

NORTH SMITHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR PROJECT: LESSONS FROM YEAR 1



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SENIOR PROJECT: VIDEO OF SCHOOL CULTURE

- <http://www.tubechop.com/watch/5573686>
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- <http://www.tubechop.com/watch/5573691>
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DW5TpN2F-c>
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Background

Town & School Culture

Why We Did It

Principal's Perspective

Benefits

YEAR 1

Research

Planning

Handbook Development

Senior Project Committee

YEAR 2

Full Implementation

Project Components:

- Letter of Intent
- Fieldwork
- Research Paper
- Portfolio
- Presentation

SUPPORTS FOR SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS

Coordinators

Senior Project Skills Class

Teachers

Administrators

Handbook

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Unable to proceed with project

Ineligibility for sports tryouts

Letter home

Social suspension

Failure to graduate

LESSONS LEARNED

Get parents involved early

Spend ample time on topic selection – Curiosity vs. Passion

Guide students through mentor process

Maintain a database of projects and mentors

Keep record of continuous reflection

SENIOR PROJECT
PRESENTATION DAY 2014

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

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QUESTIONS

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