

1. Did the Culminating Project get eliminated?

Yes. The State Board of Education has eliminated the Culminating Project as a state graduation requirement and consequently, our School Board voted to eliminate the Culminating Project as a graduation requirement beginning with this school year, 2014-15. The Culminating Project was partially intertwined with the High School and Beyond Plan (which is still a state graduation requirement). The components that have been eliminated are: 15-hours of community service, reflective essay, and senior presentation. The career cruising portfolio is still a requirement since this is a component of the High School and Beyond Plan.

2. Have changes been made to the High School and Beyond Plan?

The High School and Beyond Plan is still a graduation requirement for all students. Vancouver's High School and Beyond Plan includes the following components: Career Cruising electronic plan (portfolio) components, Planning Guide for High School and Beyond, Budget, Resume, Family Connection (sharing opportunity).

3. How will the HSBP be marked as “met” for each student?

Progress toward completion of all required activities will be tracked in each student's Career Cruising electronic plan (portfolio) and after completion of all components, 12th grade students will be check-off as having completed their HSBP and it will be denoted as “met” on their transcript.

4. What is this new *Planning Guide for High School and Beyond* document?

Counselors and Career Specialists have collaborated to design a new Planning Guide for high school and beyond which will allow students to develop a four-year plan of courses to take in high school which are aligned to their career interests and post-high school plan. The plan will be developed in 8th grade, uploaded to their Career Cruising plan (portfolio), and reviewed annually.

5. Are 5th year Seniors required to complete the former Culminating Project?

No. Beginning with this school year, 2014-15, no students will be completing the former Culminating Project. 5th year seniors will be required to complete the High School and Beyond Plan requirements, which still are a state graduation requirement. Completing this year's High School and Beyond Plan will fulfill the Class of 2014's requirement of High School and Beyond Plan and Culminating Project.

6. How do part- and full-time Running Start students meet HSBP requirements?

Running Start students will need to complete the components of the High School and Beyond Plan independently. Refer to the Culminating Project/HSBP web page for a list of requirements.

7. Is the Computer Applications for Seniors online class still offered?

No. Since the former Culminating Project is no longer required, the *Computer Applications for Seniors* class is no longer offered.