



THORNTON TOWNSHIP

HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 205

Dear Parents,

The Senior Project, as we know it, is evolving into a more concise, applicable, and meaningful College & Career Portfolio. The College & Career Portfolio will allow students to earn points through the various opportunities made available to them and provide credit for the activities they have already completed. In order to be cost effective, the vast majority of opportunities will be earned during the school day. Any activities completed outside the school day will need to be verified. We want our students to focus their attention on college and/or career goals and to be able to use their portfolio beyond graduation from District 205. This is still a graduation requirement.

The portfolio will be comprised of a menu of opportunities where our students will earn points to achieve their goal. Attached is a sample flyer with opportunities and suggested points to be awarded. Currently, we are proposing for the Class of 2015, 2000 points; Class of 2016, 2500 points, and Class of 2017, 3000 points. The system is still in development and the committee welcomes input on activities that can be awarded points. As a parent, we encourage you to be involved in the various opportunities your child has to earn points. There are some activities they are already doing and don't even realize they can earn points for them, such as volunteer work or even employment. If our child goes beyond the expected points and double their points earned, then we are proposing a special recognition at their graduation.

We will be recording acquired points that will show up on your child's Quarterly and Semester Grade Report Cards. This way you can see your child's progress throughout the school year. There will also be other forms of communication with the parents, so we ask that you please update your email address and have your current phone number to best reach you in Power School. If you have any questions / concerns, please contact your buildings' College & Career Portfolio Coordinator.

Thank you and here's to a successful transition to the College & Career Portfolio.

District 205 College & Career Portfolio Team