VirtualSC AP Research Student and Parent Agreement

Thank you for your interest in AP Research! AP Research is the second course in the College Board's Capstone Program. Detailed information on the AP Capstone Program can be found on the College Board's AP Capstone Program website (opens in a new window) and the AP Capstone Student Brochure (opens in a new window)

AP Research allows students to explore an academic topic, problem, issue, or idea of individual interest. Students design, plan, and implement a year-long investigation to address a research question. Through the research, they enhance the skills they acquired in the AP Seminar course by learning research methods, employing ethical research practices, and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information. The course culminates in an academic paper of approximately 4,000 to 5,000 words which is accompanied by a performance, exhibit, or product when applicable. Students will present their findings with an oral defense.

As part of this process, students enrolled with Virtual SC AP Research are required to find Expert Advisors who are willing to provide feedback and guidance to students throughout the research process.

Read and agree to the following:

1. AP Research is being provided through an agreement between VirtualSC and each student's school of record during the 2021-22 school year.
2. Students are responsible for adhering to all VirtualSC policies, including the VirtualSC Academic Integrity Policy and Student Code of Conduct.
3. AP Research is a rigorous course and will require a commitment of at least 10 hours a week.
4. AP Research students need reliable access to computers, internet, webcams and microphones to work on their course work.
5. Students will need to find and work with an Expert Advisor.
6. AP Research is a reading and writing intensive course. Students will read, annotate and analyze 20-30 page scholarly articles and write several scholarly essays throughout the course.

Student Signature and Date

Student Print Name

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name