

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE SPECIAL PROJECT PROPOSALS

The following rubric may be used as a self-reflection tool to help develop the proposal and determine the project's degree of academic rigor.

Project Proposal Sections	Keep Working	Good	Great
Project Description	The description lacks clarity and requires mainly the acquisition of factual knowledge or repetitive skill and practice.	The description indicates who will be involved and what new learning will take place. The project experiences are adequate but could include more variety and depth.	The description clearly identifies the potential for significant learning. Experiences are varied and meaningful for this student and community.
Rationale	The rationale appears to lack personal meaning or relevance to the student's life or educational goals.	Personal interest is evident and the reason is clearly articulated.	It is clear the project builds on the student's personal interest. The potential impact on future goals is evident.
Plan	The plan lacks focus and is missing specific targets/benchmarks for obtaining periodic feedback.	The plan describes major milestones and includes a process for obtaining ongoing feedback on progress.	The plan is detailed and clearly identifies specific targets. The plan includes opportunities for self-reflection, documentation of progress and incorporation of feedback.
Goals and Activities	The goals and activities described do not appear to be student initiated or designed.	The goals and activities are student initiated and designed. Students will develop and apply knowledge, skills and abilities not currently available in their school.	The goals and activities are student initiated and designed. The project is innovative and the outcomes positively impact student and community.
Assessment and Evidence of Learning	It is not evident how the project might be assessed and examples of evidence of learning are minimal.	A description of how the project will be assessed is provided and there are examples of evidence of learning.	The description of how the project will be assessed is robust and there are multiple and varied examples of evidence of learning.