Capstone Goals

The Capstone Project provides students the opportunity to apply and exhibit the skills they have obtained throughout high school in a wide variety of classes. Each student will demonstrate these skills through a meaningful product of their own design. In addition, they will employ appropriate and available technology to create and present a digital portfolio of their accomplishments. At the end of the students' senior year, they will present their portfolio of personal and academic growth to a panel of community judges. The intrinsic value of this project is students' attainment of 21st century skills, useful in their personal lives and subsequent careers.

Research Paper
From their collection of research papers written throughout their high school career, students will choose an exemplar to add to their digital portfolio. This paper must be properly documented in MLA format.

Product/Service Activity
Students will broaden their learning beyond the physical classroom by:
- Demonstrating independence, responsibility, and time management
- Locating and utilizing resources
- Overcoming any possible obstacles
- Synthesizing classroom knowledge and project research in a concrete, practical application
- Creating products and/or participating in service allowing engagement in and connection to real-world situations

Portfolio
Students will demonstrate pride in their work and provide evidence of their learning by:
- Constructing a digital portfolio in Gaggle, which may be viewed by the public
- Reflecting on each selected exemplar and analyzing the growth it represents
- Creating work-related documents including a résumé and an application
- Accurately documenting the activities associated with the project.

Presentation
Students will inform a panel of community judges about the process of their Capstone Project by:
- Preparing an engaging, organized, and logical presentation summarizing key events and points of the process
- Employing effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills and appropriate media
- Evaluating how challenges have allowed for growth through the experience
- Adopting a professional appearance and demeanor