Capital Prep Harbor Leveraging Student Voice to Change the World

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Mission

The *mission* of **Capital Preparatory Schools**, the network designed to change the world through social justice and affective supports, is to ensure that all historically disadvantaged students graduate with the college and career readiness skills needed to become responsible and engaged citizens for social justice. Capital Prep will do so by offering a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, project-based learning, and multi-pronged affective and social justice activities.

Vision

We know attaining a college degree is a trajectory-changing milestone. Less than half of children who grow up in the bottom 20% of the income distribution do not attain a college degree and will not escape poverty as adults; however, 9 out of 10 children who attain a college degree will move up the economic ladder out of poverty. Our school will transform our students into scholars by being relentlessly focused on our mission every minute of every day. Capital Prep will ensure that 100% of our scholars are accepted to and prepared for college by the end of their tenure.

Learner Expectations

- (C) ollaborator
- (P) roblem Solver
- (R) esearcher
- (E) mpathetic Citizen
- (P) illar of Knowledge





Student Voice

Student Voice is student input or leadership in instruction, school structures, or education policies that can promote meaningful school wide change.

Student Voice can impact education systems, practice, and/or policy by empowering students as change agents, often working in partnership with adult educators.



Why We Need Student Voice

Produces collaborative learning environments
Often decreases behaviour and classroom management issues

.... Inquiry based learning!

.... Increased the depth and breadth of knowledge

Student Voice allows students to...

- Gain knowledge that allows them to help themselves and their peers
- Engage in school improvement and take ownership in school successes
- Help sustain school improvement efforts
- Helps students apply what they learn in the classroom to their own lives and to their communities



Student Voice: Senior Social Justice Project

"We will... change the world...

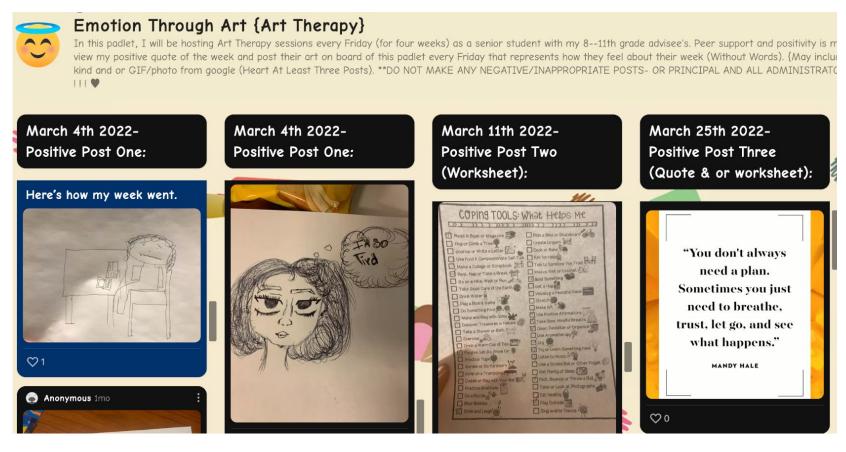
Because... WE ARE CAPITAL PREP"



Capital Prep's Definition of Social Justice

Capital Prep Harbor School defines Social justice as the *equitable* distribution of access to *information*, *political and economic resources*. A Capital Preparatory School scholar identifies, analyzes, and addresses *disparities* in access to *resources* and *opportunities*.

Capital Prep Harbor School defines Social Injustice as the *unequal* access to information, or distribution of political or economic resources based on *social identification* of a *marginalized group* such as race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, sex, ethnicity, ability, class.



What is the "Social Justice Project"?



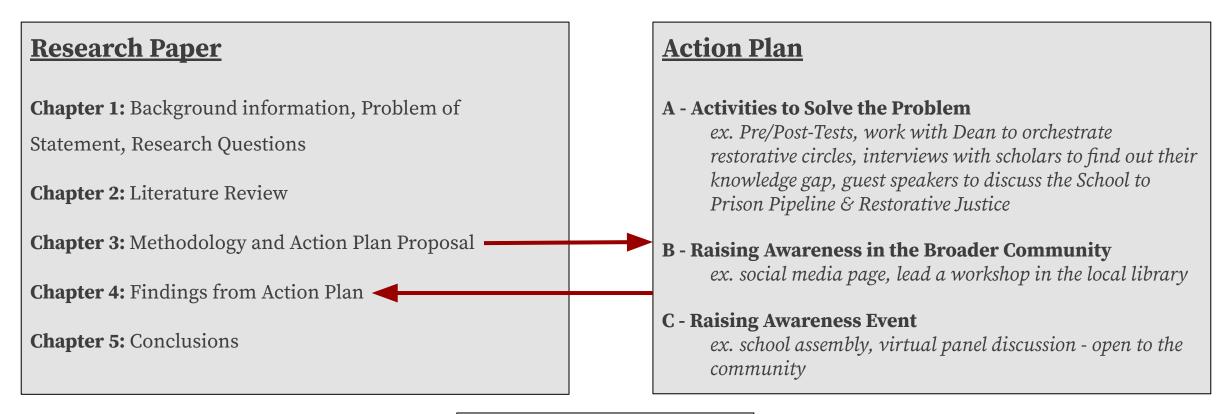
The Social Justice Project or SJP is a performance based task where Seniors (12th) will demonstrate their ability to question, research, lead, act, present, and reflect in order to confront a social injustice in their community.

The Social Justice Project will be <u>evidence</u> of a scholar's ability to fulfill the mission of Capital Preparatory Harbor School and is a <u>graduation</u> <u>requirement</u>.

- 1. Identify a social justice problem in the community.
- 2. Create an informed "Social Justice Action Plan."
- 3. Conduct activities that will attempt to solve the problem.
- 4. Raise awareness in the school community.
- 5. Analyze data/results throughout the project.



What are the components of the "Social Justice Project"?



Panel Presentation



Roles in the Senior Social Justice Project

Scholars:

- Identify a social justice problem in the community.
- Create an informed "Social Justice Action Plan."
- Conduct activities that will attempt to solve the problem.
- Raise awareness in the school community.
- Analyze data/results throughout your project.
- Present Findings to school community and stakeholders.

Illuminators/Advisors:

- Regular progress monitoring check-ins and advisement
- Collaborate with scholars to conduct activities that will attempt to solve the identified problem
- Participate and provide feedback for final panel presentation

Administrative/Deans:

- Regular progress monitoring check-ins with Illuminators
- Collaborate with scholars, Illuminators, and facilities in order to organize Social Justice Action Plan
- Schedule, participate, and provide feedback for final panel presentation





Student Experience: Senior Social Justice Project

Lack of Knowledge Regarding the Immigration Process

(Kemsly Gelin c/o 22')Essential Question: How can an advocacy group improve the lack of knowledge on the issues that immigrants face regarding access to resources?

Why did I choose this topic?

How will my project impact my community?

Action Plan?











Student Experience: Senior Social Justice Project

The Sexual Harassment and Trafficking of Minority Women and Children

(Brianna Walker c/o 22') Essential Question: How can a sexual harassment awareness seminar improve the lack of knowledge on sexual harassment and defense techniques among minority women and teens?

Why did I choose this topic?

How will my project impact my community?

Action Plan?











Student Experience: Before the Senior Social Justice Project

Aiden Henry 11th Grade



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Limitations & Challenges

Assignment Completion

- Family contact and involvement
- Advisory support
- Saturday Office Hours
- Winter Panels (Mid-Point)

Motivation & Time Management

- Town Halls
- Assemblies

Stakeholder Engagement

- Community organizations
- Community fair



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