Senior Independent Project Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I have to do a project?

Primarily because the project provides you an opportunity to explore an interest and demonstrate your abilities to work independently. Also because the project is a required part of Discovery.

What happens if I don't meet the deadlines?

Current seniors (class of 2017): You lose senior privileges and are assigned "In School Restriction" during AFT's until you are caught-up.

All other students: You will not graduate if you do not complete all Discovery requirements, including the Senior Project.

Are there any projects that absolutely will not be approved?

Yes. We generally do not approve "projects" where you just show up and all the prep work has been done by someone else. Examples would be skydiving, attending a class, work for which you would also receive academic credit, a project conducted under the auspices of another organization such as Scouts, church, 4-H, etc.

Is there an example of an unacceptable project proposal?

Yes! Exemplar of Unacceptable Project Proposal

What are some examples of successful independent projects?

Research on how environmental factors affect stress
Design and construction of a hollow core surfboard
Plan (and celebrate success or accept failure) of a solo rock climb
Build a working forge and produce blacksmithed items
Design, build, and program a laser harp
Choreograph a dance. Teach it to and perform with younger students
Publish a book of original poetry

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Yes! Exemplar of Acceptable Project Proposal