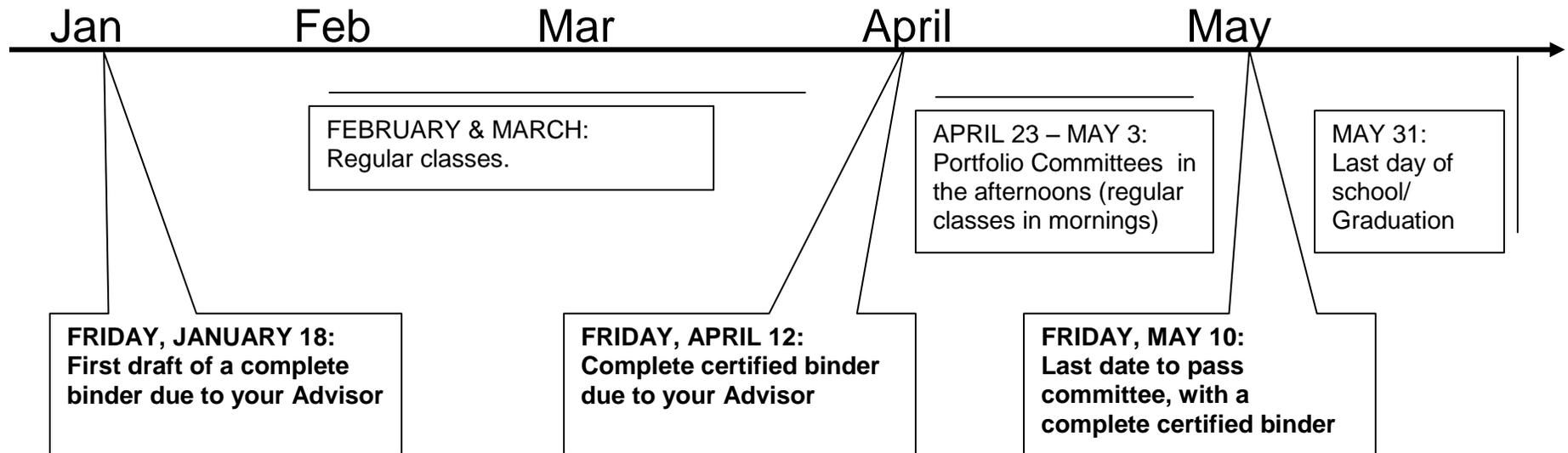


## Portfolios & Masterpieces 2013: What You Need to Know!



### WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT PASS MY COMMITTEE BY THE FINAL DEADLINE OF MAY 10, 2013?

The Portfolio & Masterpiece process is an official JJSE graduation requirement, approved by the SFUSD Board of Education in 2008. All JJSE students must pass in order to graduate and receive a diploma.

**12<sup>th</sup> graders:** If you do not pass your committee by the final deadline, including a complete, certified binder, **you will not graduate on stage. There are no exceptions or extensions for this final deadline.** You may still receive a diploma at a later date if you pass your committee (including a complete, certified binder) and also meet all JJSE/SFUSD course requirements. This will not include an on-stage graduation ceremony.

**10<sup>th</sup> graders:** If you do not pass your committee by this deadline, including a complete, certified binder, you will not move up to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at JJSE, and you must meet with a Co-Director to discuss your academic options.

## **PORTFOLIOS & MASTERPIECES— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ...**

### ***What goes in my portfolio binder?***

Your complete binder includes four certified papers—literary analysis (English), original research (History), scientific research (Science), and math application (Math)—as well as your personal statement (for 12<sup>th</sup> graders) or resume and cover letter (for 10<sup>th</sup> graders).

### ***What does it mean for papers to be certified?***

In 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the standard is 3.0 or above on the grading rubric, with 2.7 as the absolute minimum. In 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the college-ready standard is 3.7 on the rubric, with 3.0 as the absolute minimum.

### ***Who will be on my Portfolio Committee panel?***

Your committee will include your Advisor, your Reader (another JJSE staff member), two other students, a family member you invite, and often an outside community member. All committee members will give you feedback, but only the Advisor and Reader will grade you.

### ***What will happen during my Portfolio Committee?***

10<sup>th</sup> grade Move-Up Committees last 1 hour and include an academic presentation and academic defense. 12<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Committees last 1½ hours and include an academic defense and post-graduation plan. See below for more information.

### ***What is the academic presentation? (10<sup>th</sup> grade only)***

For the academic presentation, you must choose one of your 4 portfolio pieces and do a 15-minute presentation showing your knowledge on the topic. This can include teaching a lesson and/or a power point or poster-type visual aid.

### ***What is the academic defense?***

For the academic defense, you must spend 20-30 minutes answering questions about all 4 of your portfolio pieces. You should be prepared to thoroughly and thoughtfully discuss all elements of these pieces of academic work. (For 12<sup>th</sup> graders: If any of your written portfolio scores are below 3.7, you must explain why and identify academic support plans at the college you will attend next year.)

### ***What is the post-graduation plan? (12<sup>th</sup> grade only)***

For the post-graduation plan, you have 45 minutes to give a presentation which tells the story of you as a JJSE student and where you plan to go next, as well as answer the committee's questions. The committee may interrupt to ask questions at any point in the presentation. Your Advisor will give you more details about the presentation format and content.

### ***How will my committee be graded?***

Committees will be graded using a “pass/no pass” format. Your Reader and your Advisor will give written feedback based on the JJSE Habits of Mind (PROPEL). They will tell you whether you have passed within 24 hours.

### ***How can I get honors?***

To graduate with honors, you must have scores above 3.7 on all written pieces, plus an honors-quality committee. To move up with honors, you must have scores above 3.0 on all written pieces and an honors-quality committee.

### ***What if I don't pass my committee?***

If you do not pass your committee, you may re-present before the final committee deadline, provided you can find a time that is convenient for your Advisor and Reader.