

Senior Seminar Course Syllabus

*Everett Public Schools High School Course
for the Development and Completion of the Culminating Exhibition*

Overview and Culminating Exhibition as a Graduation Requirement

The purpose of the Culminating Exhibition (CE) is to focus the student on developing a High School & Beyond Plan, completing a Culminating Project, and successfully navigating the transition to life beyond high school through the use of 21st Century skill building, Web 2.0 tools, and self-reflection.

The Everett Public Schools' CE, established by the school board as a graduation requirement, is a student performance assessment of the Washington State Learning Goals and the Everett Public Schools' Strategic Goals. The central focus of the Senior Seminar course, the course in which students develop and complete CE, is post-high school readiness.

Successful completion of Senior Seminar allows the student to meet the Culminating Exhibition graduation requirement ([Board Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements](#)), as well as receive Senior Seminar and Career & Technical Education credit ([Board Policy 2409 Granting Equivalency Credit](#)).

Additional overview information is available through the Everett Public Schools website: <http://www.everett.k12.wa.us/ce/>

Course Objectives and Alignment with Everett Public Schools Strategic Goals

STRATEGIC GOAL: 1.1a Each student graduates from high school ready for college and career with 21st Century Skills.

STRATEGIC GOAL: 1.1b All graduates exit with a post-secondary plan for work, career, and/or college

Course Materials

- Online access for course materials
- Flash drive (optional)
- Headphones (optional)

Course Description and Alignment with 21st Century Skills

To be college and career ready, students need to be able to integrate and apply 21st century skills, as well as core academic and technical knowledge. The 21st Century Skills standards adopted by the State of Washington, developed from the Partnership for 21st Century Skills organization, are focused on creativity, critical thinking,

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communication and collaboration. These standards are essential to preparing students for complex lives and work environments in our global economy. The units of the Senior Seminar course are aligned with the 21st Century Skills standards.

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Course Outline

Introduction

Examine the purpose of Senior Seminar and the Culminating Exhibition

- Course introduction
- Course tools
- Internet safety
- Permission slip for enhanced internet access
- Assessments and exploration tools

Unit 1: Produce Your Digital Portfolio

Investigate and explore pathways after high school

1. *Are you prepared for WORK?*
 - Job and career exploration
 - Resume
 - Job application
 - Cover letter
 - Interview
 - ACT National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC)
2. *Are you prepared for EDUCATION?*
 - College and training exploration
 - College application
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Scholarship application
3. *Are you prepared for LIFE?*
 - Budget for financial well-being
 - Civic and social responsibility
4. Personal Multimedia Presentation
5. Digital Portfolio self-evaluation

Unit 2: Implement Your High School & Beyond Plan

Take the next steps

1. High School & Beyond Plan
2. Develop a Culminating Project proposal (Proposal Idea)
3. Develop Culminating Project action plan (Proposed Action Plan)
4. Approval of Culminating Project plan (Proposal Sign-off)
5. High School & Beyond Plan self-evaluation

Unit 3: Submit Your Culminating Project

Display your skills

1. Reflective log
2. Research log

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3. Completion of Culminating Project
4. Post-Culminating Project self-evaluation

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Grading

Students and parents can access grades online through the LMS system. For information or to log in, go to <http://lmsinfo.everettsd.org>.

This course will be assessed on a 100 point standard grading scale (LMS X Course Grading Scale). Points are determined as follows:

Digital Portfolio Completion of fourteen Digital Portfolio assignments	20 points
High School & Beyond Plan Completion of five High School & Beyond assignments	20 points
Culminating Project Completion of four Culminating Project assignments	20 points
Assessment of 21st Century Skills Traits listed below included in the Senior Seminar 21 st Century Skills rubric	
Self-Direction Advanced – 20 points Proficient – 16 points Basic – 12 points Novice – 8 points	20 points
Digital Communication Advanced – 10 points Proficient – 8 points Basic – 6 points Novice – 4 points	10 points
Problem Solving Advanced – 10 points Proficient – 8 points Basic – 6 points Novice – 4 points	10 points
Senior Seminar Course Points	100 points

The following scale is used to determine course grades:

100-93 points	A	82-80 points	B-	69-67 points	D+
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92-90 points	A-	79-77 points	C+	66-60 points	D
89-87 points	B+	76-73 points	C	Below 60 points	F
86-83 points	B	72-70 points	C-		