



PROJECT PROPOSAL

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date:** _____

Project Title #1 _____

Relevant Academic Subject(s): _____

Why did you choose this project? _____

Description of Project:

Project Title #2 _____

Relevant Academic Subject(s): _____

Why did you choose this project? _____

Description of Project:

Name of Approved Project: _____ Date: _____

Project Adviser Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

**** SCIENCE STUDENTS MUST ATTACH A COPY OF THEIR PROJECT TO THIS FORM.****



How to Choose an Academic Project

Below is a guide to help our students in choosing an Academic Project. Follow the questions and activities below as part of your initial research for a topic of interest.

1. Start by thinking of areas that interest you:
 - a. What are your hobbies?
 - b. What do you like to read?
 - c. What do you do in your free time when you are not in school?
 - d. What subjects outside of school academics do you find interesting?
 - e. What are your favorite subjects in school?
 - f. What areas have you considered for an internship in high school?
 - g. What do you want to do for work/career when you grow up?
2. From here, start to narrow down what you are passionate about:
 - a. What topic(s) need a real-world solution?
 - b. What topic(s) have practical value?
 - c. What topic(s) are you interested in learning?
 - d. What topic(s) do you have a strong opinion about?
3. Then, begin to research the top one to two topics on google or other search platforms.
 - a. Write down key words or subjects to research. Look for words that describe your topic.
 - b. Then, search using those key words and look for suitable research literature that would help you with your topic choice.
 - c. Look for one or two articles that would help you formulate your topic choice.
4. At this point, you are ready to define your topic(s).
 - a. Draft your top two topic choices in a brief 2-3 sentence statement.
5. If at any point you have questions or need guidance with regards to choosing a topic, email shauna@ccobacademy.com.

** To view guidance on picking an Academic Project, click on the following link. The link below serves as an initial guide to help you in researching your project idea:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXNztCLYgxc>

*** If you are staying with science, then we recommend utilizing www.sciencebuddies.com.



CCA Academic Project Frequently Asked Questions

CCA Academic Project Overview

Over the past ten years, CCA has successfully produced numerous science projects which were presented at the annual school science fair. Many of our students have gone on to compete at regional and state science fairs. As a school, we believe the science projects provide a valuable intellectual experience and serve as a vehicle through which students can demonstrate their research, analytical, writing, and presentation skills, all of which are valuable life skills for students.

Moving forward, *CCA is expanding on the success of the science project with an academic project that will be exhibited at a school academic fair in the fourth term of the year.* **The new CCA Academic Project provides students with an option to choose a science project or another academic project related to a subject area taught at CCA.** This new process allows students to further develop an area of academic interest (science, computer, math, Bible, English, history, foreign language, or government/finance).

The new CCA Academic Project supports the school's mission to provide an exemplary Christian education that instructs and equips students with a biblical worldview. The purpose of this project is to encourage students to further their personal interests within academic areas taught at CCA, thereby, exploring and developing God's purpose in their lives. Throughout the process, students will demonstrate reading, research, technology, and writing skills that will in turn build life skills, such as critical and creative thinking, communication, public-speaking, and decision making. As with previous science projects, the same academic rigor and excellence is expected.

What are the grade level expectations?

- **Sixth Grade Science Project:** Similar to past years, students are required to identify, create and present a science based project.
 - *Sixth grade science project guidelines will be available on the CCA website over the summer months.*
- **Seventh – Twelfth Grade Academic Project:** Students may choose to work on a science project, as they have done previously, or they may explore another topic based on a subject currently taught at CCA.
 - *Seventh – twelfth grade academic project guidelines will be available on the CCA website over the summer months.*

What subject areas can I base my project on?

- Science
- Math
- English
- Foreign Language: Spanish
- History
- Government
- Finance
- Bible
- Computer



CCA Academic Project Frequently Asked Questions, Continued

Can you please provide me an overview of the Academic Project?

- Students will identify a topic they want to investigate and garner approval from their Project Advisor (assigned in September).
- The student will then complete an intensive, fully integrated study of the subject. They will identify, select and evaluate appropriate resources that include books, websites, images, and documents.
- Students will synthesize information and create a research paper.
- From there, students will be required to produce a project. The details of what this project will look like is to be determined with guidance of a Project Advisor designated by the school administration in the Fall.
- Students will present their project at the school's academic fair in the fourth term. Science projects may need to be presented earlier in the year in order to compete in the regional and state science fairs.
- Throughout the project, the student will meet with their Project Advisor and receive a quarterly grade.

What are the details of the project requirements?

1. Projects must be age/grade appropriate. Project Advisor will advise in this area.
2. Projects must be from an area listed in the "Project Subject Area Options".
3. Students must submit two possible projects at the beginning of the school year. Project options must be submitted by **September 7, 2018**.
4. At various intervals, students must submit work to their Project Advisor for a grade:
 - a. Project proposal form to obtain project approval
 - b. Project log/journal (to be determined by Project Advisor)
 - c. Project research sources
 - d. Draft and final research paper
 - e. Draft and final project (or other approved medium)
 - f. Project presentation board (or other approved medium)
 - g. Verbal project presentation in the fourth term of the school year

Will there be in-school support?

- Students will be assigned a Project Advisor by the administration. This advisor will work with the administration to approve the individual projects in early September. Students will have access to a project advisor during regularly scheduled meeting times throughout the school year. At scheduled due dates, all students will be expected to submit various project components to their Project Advisor. Then, the final project will be presented during the academic fair in the fourth term of the year.

Will the project be graded?

- Yes, as with every junior and senior high class, the Academic Project will receive a letter and numerical grade on a quarterly basis.



CCA Academic Project Frequently Asked Questions, Continued

Where should I go to get project ideas?

- If you are staying with science, then we recommend utilizing www.sciencebuddies.com.
- Also, please view the following link for guidance on how to pick a project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXNztCLYgxc>
- Additionally, we have a list of project examples available upon request. These are merely examples to give students an idea of what is possible. We also suggest using google or other search platforms to come up with project ideas. You may contact Shauna Stephenson (shauna@ccobacademy.com) if you have questions.

Is there an Academic Project Timeline?

- Summer: Students are to research project options of their choosing and be prepared to submit two topic ideas by **September 7, 2018**.
- Mid-September: The administration and Project Advisors will approve projects. Students will then be assigned a Project Advisor who will mentor the student throughout the project.
- Mid Term One Through Late Term Three: Students will need to meet deadlines for projects as determined by the school administration and their Project Advisor.
- Term Four: Students will develop and participate in the academic fair.

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