

Project Topic Ideas

A meaningful Culminating Project is one that:

- Interests the student.
- Allows the student to stretch abilities.
- Provides the student with a sense of accomplishment.
- Can be based on previous knowledge but requires the student to grow further by using previous learning in new ways.

Students must select an area of concentrated study from one of the four pathways:

Research based projects provide students a venue to develop a research project on which he or she is working or has previously completed for a course.

Career based projects provide students with an opportunity to explore future careers.

Volunteerism based projects provide a way for students to volunteer in order to help improve their communities.

Product-based projects provide students interested in a particular field an opportunity to produce a product and highlight his or her talents.

Evaluation

Both the written and the oral presentation components of the project will be evaluated according to the official evaluation forms (see Appendix I & K). Students must achieve a rating of PROFICIENT in each component to satisfy the project's minimum requirements. Students are required to submit three copies of his or her completed reflective essay at the time of his or her oral presentation.

Suggested Projects

The projects and resources listed below are some suggestions that may be used as the stimulus for a culminating project. This list is not meant to be construed as all-inclusive. Students are encouraged to use their talents, interests, skills and imaginations in determining the projects they want to complete.

Research: AP Psychology research report, Revolutionary War paper, research an artist, research a specific theme in art such as landscapes, still life, research different cultures, etc.

Career: Careers project

Volunteerism: Volunteer firefighter, Hershey Med Center (summer only), Hershey Public Library, Country Meadows, Missions Trips, Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association, teacher lab assistant, tutoring, etc.

Product-Based: Design a playground, creative writing portfolio, trail improvement project, Around The World project, Set design, create a working instrument, write an original storybook in a different language, design a web page, etc.