Westwood High School
Senior Independent Project Program (SIPP)
Program Overview

SIPP (Senior Independent Project Program) is a 2.5-credit senior elective hybrid course that affords the opportunity to delve into an area of interest that is not available in the traditional high school curriculum.

Students explore a topic they are passionate about through research, intensive study and hands-on experience. Not only will students learn about their selected topic, but they will also hone and develop professional real-world skills.

To help facilitate learning on this journey, students are paired with mentors who guide them as they explore their passions in the context of a collaborative class setting.

Students interested in SIPP for the 2021 summer session will submit applications outlining possible project topics. They will then discuss their ideas in interviews with committee members. Students will be notified about their acceptance into the program in April 2021.

Overview:

- 6-week course that runs from June 28 - August 6
- Students are paired with mentors who have expertise in the students' fields of interest
- Students work with faculty and mentors to develop project plans with specific and achievable goals and outcomes
- Some project outcomes include giving back to the community, or some kind of culminating event
- Students and mentors work cooperatively to schedule regular meetings to meet the project goals (this can be a combination of face to face and digital collaboration). Mentors are encouraged to play an active role in all aspects of their students' projects
- Students meet weekly with the SIPP teacher via Zoom to monitor progress and develop key skills
- Program concludes in September with final student presentations to School Committee

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APPLICATION TIMELINE for 2021 COHORT:

- Attend Informational Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, March 31

- Submit an Online Application/Sign-up for an Interview Slot (by 8PM on Monday, April 5)

- Attend your Interview (Thurs April 8th or Mon April 12th, 1:30PM-2:30PM via Zoom)

- Finalize your Online Application (by 8PM on Tuesday, April 13th)

- Acceptance Notification (Friday, April 16th)