

WHAT IS CAPSTONE AT MINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL?

The Minnetonka High School Capstone Project gives 12th grade students the opportunity to participate in a two-week, off-campus experience at the end of their senior year. This experience is designed to inspire the students to explore their interests while enhancing their educational experience at Minnetonka High School. Eligible seniors can explore a career field, service work, or a project of interest.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF CAPSTONE?

Through the Senior Capstone project, students are able to:

- become immersed in a field of interest under the guidance of a professional mentor
- explore a career field to gain insights into the true nature of the work
- develop and enrich their independence, self-reliance, creativity, and professional social skills
- gain valuable references for the future
- extend their thinking beyond the classroom
- interact in an adult world

CALENDAR

SENIOR CAPSTONE | SPRING 2024

March 1	Senior Capstone Application Due
May 20	Last day of school for Senior Capstone students
May 21-31	Senior Capstone project period
June 3	Culminating Capstone Event - Details TBD

Questions? Contact Capstone Advisor amy.livorsi@minnetonkaschools.org

MORE INFORMATION AT [MINNETONKASCHOOLS.ORG/CAPSTONE](https://minnetonkaschools.org/capstone)





WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PROFESSIONAL MENTOR?

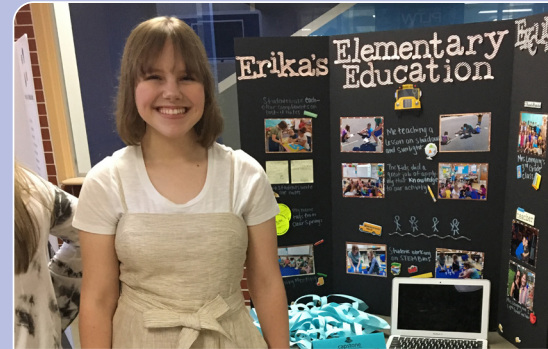
For students, the highlight of the Capstone experience is working with a mentor in a unique, real-world learning environment.

During the mentor selection process, each student will ensure that their project goals match what the prospective mentor—and their organization—can offer.

Mentors and students will:

- Meet to plan Capstone experience, agree on goals for students' project, and sign the student's application (application is due March 1, 2024)
- Mentors will offer expertise in the area of study
- Mentors will supervise students while they are off campus (May 21-31, 2024)
 - Students will spend 40+ hours on their Capstone project during these 8 days.
 - It is not necessary for students to spend every day with their mentor, however the mentor is the person overseeing the project.
- Mentors may (optionally) attend the Capstone Community Fair on June 3, 2024 where all Capstone students will showcase their project, answer questions and share what they learned throughout their Capstone experience. **NOTE: Full details about the culminating Capstone event are TBD**

PRESENTATIONS AT THE MHS COMMUNITY FAIR



WHAT OUR MENTORS SAY...

"He was an absolute pleasure to mentor. He was eager to learn, professional, personable with clients, and a lot of help around my studio."

"I was impressed with the amount of work that he accomplished in just a few weeks. He was easy to work with and kept me up to date with his progress."

"It was such a privilege to work with a senior from MHS; I really feel like she taught me more than I taught her. We had a great time and she really felt more like a colleague than a high school senior. I had a great time hearing her perspective on the workforce, the future and what she is hoping to take away from these experiences. I really feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with her!"

