

New Hope-Solebury High School

Senior **APEX** Project

(Active Personal Educational eXperience)

2020-2021

Phases of the APEX Project?

The project is divided into
FOUR PHASES:

- Preparation
- Experience
- Reflection
- Presentation



2020-2021 APEX Project Options

This year seniors will have two options for the APEX project:

1. Traditional Option

APEX will go on as it has prior to COVID with the following exceptions:

- a. Seniors will be released from school on May 28, 2021 and will complete their internship from June 1-10
- b. Internship will last 35 hours

2020-2021 APEX Project Options

This year seniors will have two options for the APEX project:

2. Virtual Option

This option will allow students to complete a project similar to the one presented by the seniors in 2020

- a. Seniors will be released from school on May 28, 2021
- b. Research and Investigation
- c. Students must secure a Experience Facilitator that will be part of the project and presentation.

2020-2021 APEX Project

- Students will be assigned a faculty advisor by the APEX Project Coordinators
 - ❖ These advisors will meet with you to discuss any concerns and will evaluate your Presentations
- The Presentation Fair will be replaced by Zoom presentations unless otherwise noted by the district.
- You must complete your declaration of intent by January 29, 2021.

We will accept changes to the virtual model but will not allow students to move from the virtual model to the traditional model.

The Senior APEX Project Timeline

The NH-S Senior APEX Project begins formally in January and ends after your formal presentation in June. Specific deadlines are provided in the General Overview in this handbook, but keep these dates in mind:

- **Seniors will end the fourth quarter on May 28, 2021.**
- **Experiential Phase – June 1- June 10, 2021.**
- **Korn/Soriano advisee presentations - June 11, 2021**
- **Presentations – June 14, 2021**

Types of Projects

- Furthering knowledge about an existing interest
- Applying existing skills in a new way
- Learning new skills
- Community service
- Job shadowing
- Internships
- Networking with others
- Fundraising for special events
- Other projects developed between the student and Experience Facilitator

Who is Involved?

The **Senior APEX Project Coordinators** oversee the project. The coordinators conduct activities that support the advisor, the student, and the development of the project.

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Who is Involved?

- **Student** – The student creates a project by posing an essential question and a plan to answer that question, follows the process, meets deadlines, submits required forms and completes assignments.
- **Faculty Advisor** – The NHS Faculty Advisor meets with the student and offers advice, guidance, and feedback on the development of the project through discussions based on the work the student has completed in his/her Senior APEX Project notebook. They also evaluate their final presentation
- The **Experience Facilitator** is a resource in a particular area of interest related to a student's essential question and provides facilities or other support for the completion of the project

Important Things to Remember

- Immediate family members cannot be Experience Facilitators
- No group projects unless it is integral to the project
- Cannot be paid for your project
- Topics must be school appropriate
- Traveling is not a project
- Get started

Other Important Information

- Students will receive a Pass or Fail grade for the 3rd and 4th Marking Period and a grade for the final presentation.
- All students must present a successful presentation in order to graduate.
- The APEX Senior Project is worth .5 credits.
- Must complete the APEX Notebook which includes ten assignments
- The Experiential Phase occurs June 1-10, 2021.
- Presentations will be June 14th.

Assignments Due

1. General Overview - Declaration of Intent
2. Research Essential Questions and Experience Facilitator
3. Submitting the Essential Question
4. Parental Permission and Participation Form
5. Experience Facilitator Agreement Signature
6. Experience Facilitator Agreement Form
7. Project Proposal - Traditional V. Virtual differences
8. Reflection during the Experience
9. Presentation
10. Experience Facilitator Evaluation Form and Digital Log Sheet