Senior Project Field Research

The field research is based on choosing, designing, and developing a product, project, or service related to your interest while connecting it to the community or to the workforce.

The field research may come in a variety of forms. You must also connect your topic of interest to at least two of the following: Academic, Community Service, or Career. This will help insure that your interest can be connected not only to the academic, but also to the community in which you live.

Field Research-minimum 10 hours

Field research may be collected from any of the following areas:

Career topics
Personal interests or hobbies
Cultural topics, events, experiences
Community/civic volunteerism
Current social issues
Other topics with approval from government teacher

Must include-
-connection to research paper
-Face to face connection with community member/mentor
Can include-
-Job Shadow
-Community volunteering, actively participating in an experience
-Instructional videos
-On-line courses
-Lectures, workshops, Museum visits
-Building/creating, developing/maintaining
-Other with approval from your government teacher

Think about your topic and how to reach/impact others, learn new skills or explore potential job fields while discovering your strengths.

Field Research cannot be:

1. An extracurricular activity you already are participating in.
2. Your job that you are currently employed at.
3. Something you are already proficient at or do already on a regular basis.
4. A class you are enrolled in at LHS or college.

As you prepare for the field research portion of your senior project, please take time BEFORE YOU BEGIN to read through these forms in their entirety. Make certain that you understand what is expected of you during this time, and what documents you will be responsible for upon completion.

It is recommended that before you begin your field research, you complete a detailed analysis of your field research. This analysis should include the steps/tasks necessary to complete the research on time, as well as any costs that may be incurred.

Breaking this portion of your project into definable steps will make the process much easier. Setting up a timeline will help you begin, and will assist you in continuing to make progress throughout the time allotted for your field research. Figuring out how much the field research is going to cost may keep you from running into problems later in the project.

As you move through your field research, you will be responsible for keeping a record of your time invested, and your research in a 'field research in-process journal.'

As part of your 10 hours of field research, you must include some sort of community engagement or fieldwork. You must reach out and contact someone that has knowledge or experience in the topic you are researching. This person can help direct you to resources, figure out problems associated with your field research, and assist you in whatever ways you two agree upon. You can also interview people in your research area as part of your community engagement.

The mentor/community member provides these essential services for you.

1. Helps you organize information and gain research in the field chosen.
2. Signs the community engagement form.

The mentor/community member also:

1. Must be at least 21 years of age
2. May not be an immediate family member (member of your household)
3. May not be a faculty member at LHS
4. Must be willing to help you on a volunteer basis
5. Will sign the appropriate form

The following steps must be completed (in order):

- Completion of the Project Approval Form with all required signatures.
- Once you have determined what your field research will be, you will need to select a community contact.
- Confirm the Community contact's willingness to help you and set up a meeting/meetings with them to complete the Community Contact form.
- Complete 10 hours of work on your field research and the appropriate time and reflection journal along the way.

Documents that need to be completed:

- Project Approval Form
- Community Contact Form
- Field Research In-process journal with required logged hours, and descriptions