

# TPSP vs AP Research

## Similarities:

- Required written research paper (but guidelines are different, see below)
- End of year presentation
- Work with a mentor – a professional in the field you have chosen to study.
- Topic can be anything you would like to spend a year researching.
- Both are 5.0 classes

## Differences:

- Possible AP credit if you made a 3 or higher in AP Seminar AND pass the paper and presentation required for AP Research.
  - In addition, if a student scores a 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, AND four additional AP Exams, that student will receive the AP Capstone Diploma.
- Research paper for AP Research is 4000-5000 words and follows the format and style of a traditional collegiate research paper and is scored by College Board.
- Research paper for TPSP is a traditional literature review, shorter, but scored by Mrs. Hill.
- AP Research's presentation is to just Mrs. Hill and happens during the day during the first three weeks of April.
- TPSP's presentations are in the evening at Carnegie to a panel of judges at the end of April. The judges are professionals from the community.
- AP Research focuses on original research using the method of choice or design best fitting for your topic and field.
  - You could be conducting surveys, focus groups, or conducting a statistical or content analysis of already existing data.
- In TPSP, your product attempts to solve a real world problem or answer a question. Some examples of successful products in the past:
  - Documentary, an event held off campus (an art show, fashion show, an organized marathon), business plan with an advertising campaign, fashion designs, 3d model of something you have invented or created (a probe designed to explore Mars, a monument, an architectural structure), a water filtration device that is low cost for 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, a new brace for knee injuries, a type of dog toy to help dogs in kennels manage their stress, an original film, and anything else you can think of or desire!

Remember – if you want to create something to solve a real-world problem, TPSP is probably the class for you. If you want to conduct original research to fill a gap you have found within your chose field, AP Research is for you.

**YOU CANNOT TAKE AP RESEARCH WITHOUT FIRST TAKING AP SEMINAR WITH MS. SHIELDS.**

**IF YOU WANT TO TAKE TPSP, YOU DO NOT SIGN UP FOR AP SEMINAR.**

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