

The I-Search Project for the Alisal Health & Human Services Academy

The I-Search project allows a student to research a topic of substantial historical interest and produce a final paper/presentation that will be evaluated by a Report of Information Rubric. The primary purpose of the I-Search (as opposed to a formal research paper) is to learn about research, and the independent process of finding new ideas.

Requirements for completion of this certificate:

1. The student must prepare a thesis statement for the I-Search topic. The thesis will be in the form of one 8-sentence paragraph discussing the selected topic and contain reason(s) why the topic is important. The thesis paper will also contain a beginning search path (a plan for executing the research).

Verification: Submitted I-Search thesis statement with signature from both student and teacher acknowledging that the plan was submitted.

2. The student will submit an I-Search Progress Report Sheet. This Report Sheet will contain a minimum of one personal interview that provides relevant information to the student's chosen topic.

Verification: Submitted completed I-Search Progress Report Sheet.

3. The student will submit a Library Search Worksheet. The Worksheet will be record of the written material the student has obtained for the I-Search Project.

Verification: Submitted Library Search Worksheet that contains a minimum of three entries.

4. The student will submit an I-Search Learning Log on the progress of the project. All five questions on the log have to be thoughtfully and carefully written out and completed.

Verification: Submitted completed I-Search Learning Log with all questions answered.

5. The student will arrange for and execute an interview with an adult (21+) that is not a relative.

6. The student will submit a final I-search written document discussing the research process and what was learned about the topic. Included with the paper will be a PowerPoint discussion of what was learned to be shared with the class

Verification: Submitted I-Search Interview; submitted written I-Search Paper, orally defend a performance criteria from I-Search Rubric with a PowerPoint presentation.

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