

## ***CHS Senior Project Mentor Welcome Letter***

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Dear Prospective Mentor:

During their senior year at Camas High School, students are required to complete a Senior Project. Each project is unique. Each student develops an idea and writes a proposal, which is then reviewed by a board of teachers. The project involves 20-40 hours of documented extracurricular work, and it forges a link between the student, the school, and the community, as students work with mentors to complete their projects, applying skills they have been honing during high school.

This is where you come in. As a mentor, you have an important role to play in this process. Mentors help students toward success in their projects and verify the hours students log. This help could be in the form of allowing a student to shadow you on the job, it could be training the student, it could be allowing the student to access your workshop or tools, it could be giving advice and feedback on a creative student endeavor. The specific role you will play is up to you and the student to define and will vary project to project.

The student will have a log of hours and you will be asked to sign it before each Hour Checkpoint is due.

Hour Checkpoint dates are as follows:

- 5 Hours: January 16, 2020
- 10 Hours: February 20, 2020
- 15 Hours: March 26, 2020
- 20+ Hours: April 23, 2020

One last thing: mentors must be background checked in order to work with students in a school-sanctioned capacity. This means you will need to complete and sign a CHS Mentor/Volunteer Form (which the student will provide to you) and submit that along with a copy of your driver's license to Camas School District. Please email these documents directly to the Senior Project Coordinator: [kristi.bridges@camas.wednet.edu](mailto:kristi.bridges@camas.wednet.edu)

**Please submit your mentor paperwork by October 10, 2019. Students may not begin logging hours until the background check is complete.**

For questions related to this process, please contact the Senior Project Coordinator, Kristi Bridges, via email at [kristi.bridges@camas.wednet.edu](mailto:kristi.bridges@camas.wednet.edu). Thank you for your willingness to invest in this culminating step in a Camas High School student's education.

Sincerely,

**Liza Sejkora**  
Camas High School Principal

**Kristi Bridges**  
Senior Project Coordinator