

# Senior Defense Checklist

## Artifacts

- ☐ Choose Quality Artifacts. These include products of learning that you are proud of and matter to you, align with or exceed grade level, and connect to real world issues.
- ☐ Add 2 Quality Artifacts to each Skill Folder. Log in to your school Google account. Click on Google Apps (looks like a waffle), select "more," select the Backpack app. You may place artifacts in more than one folder. So, you will have at least 2 artifacts total, but up to 12 (or more, if you want). Most students will need at least 5 artifacts to clearly show their skill range. Use the rubric (on the back) to make sure you meet all the requirements.
- ☐ Complete the reflection component by answering the two alignment questions. These are in the Backpack app, to the right of the assignment image.

## Sample Backpack

Success Skills	Artifacts
Prepared and Resilient Learner	ACT scores that show growth Research paper that proposes a solution to a problem
Globally and Culturally Competent Citizen	Video of cultural dance performance Personal Essay on the importance of caring for a community
Emerging innovator	Science Fair Project Research paper that proposes a solution to a problem
Effective Communicator	Poetry Project Science Fair Project
Productive Collaborator	Noe Middle School Partnership: Teaching Students Spanish Video of cultural dance performance
School Specialty Item	Noe Middle School Partnership: Teaching Students Spanish Science Fair Project

## Defense

- ☐ Plan your presentation. You will sit at a table with two panel members who may be teachers, administrators, or community members. Optional: Create a Google Slides presentation or a "Showcase." We will provide you a Chromebook, or you may bring your own device.
- ☐ Sign up for a defense date on Ms. Lete's door.
- ☐ Present your backpack. Prepare what you will say, but don't be too nervous. We are here to support you, and we look forward to your defense.



# Backpack Rubric | duPont Manual/YPAS

1. Prepared and resilient learner	Quality Score
Demonstrates knowledge of content skills and standards	0 1 2
Applies content knowledge to real world contexts and in interdisciplinary ways	0 1 2
Reflects on successes and challenges and makes appropriate academic, personal and professional goals	0 1 2
Employs organizational and project management skills to achieve academic, personal and professional growth	0 1 2
Sets personal goals for transition readiness, explores post-secondary options and takes steps toward realizing both	0 1 2

2. Global and culturally competent citizen	Quality Score
Explores community and global issues from the perspectives of those most impacted and creates actionable solutions	0 1 2
Employs democratic processes to come to decisions and solutions	0 1 2
Compassionate and empathetic toward others	0 1 2
Promotes a sense of belonging for others	0 1 2
Respects different cultures, perspectives and beliefs	0 1 2

3. Emerging innovator	Quality Score
Employs a sense of curiosity and inquiry; seeks to learn	0 1 2
Asks questions to extend, challenge and clarify the thinking of self and others	0 1 2
Applies a design process (e.g., research, modeling, prototyping, testing) to create new solutions, products and processes	0 1 2
Uses relevant information and feedback to continually improve solutions, products and processes	0 1 2
Takes appropriate risks, and makes adjustments based on successes and failures	0 1 2

4. Effective communicator	Quality Score
Uses appropriate conventions and evidence to convey ideas clearly in writing, verbally, digitally and visually	0 1 2
Adapts message to purpose and needs of the audience	0 1 2
Uses discipline-specific writing conventions, formats and vocabulary to communicate ideas	0 1 2
Uses technology effectively and responsibly	0 1 2

5. Productive collaborator	Quality Score
Works effectively with diverse groups to accomplish a common goal	0 1 2
Gives and receives meaningful feedback	0 1 2
Assumes personal responsibility for team outcomes	0 1 2
Actively listens to understand others' ideas and perspectives	0 1 2

6. School Signature Items	Quality Score
Reflects thoughtfully. Use either the alignment questions in the Backpack App OR the "Reflection Statement" form.	0 1 2
Includes an artifact that you are proud of and that represents an experience particular to Manual/YPAS (e.g., artifacts relating to club leadership, athletic success and growth, academic team participation, school-based service hours, school-wide events [Multicultural Fair, Black History Month]), a school performance, a magnet-specific assignment, a school publication)	0 1 2

<b>Overall Quality Score</b>	____ / 50
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