

Senior Projects 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Class of 2022,

We want to start by acknowledging your perseverance during this unique schooling experience. While your time at Da Vinci Design may have been out of the ordinary, we still want to applaud you for your resilience throughout this challenging experience. You are so close to the finish line that you have worked so hard to get to!

For parents/guardians, this letter serves to notify you that Thursday, April 7, 2022, will be the last day of content in your student's direct instruction classes. Beginning on Monday, April 18, 2022 (after the week off for Spring Break), the seniors will transition to senior projects for the remainder of their final semester. **Please note, however, that if your child is in a credit recovery class, they will need to continue working through that content even after direct instruction stops in order to recover credits and graduate on time.**

Similar to DVD senior projects of the past, you will have the opportunity to design your project according to your passion and interests. Students will collaborate with partners for their senior project, but should still plan on adhering to any and all COVID protocols applicable throughout their project experience (i.e. wearing masks, staying home/isolating if exposed to COVID, meeting in outdoor/open spaces when possible, etc). There will be a final POL at the end of the semester in which you will present your project to your teachers. For this final POL, you will describe what you accomplished within your project, provide visual evidence of your active participation throughout the process, briefly discuss your experience with your classes this semester, and lastly, provide a final reflection of your time at Da Vinci Design overall.

Your project idea will need to be approved by your cohort advisor before you can begin (*cohort advisors are senior teachers only*). Throughout the project experience, seniors will need to provide evidence of their project's progress and process, which can be demonstrated through photos, screenshots, videos, and recorded data (when applicable) throughout the entirety of the senior project experience. To get you thinking about a potential project idea, here are several examples of projects done in past:

- Write a story or screenplay
- Create a children's book or comic book
- Create or produce music
- Build something to serve a purpose or solve a problem
- Climate action projects
- Activism based projects
- Art exhibition
- Product design
- Create a documentary
- Create a podcast series
- Learn a new hobby or improve a skill

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and you may pick a project idea not listed above (it will still need your cohort advisor's approval first).

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We know that you likely have several questions about the senior project experience, so please use the Google Form link in your Advisory teacher’s Google Classroom in order to submit your questions. Senior teachers will compile and review the questions submitted and provide answers once we have them all collected. A “Parent Information Night” Zoom meeting will also be offered on Thursday, February 17th at 6:00 pm (*using the link provided below*).

To attend the parent information webinar on Thursday, February 17th at 6:00 pm, please use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94661676469?pwd=ZkJ4bEQ0VHh0T3pFY2U3bCtmN0hmZz09>

Timeline

Friday, March 4, 2022	Project proposals due
Monday, March 14, 2022	Senior Project Cohorts Announced
Thursday, April 6, 2022	Content Ends
Monday, April 18-22, 2022	Pitch POLs
Monday-Friday, April 25-29, 2022	Care Week
Monday-Friday, May 2-5, 2022	Conceptualize Week
Monday-Friday, May 9-13, 2022	Create Week
Monday-Friday, May 16-20, 2022	Critique Week
Monday-Friday, May 23-27, 2022	Senior Projects Wrap-up
Tuesday, May 31-Tuesday, June 7, 2022	Final POL

All students will be assigned a cohort advisor to provide feedback and support throughout the senior project experience, but please feel free to reach out to any of the senior teachers with questions.

Kindly,

DVD Team 12 Teachers

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