

Culminating Challenge: Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment Form

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I/we understand that the Culminating Challenge is a graduation requirement established by the Monroe School District for students beginning with the class of 2008. The Culminating Challenge has four components: research paper (completed in Junior English), portfolio, project and presentation. Students must meet minimum standards on each component to successfully meet graduation requirements.

- I/we understand that our student’s failure to meet the standard on any of the four components or failure to meet posted deadlines may jeopardize his/her graduation.

**Parent/Guardian Project Approval**

I/we understand that for his/her project, my student plans to complete the following:

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Culminating Projects must comply with parameters established by the Monroe Public Schools’ Risk Management Pool, federal/state law, and the policies/procedures of the Monroe School District, including those governing religious-related activities. Although students are encouraged to challenge themselves, certain hazardous activities are prohibited. The Monroe School District has the right to reject any project that is judged to be unsafe.

**Guidelines for Students Working with the Community**

I/we also understand that \_\_\_\_\_ will be my student’s Culminating Challenge mentor.

- I/we understand that the Monroe School District in no way verifies the qualifications of the mentor. The Monroe School District requires all mentors to complete a volunteer application and background check. Students may not work with the mentor until receiving approval by the school district.
- The Monroe School District will not provide supervision to the students while he/she is working with the mentor. For safety reasons, parents/guardians should be informed of the following when their student is working with the community:
  - Meeting location
  - (a public place or place of business is advised)
  - whom they are meeting
  - estimated timeframe and when he/she will return
  - purpose for the meeting
  - transportation plans

**Costs**

The Monroe School District is not responsible for expenses incurred during the Culminating Challenge. While projects may require some expenses, students are encouraged to develop an accurate estimate of costs and a guaranteed source for those funds.

- I/we understand that for his/her project, my student anticipates the cost to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ and has the funding available to cover this cost.

**How to Assist with the Culminating Challenge**

Parents and community members are often interested in participating in the Culminating Challenge experience. This could include, serving on a presentation panel and/or mentoring students (non-relatives). The Culminating Challenge website will have information as to how parents and community members may contribute.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_