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EXHIBITION OF STUDENT WORK

November 12, 2009

April 29, 2010

*Analytical, Creative
and Practical Artifacts*



 **Memphis
City Schools**

Vision

Memphis City Schools is committed to creating a learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to develop their academic and creative talents. To achieve this vision, each student will develop two projects to be showcased in a Fall and Spring Exhibition of Student Work at all MCS sites.

Overview

Standardized testing, in some instances, has narrowed the ability of educators to capture and highlight the unique abilities that students possess. These exhibitions of student work will allow students to excel in areas that may not be captured in the traditional school format and will allow students to demonstrate what they know and can do. The development of student work for these exhibitions will lead to a path of more rigorous instruction and learning in Memphis City Schools supporting our goal of becoming a world-class school system preparing students to contribute to a global society.

Exhibition of Student Work Capstone Projects

In the exit grades 5, 8, and 12, students will complete a special Exhibition of Student Work project called a Capstone project that will allow the students to apply the knowledge they have gained during their elementary, middle, and high school years. In grades 5 and 8, the students' semester-long Capstone projects will be exhibited during the Spring Exhibition of Student Work. In grade 12, the students' year-long Capstone projects will be exhibited during the Fall and Spring Exhibitions of Student Work.

Involvement

Schools

To facilitate the project process, teachers will:

- Provide students with knowledge and skills needed in order to connect class work to the demands of real-world experiences
- Set the expectation that every student will participate in the creation of a culminating project based on creativity, prior learning, and instruction.

Parents

To facilitate the project process, parents will:

- Share in their child's excitement about his/her project and provide advice and support;
- Become more actively involved with their child's school.

Community

Involving the community is crucial to the Exhibitions of Student Work because:

- Community members are valuable resources who will serve as jurors to evaluate student work on exhibition days, will serve as Capstone Review Panel members, and may serve as project mentors to lend their expertise to students;
- Students who are academically engaged and given access to the world of work will in return have an opportunity to positively impact their community.

FAQ

When are the Exhibitions of Student Work?

The Fall Exhibition will be on **Thursday, November 12, 2009**, and the Spring Exhibition will be on **Thursday, April 29, 2010**.

What role will community members play?

Community members will be needed on Fall and Spring Exhibition days to jury the student work and during the Spring Exhibition to serve as Capstone Review Panel members.

What types of projects will be showcased?

The projects may be **analytical**, ex. original books, essays, displays; **practical**, ex. models, brochures, 3-dimensional constructions; or **creative**, ex. dances, recitations, paintings.

What components will be part of the Capstone projects?

Students completing the Capstone projects in grades 5, 8, and 12 will develop a research paper, a product or performance, a portfolio, and a presentation to be given before a Capstone Review Panel.

How will the students' work be scored?

Community members will judge/jury the student work using common rubrics developed by the MCS Department of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment.

