



What is a Passion Project?

At Helios, a Passion Project is a chance to research and present a topic that the student is passionate about.

Students learn essential life skills such as planning, decision making, management, and personal reflection.

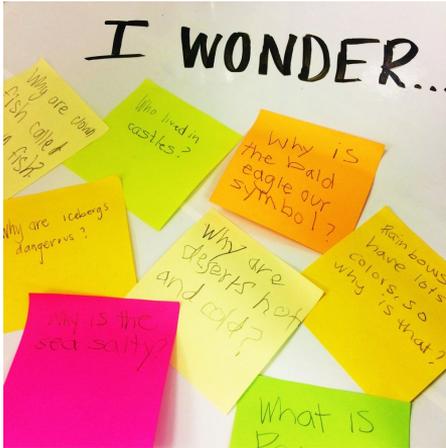
This is the time that the student becomes the teacher.

Grades 3 and 4 are when Passion Projects begin.



Overview

- The introduction phase to Passion Projects is to get students to understand that Passion Projects aren't just about research, but promoting creativity and innovative thinking.
- During the second phase of Passion Projects, students will research and gather information.
- The information gathered during their journey with their passion topic will be showcased in a way that they choose to display their learning.



What it looks like

In the fall, we focus on learning basic research skills such as:

- Finding books in the library using the Dewey Decimal System
- Keeping track of sources using index cards
- Summarizing information from research
- Public speaking techniques

Students then select a passion, ask questions about it, and begin their research, using the skills they have learned.



What it looks like

In the spring, students complete their research, select a presentation method, and prepare to share their passions.

- RESEARCH your passion topic to answer “just-right” questions.
- Investigate presentation types.
- Select a product to create (cumulative project).
- Create the product.
- Practice and Present.
- REFLECT!

After their presentation, students focus on transferring their Passion Project skills to other class projects.



How We Prepare Students

When students move on to middle school, they have completed two Passion Projects. We prepare for the next level by choosing a meaningful topic, learning the value of proper research, creating and presenting a quality project, and learning that Passion Projects are so much more than just the research.

EVERY DAY
IS A GOOD
DAY TO
LEARN.



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