

*Venture Academy Family of Schools*

# Graduation by Exhibition



# **Student Handbook**

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## What is GBE?

GBE stands for Graduation by Exhibition. It is the final requirement for graduation from Venture Academy. It is a process that culminates in a presentation before a minimum four-member panel. This presentation is designed to celebrate the candidate's accomplishments and to demonstrate that they are ready to "Venture into the World".

## Why is it a requirement?

Venture Academy is committed to graduating students who are well prepared to become productive citizens of their communities. GBE is an opportunity to reflect on academic and personal growth; to demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of community citizenship; to articulate goals for the future; to identify personal strengths, passions and interests; and to communicate that they are ready to "Venture into the World". It is also a time for family and friends to share in the celebration.

## Where is the GBE to be held?

Typically, candidates choose to have the presentation in one of Venture Academy's site locations (ex: a teacher's classroom). The advisor will work closely with the candidate to secure the appropriate setting.

## When can I start preparing for my GBE?

Venture Academy high school students may begin to prepare for the GBE process any time during their enrollment. It is meant to be a reflection of a student's school experience and their personal growth.

## What is a benchmark?

Benchmarks are meetings that include the student, advisor, and often the chairperson. They are scheduled according to individual student needs and are designed to measure progress toward development of a quality presentation that demonstrates the student's competency in all criteria.

The Initial Benchmark and Dress Rehearsal must be attended by the GBE chairperson, advisor, and the student.

## When is my final presentation?

Final GBE dates have already been scheduled by the school. Your advisor will communicate your date once the schedule is released. GBEs must be completed on or before your designated date. You can work with your advisor and chair to choose an appropriate time.

Final GBEs will take place February 1st through May 6th. It is your responsibility to be prepared by your assigned date.

## **How long is the GBE?**

There is no established time limit.

## **Can I fail my GBE?**

Students who successfully complete the Dress Rehearsal can expect to “pass” their GBE at the completion of the GBE presentation.

## **Who is on my GBE panel?**

A minimum of four people are on the panel, and these members must be present at the final presentation.

*Note: Each academy may set their own requirements for additional panel members, or a student may choose to have additional panel members.*

The minimum four panel members are:

### 1. An Advisor:

- Chosen by the candidate
- Must be a Venture Academy staff member
- If an advisor other than the Teacher of Record is chosen, they must consult with the candidate’s Teacher of Record during planning.
- Upon being asked by the student to advise them on their GBE, the advisor will contact the chairperson to begin monitoring progress and offering assistance when appropriate
- Responsible for coordinating the GBE process

### 2. A Chairperson:

- Assigned by the school
- A trained Venture Academy staff member familiar with the GBE process
- Ensures all criteria have been met and appropriately demonstrated in the presentation

### 3. A Peer/Student Representative:

- A student in the same age group (ie: high school age) as the graduating senior
- May be a student at Venture Academy or a student from another school

### 4. A Community Representative:

- A representative from the community
- Must be an adult from outside the candidate’s immediate family
- It is the student’s responsibility to contact the community representative

## **What information must be included in my GBE?**

To be a successful GBE candidate you will show that you embrace challenge, think critically, live responsibly, learn infinitely, play passionately, and imagine possibilities. The following set of criteria is designed to help you prepare for your GBE presentation. You may find the guiding criteria useful in preliminary planning when searching for a theme or an appropriate medium for presentation. Keep in mind that GBE is a celebration about who you are, what you know, how you contribute to your community, how you enjoy your life and what you plan to do as you “Venture Beyond”.

The following criteria must be interwoven in your presentation:

### **Embrace Challenge**

- Identifying and reflecting on challenges
- Identifying tools and talents
- Developing and implementing a plan of action

### **Think Critically**

- Evaluating and applying knowledge/skills in a variety of situations and contexts
- Acquiring knowledge necessary to form an educated opinion

### **Live Responsibly**

- Exhibiting and making healthy lifestyle choices
- Identifying community needs
- Serving in the community

### **Play Passionately**

- Playing to learn
- Learning to play
- Balancing lives (work and play)
- Exploring the connection between passion and work

### **Learn Infinitely**

- Realizing the world is a classroom
- Demonstrating continuous progress toward mastery of a core body of knowledge
- Initiating and facilitating their own learning

### **Imagine Possibilities**

and you must answer the question...

### **How will you VENTURE BEYOND?**