

Colorado Graduation Guidelines Promising Practice

District/System	Greeley-Evans 6
School	University High School (public charter school)
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Title of artifact	Senior Project Presentation Day Public Service Announcement – University HS
Type of practice	Communications

Brief description of artifact

This public service announcement publicizes the Senior Project Presentation Day to the community, including a call for volunteers.

Brief description of the process resulting in the artifact

University High School has required senior projects for over 20 years. University High School has five pathway diplomas, and the senior project is required for all. Last year they revised the requirement to include more accountability and consistent quality. Items were developed to communicate changes in the project requirement to specific audiences.

Types of practices in the CDE Graduation Guidelines Promising Practices collection:

1. Communications, such as announcements to school community and business community
2. Implementation process plans, such as strategic plans and timelines
3. Implementation tools connected to local graduation requirements, for instance:
 - o Testing implementation (ACT, AP, ASVAB, CMAS, IB, PARCC, SAT), such as classes and retreats, administration procedures and agreements
 - o Capstone implementation, such as instructions and samples
 - o Concurrent Enrollment implementation, such as classes and agreements
 - o Career/academic assessment implementation (e.g., ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, Work Keys), such as administration procedures and agreements
 - o Industry Certificates implementation, such as samples
4. Local graduation requirements aligned with state guidelines, such as board policies
5. Regarding students with exceptionalities
6. Other: _____

On April 20, University High School seniors will present their senior projects to boards made up of teachers and community volunteers. We are still accepting volunteers to serve on the boards, and this is a great opportunity for alumni, or any community member, interested in seeing how University High School seniors have challenged themselves and utilized their creativity to learn and help others in the process. The purpose of the Senior Project is to give students a chance to choose an area of study, to combine different disciplines, to explore new avenues in a productive manner, and, at the same time, to help others and contribute to the community. While Senior Projects have been required for graduation from University High School for over twenty years, this will be the first time project evaluations will include community volunteers.

The Senior Project Boards will be conducted from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on April 20. Volunteers will receive training from 12:15 to 1:00, then convene to classrooms to hear seniors present about their projects. Please Email Denise Vaardahl at dvaardahl@universityschools.com if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you.