

Oswayo Valley High School
Culminating Project
CLASS OF 2014

The Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Chapter 4 regulations mandate that all students will complete a culminating project as graduation requirement. The culminating project offers the student the opportunity “to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding” as a demonstration of skills and abilities acquired through their high school career. This handout provides a brief overview of the Oswayo Valley School District’s regulations for fulfilling the state requirements.

*If you want to see the full requirements, access the “Culminating Project” link on mrschlosser.com.
There will be minor revisions for the 2014 edition.*

The Oswayo Valley culminating project will be incorporated into the Senior Social Studies and English classes. Students will choose one of the following types of projects:

- **career exploration;**
- **community service;**
- **exhibit;** or
- **research paper.**

The project may be, but is not required to be, linked to the specific career interest. To recognize and allow for individual student interests and aptitudes, each student will select a weighted evaluation matrix for the project. Each project must include five individual components:

- **oral presentation;**
- **research;**
- **technology;**
- **visual presentation;** and
- **written submission.**

The percentage each component plays in the final evaluation will be chosen by the student and approved by the instructor. Students will receive a Pass/Fail grade for the state’s requirement; they will receive cumulative grades for the course requirement as the project is completed

*It is important that if you plan to begin work over the summer that you provide preliminary plans for your project!
The intent of the project is independent work created for this assignment—not a collection of what you rummage from previous work.*

The school encourages all students to Job Shadow at some point during their senior year. The information packets about Job Shadowing are in the Guidance Office. If you want to Job Shadow as part of your Senior project, you must follow the instructions carefully or jeopardize receiving credit for your efforts.

Follow this timeline for successful completion of the Culminating Project:

October.....Introduction to the Culminating Project
Fall Meeting (October & November).....*What Do You Want To Do For Your Project?*
Winter Meeting (December, January & February).....*How Are Progressing?*
January.....Written Plan Finalized
Spring Meeting (March & April).....*Are You Ready?*
April.....Written, Research, Technology, Visual Components Completed
May 7.....Open House