

# Poway High School Senior Project

## Principal's Note To Seniors About Mentors and Interviews

As you begin work on Senior Projects, I want to provide you with some essential information about working with your Senior Project mentor and other adult professionals. **The Poway Unified School District** recognizes the importance of mentors and other adults to the success of your Senior Project. At the same time, the District is committed to ensuring your personal safety. It is vitally important to me – and to the District – that you have the most positive experience possible with your Senior Project. I hope that the following guidelines will answer your questions.

1. You **may** meet off campus with your mentor or any other adult involved with your Senior Project who is an employee of the Poway Unified School District or who is an employee of another school district
2. You **may** meet off campus with your mentor or any other adult involved with your Senior Project **if your parent or guardian accompanies you.**
3. You **may** job-shadow your mentor or any other adult involved with your Senior Project if he or she works in a location where other employees are present and you have satisfactorily completed and submitted the **Parent Permission Form** before the job-shadowing. The job-shadowing must be done during normal working hours.
4. You **may** conduct a “face-to-face” interview with your mentor or any other adult involved with your Senior Project if you have satisfactorily completed and submitted the **Parent Permission Form** before the interview, **and** you are accompanied by a fellow student or meet in the adult’s place of employment during regular business hours and other employees are present.
5. You **may not** meet alone with your mentor or any other adult involved with your Senior Project unless that adult: (a) has completed a PUSD Volunteer Application, (b) has undergone a Megan’s Law Background Check and/or a Federal Background check completed prior to meeting with you **and** (c) has signed the PUSD Volunteer’s Code of Conduct. (These forms are available from Mrs. Walton in the administration building)
6. A convenient way for you to conduct an in-person interview with your mentor or any other adult involved with your Senior Project is to do so here on campus in your tutorial classrooms or the library.
7. If your “mentor situation” is unlikely to be successful despite these guidelines, I strongly encourage you to seek a mentor who is currently an employee at Poway High School or within the Poway Unified School District. Please see your teacher first for advice on this issue, and feel free to see me at break or lunch on the Quad if I can offer further assistance.

Life after high school is about working through challenges and maximizing the opportunities presented to you. These mentor guidelines will ensure the success and safety of your Senior Project experience. Your teachers, the other administrators, and I stand ready to assist you.

Sincerely,  
Scott Fisher