



Wendell High School Senior Project Requirements 2025-2026

The Senior Project will consist of 4 components:

1. Research Paper

Research paper, 3-5 pages plus a works cited page with a minimum of 2 cited sources, will be completed during 1st semester of Senior English. Research paper grading rubric will be provided by the English teacher.

Requirements may be adjusted, as needed, by the English department and will be discussed during Senior English. Possible research topics: community service, internship specific research or workplace readiness skills.

Students without an approved project when the research paper is assigned, in Senior English, will research workplace readiness topics.

Students not enrolled in Senior English are required to turn in a research paper, by the due date, to the senior English teacher.

Paper is a researched topic not a how to paper or a personal essay about the specific project completed.

2. Project

Students have two options for the minimum 20-hour project:

- Option 1 – Complete a minimum of 20 hours of **unpaid community service**. Service hours can be one project or multiple projects and must be a service that benefits the school and/or community.
- Option 2 – Complete a minimum of 20 hours of **unpaid internship and/or unpaid job shadow** based on student's field of interest.

Students will submit the project contract **BEFORE** starting the project or logging hours.

Students must complete a time log sheet showing the activities and hours spent on the project. Log must include specific details about the activities completed and learning process and be signed by a supervisor working with the student.

Family members may not serve as supervisors and family property, organizations or businesses are not acceptable forms of projects.

Teaching/education job shadowing positions cannot be completed with high school teachers at Wendell High School.



3. Portfolio

Students will organize all required paperwork into a file folder and turn into TAG teacher for final grading. Required paperwork: credit check and transcript, contract, time log, presentation outline, research paper. All paperwork must be legible and have the required signatures.

4. Oral Presentation

Students must orally present (5-10 minutes) their project and high school experiences on designated date

Student must have completed the 20-hour project to complete the presentation

Presentation will include a review of research paper, 20-hour project and high school experience.

Can include photographs and/or display of project component but is not required.

Senior project hours may be started during 2nd semester of junior year and after the contract is signed and turned in to TAG advisor.

The project must be completed by April 23, 2026. Missing this deadline will result in not being allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony for Wendell High School.