

How the Community Can be Involved

Community members can be involved with Personal Project. Listed below are the ways the community can help out a WRHS student complete this graduation requirement.

Feedback Forum

The Feedback Forum is an informal 10 minute presentation from students before they begin their projects. The presentations are in front of a Forum which consists of community members, teachers, and the Personal Project Coordinator. Students take the first 5 minutes to explain the project idea. The rest of the time will be reserved for questions and comments from the Forum. This can include things to think about, advice for the student, questions that come up, or contact information for someone who might be able to help. For more information, see [Expectations of Forum Members](#).

Interview Source

Each student is required to interview someone who is considered an expert in the field for the project topic. This interview is strongly encouraged to be conducted face-to-face, but it can be accepted through email, phone, or Skype/Facetime. If contacted by a student for the purposes of an interview, please let the student know which way works better for you.

Students should be prepared for the interview with questions. They are told to take notes throughout the interview to make sure they have the appropriate information. We ask students to include two questions for each interview: what is the full name of the person (include proper spelling), and what is the person level of expertise. Some students will ask to record the interview for evidence or to make sure they have all the information. It is up to the person being interviewed if this is okay or not.

This instance might be the first time students have talked to someone in the community outside of school or family. It might also be the first time they have interviewed someone in this manner. Please be patient with any nerves or missteps that they may have through this process.

Mentor-Type Person

It is not required that a student have a mentor, however some students prefer having someone help them throughout the Personal Project process. There is no paperwork attached to this position, however there is a form you can fill out if you would like to give information to be taken into consideration for scoring. If you would like to do this, please fill out [Student Work Ethic Feedback Form](#).

Expert Feedback

Students are required to find an expert in the field to fill out the Expert Feedback Form. This form asks about the quality of the final product/outcome. While the information on this form will not be the totality of the student's score, it will be taken into consideration. Experts can submit the form physically/hard copy or electronically through the Personal Project website.

To submit physically/hard copy:

1. Print off [the form](#) or get a copy from the student
2. Fill it in to the best of your ability
3. Drop off at WRHS in the front office, care of Allen/Personal Project Coordinator
OR fax to WRHS (208-578-5120) care of Allen/Personal Project Coordinator.

To submit electronically:

1. Go to the [WRHS Personal Project website](#)
2. Click on Expert Feedback Form (electronic submission) and fill out to the best of your ability

Showcase/Exhibition

During 2nd semester (January - June), there will be a Showcase/Exhibition for Personal Project. Students who have completed Personal Project will bring their product/outcome to put on display for the community. Any and all people are invited to attend and see the work that students have completed.

Presentations

Towards the end of 2nd semester (April/May), students will be giving their final presentation to a panel of scorers. While community members cannot be on the panel, they are invited to attend and watch the presentations. These presentations will review the whole process of Personal Project (not just the product/outcome) and will ask students to reflect on the entire process.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping in one or more of these aspects, please fill in the [Database of Experts Form](#) or contact the PP Coordinator (sallen@blaineschools.org).

