

IB Middle Years Program: Personal Project Information

Dear 10th Grade Students and Families,

This is a challenging year and we are so grateful for and inspired by the hard work, perseverance, and commitment to teaching and learning that we have seen from you over the last few months. One thing that we keep reiterating to the students is that as IB MYP Learners we are **creative and flexible**. In the spirit of being creative and flexible, we are making some changes to how we will do the Personal Project at Highland this year.

Highland has a strong tradition of students engaging in the 10th Grade IB MYP Personal Project and we want to continue that, but also allow more flexibility. Usually students are required to complete the Personal Project and receive a pass or no pass. This year, we will be offering only a passing option and **there will be no penalty if students do not complete the project**. For students that feel like the Personal Project is just one more thing to add to an already difficult year, we hear you, and we understand if you need to step away from the project and focus on your other classes and home responsibilities.

We appreciate that some students have already started brainstorming, reaching out to staff, and started their projects. We also appreciate that some students are still excited to start their project and are waiting on further guidance. For those who have begun or are still interested in being a part of this cornerstone of our Highland culture, we are eager to support you and excited about what you will do.

Students must [register for the Personal Project](#) with us if they are at all interested or open to participating in it this year. Please encourage your child to do the project if they are in the right mindset, are keeping up with their classes, and need a positive outlet. Even if a student registers for the Personal Project but does not complete it, there still will be no penalty on their transcript. **Please complete this Google Form by November 24th: [Personal Project Registration Form](#)**

Some Benefits of Completing the Personal Project:

- Focusing on something you enjoy during a challenging time
- Helping to practice more independent learning -- prep for the IB DP, college, etc.
- Receiving the support of an advisor
- Focusing on personal goals that you might have around mindfulness, self care, organization, or health and wellness
- Earning an extra credit for graduation

Potential Project Ideas:

- Mental/Physical Health Challenge- focusing on positive health ideas each day such as mindfulness, exercise, gratitude or nutrition
- Family/cultural projects- cookbooks, recording family stories on video or in writing
- Building projects- furniture, sports equipment
- Artistic projects- photography, painting, scrapbooking, songwriting, podcasting, sewing
- Creative writing- short stories, comics
- Creating social justice messages- posters, art, videos
- Helping the community- doing a collection, sewing masks, online tutoring
- Learning a new skill- playing an instrument, learning a language, knitting, ice fishing, skiing
- Making a computer, computer games or programming a computer

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
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