

Dear Parents/Guardians of Seniors:

Your son/daughter is participating in Colville High School's Culminating Project this year. The Culminating Project is a graduation requirement for all students wishing to receive a CHS diploma. These requirements and deadlines include Running Start students.

The Culminating Project allows each senior the opportunity to demonstrate and to celebrate his/her years of educational experience. Your son/daughter's reading, writing, speaking, researching, evaluating, self-discipline, problem solving, and organizational skills will be demonstrated in this four-part process. The components of the program include:

- a physical product
- a portfolio documenting the completion of the project
- an oral presentation which synthesizes the components and is presented before a review board composed of school staff and community members, and
- a research paper arguing a thesis which is connected to the student's hands-on product.

Remember, this senior experience cannot solely rely upon what your son/daughter already knows, but it must demonstrate an aspect of new growth and learning. Prior knowledge is the Culminating Project foundation; demonstration of new learning is the focus.

Students must not submit any falsified work. In addition, all students must meet the 8:00 a.m. deadlines. These hold the students accountable to ethical criteria and allow them the opportunity to show their trustworthiness and responsibility. Failure to adhere to these criteria may result in the student not meeting the graduation standard.

A successful Culminating Project involves parental, community, and teacher support as well as student initiative and self-discipline. Your son/daughter will be informed of the specific deadlines and requirements as we proceed.

More detailed information is available in the Culminating Project booklet, which your son/daughter has received. In addition, the entire booklet can be accessed on the high school web page of the district web site (www.colsd.org). If you have any questions, please call one of the teachers listed below at 684-7800.

Sincerely,

Culminating Project Staff

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