

## SENIOR PROJECT CHANGES

2018-2019

The Columbus High School Senior Project has undergone a multi-year review, including advisory groups and discussions with current and former students, faculty members, administration, parents, and mentors. We recognize that as our magnet program evolves, the senior project must also adapt in order to provide a meaningful learning opportunity for our students. Columbus High School seniors balance rigorous 7-period schedules filled with multiple AP classes, extensive involvement in extracurricular activities and athletics, service work through their honor societies, and the college application process. The changes to senior project preserve the core requirements of the assignment, including the academic rigor we expect of our magnet students, while responding to and recognizing the demands placed on our students.

The 2018-2019 Senior Project will feature three major changes from this year's requirements:

- Seniors will not have a community service requirement attached to senior project or the magnet office. Seniors will still complete community service required by any service clubs/honor societies to which they belong.
- The overall hours for the project have been reduced from 70 to 50. Students will still be required to meet with a mentor throughout the project for at least 20 hours.
- There will no longer be one Senior Project Coordinator. Humanities teachers will collaborate to manage senior project contracts and the students' progress.

Students will still present their progress at checkpoints throughout the year, as well as at Boards Night in the spring. Humanities teachers will also conduct small-group and individual conferences throughout the year to monitor and differentiate the senior project experience for each student. These changes preserve the integrity of our magnet traditions by focusing on the quality of the product, rather than the quantity of hours.

We are excited to implement the revised Senior Project alongside the first cohort of the AP Capstone program in the Class of 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to an administrator or Humanities/Senior Project teachers.