



## LEWISBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL

### Graduation Project Overview

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Successful completion of the Graduation Project is a requirement for receiving a diploma from any high school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the project is to assure the student is able to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding. Therefore all students in the Lewisburg Area School District will complete a Graduation Project that will be composed of a written document summarizing their experience/research and an oral presentation that includes a visual component.

#### **TYPES OF PROJECTS:**

Graduation Projects may include Career Exploration, Community Service, or an Extension of Academic Learning. A more thorough explanation of these projects are found in *Types of Projects* and *Possible Project Topics*.

#### **CREDIT:**

The Graduation Project will be worth .25 credits. The grade for the project will be P/F with an F being recorded as 50% and averaged into the student's GPA until successfully completed.

#### **HOURS:**

Students are required to spend a minimum of 20 hours on their Graduation Project. Each student will maintain a log of their hours and must provide a signature from the advisor or sponsor verifying the time recorded.

#### **TIMELINE:**

Students will be presented with the information related to the Graduation Project in May of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. During the preview days at the end of the year, students will have an opportunity to discuss possible projects with their advisors and 12<sup>th</sup> grade classroom teachers. Proposals are to be submitted to their advisors by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Preview of their Junior year.

Students choosing a career exploration project or community service project should have their paper submitted to their advisor **at least one week prior to the scheduled oral presentation. Presentations for these projects will be on the morning of the Thursday in November set aside for Parent/Teacher Conferences.** Any student choosing to do this type of project who is not prepared to present on this day will have a 50% recorded on their records. Records will be updated at the end of the first semester and again at the end of the academic year.

Students who choose to do an Academic Extension Project will work with the classroom teacher / advisor to set a completion date for the project.

**Any student who has not completed the Graduation Project requirement three school days prior to commencement will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.**