paper Reflection

Mountain Home High School

Senior Project Research Paper Reflection

Name: _____

Advisor: _____

Group: _____

Answer the following questions in complete sentences and in paragraph form. Please type. This document can be found on the high school website. Choose one essay that you have written for a high school level class that required you to cite sources. Reflect on the process of writing the paper from start to finish including figuring out what you were going to write about, finding and using sources, revising, and finally finishing.

1. Please explain what your research paper topic was and explain the process you went through to select your topic.
 2. What resources, class activities, and people were most helpful in researching your topic? Why? Explain the steps you went through in completing the paper, from earliest draft to the final draft.
 3. What did you learn about doing research and the process of doing research? What were your frustrations? How did you overcome them?
 4. What did you learn about yourself as a researcher? What are your strengths and weaknesses as a researcher?
 5. What would you do differently the next time you complete a research project?
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Resume Guidelines & Sample

- You may use the resume format in Naviance, Microsoft Word, or any online resume builder. Some cost money; be sure to choose a free site.
- Include your name, complete address, phone number and email at the top. Make them bigger and bolder than the rest of the resume so they stand out. **(Follow the Rubric!!)**
- Cover the four main categories - Experiences, Education, Skills and References.

EXPERIENCES:

- List job experiences you have had, including paid and nonpaid jobs, TA positions, fundraising or other work you have done for organizations or sports teams.
- List the name and address of who you worked for.
- Give the dates you worked (Beginning to End)
- List the duties you performed. For example, a babysitting job could say – Duties included providing safety, providing entertainment, helping with homework, preparing meals.

EDUCATION:

- List: Mountain Home High School
300 South 11th East, Mountain Home, ID 83647
Will graduate May 2026

SKILLS:

- List six or seven skills that you are good at. Examples are hard-working, quick learner, team player, creative, pay attention to details, etc. List skills that fit you and the job you are applying for.

REFERENCES:

- List three people that can speak for you. Give their names, complete addresses and phone numbers.
- Family members cannot be job references. Teachers, coaches, family friends make great references.
- Use adults, not peers.

Resumes may be multiple pages and may have pictures

SAMPLE RESUME

MATTHEW FORD

94 Longford Street, Meridian, Idaho 83646 (208) 555-1683 iennl12G!lgmail.com

PROFESSIONAL PETERSON TOYOTA BOISE, IDAHO
EXPERIENCE *Mechanic January 2008 -Present*

- Responsible for customer relations, customer financial transactions) vehicle maintenance such as oil changes, transmission and coolant flushes, power steering flushes, belts, fuel filters, keeping the work environment clean, organized, and safe.
- Appointed to shift manager position after six months of employment.
- Responsible for end-of-day financial reports.
- In charge when manager is not at store.

BENNETT MOUNTAIN ROOFING MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO
Roofer April 2010 -October 2012

- Responsible for tearing off old roofs, roof deck prepping, laying out drywall, re-shingling the roofs, use of nail gun and other hand tools, driving and maintaining vehicles, maintaining tools and equipment, cleaning work site.
- Work performed with minimum supervision.

WESTERN TRAILERS BOISE, IDAHO
Welder February 2008 -November 2009

- Responsible for fabricating 1 metal, cutting with torches, plasma cutters, grinders, bending metal using heat, reading blueprints, welding, operating overhead cranes.
- Became a certified welder through this company.

EDUCATION MOUNTAIN HOME HIGH SCHOOL MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

- Graduated June 2012
- Enrolled in advanced automotive classes
- Enrolled in advanced welding classes

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Mechanically inclined
- Detail oriented
- Excellent customer service skills
- Think creatively and solve problems
- Quick learner
- Familiar with tools, equipment and machinery
- Honesty/integrity
- Good memory
- Team player
- Hard worker

REFERENCES

Ed Carbaugh 8313 Blue Rock Road, Meridian, ID 83642 (208) 555-7289
John Farhner, 5510 Pink Rock Road, Boise, ID 83702 (208) 555-4141
Beth Folsom, 8888 Mission Beach Blvd, San Diego, CA 98845 (217) 555-4444

Rubric for Resume

Criteria	8	6	4	2
Personal Information	☐ Bolded and easily read ☐ Legal name ☐ Complete address ☐ Complete phone number	☐ Easily read ☐ Name ☐ Address ☐ Phone number	☐ Clear ☐ Incomplete name ☐ Incomplete address ☐ Incomplete phone number	☐ Unclear ☐ Missing name ☐ Missing address ☐ Missing phone number
Headings	☐ Each heading serves a purpose for type of resume ☐ Pertinent information fits job objective or personal statement ☐ Information listed in reverse chronological order ☐ Well written descriptions ☐ Criteria submitted meets stated objective	☐ Most headings serve a purpose for type of resume ☐ Includes pertinent information under each heading ☐ Information in some order ☐ Descriptions fairly well written ☐ Most criteria meets stated objective	☐ Unnecessary headings included or lacking necessary headings ☐ Gaps in pertinent information ☐ Information in random order ☐ Basic descriptions ☐ Some criteria meets stated objective	☐ Incomplete headings ☐ Lacking pertinent information ☐ Information lacks dates ☐ Incomplete descriptions ☐ Criteria not relevant to stated objective
Format/ Appearance	☐ Typed; format correct ☐ Thorough ☐ Professional font ☐ Correct grammar, usage, mechanics, spelling ☐ Well organized	☐ Typed; format acceptable ☐ Easily read font ☐ Few grammar, usage, mechanics, spelling errors ☐ Adequately organized	☐ Typed; poor format ☐ Difficult to read font ☐ Several grammar, usage, mechanics, spelling errors ☐ Poorly organized	☐ Handwritten ☐ Difficult to read ☐ Obvious grammar, usage, mechanics, or spelling errors ☐ Lack of organization
References	☐ Submits separate reference sheet and notes on resume that references are available	☐ Notes that references are available	☐ Lists references on resume	☐ No note or list of references

Final Score _____

Senior Presentation GUIDELINES:

- 1 Introduce yourself and give the title of your presentation.
- 2 Discuss your academic career and meaningful learning moments you have had.
- 3 Share what shaped you as a student and as a person (sports, activities, jobs, clubs, community service, hobbies, work experiences, etc.)
- 4 Describe your future plans. Don't be afraid and BE SERIOUS.
- 5 Make sure your whole presentation has the following.
 - > Is it organized?
 - > Does it move smoothly?
 - > Are you prepared to present it?
 - > How are you going to present it and in what format (PowerPoint, video etc)?
 - > Do you know where and when you are to present (room, time & equipment)?

Giving your presentation:

- :) Make eye contact with the people in front of you.
- :) Use visuals, but don't read from them
- :) Use a strong voice, but don't yell.
- :) Express yourself verbally, use words that are appropriate and you understand
- :) Have poise and use good posture (stand up straight)
- :) Have confidence in yourself. You made it, so you present it like you do. OWN IT!
- :) Don't be scared or nervous, it is just like a good pet, it may seem a little wild but you can handle it no problem.
- :) Make sure you have professional dress and appearance when going in to this.

Senior Project Evaluation Form

Student's Name: _____

Judge's Signature: _____

Time: _____ **(5-8 minute timeframe) Panel questions do not count toward time.**

Grading Key: 4=Excellent 3=Good 2=Average 1=Poor 0=Didn't Do

Please circle the appropriate score for each component listed below.

Content:

Introduction- Introduces Self and Presentation:	4	3	2	1	0
Discusses academic career and meaningful learning moments:	4	3	2	1	0
Shares what shaped student as a person (sports, activities, jobs, clubs, community service, hobbies, work experiences, etc.):	4	3	2	1	0
Describes future plans:	4	3	2	1	0
Organized and moves smoothly:	4	3	2	1	0
Prepared and ready to present:	4	3	2	1	0

Delivery:

Eye Contact (Using visuals, but not reading from!):	4	3	2	1	0
Voice/Expression:	4	3	2	1	0
Poise/Posture/Confidence:	4	3	2	1	0
Professional Dress and Appearance:	4	3	2	1	0
Time	4	3	2	1	0

Visual Aid:

Used during presentation:	4	3	2	1	0
Overall Look-demonstrates thought and preparation:	4	3	2	1	0
Clear and easy to follow, read and see:	4	3	2	1	0

Question and Answer Session:

Quality of Responses:	4	3	2	1	0
Confidence and Fluency:	4	3	2	1	0

Senior Project Reflection Score:

8 6 4 2 0

RESUME:

8 6 4 2 0

Additional Comments:

Final Score: _____

56 and above is passing.