**Capstone Project**

***Parent/Guardian Consent/Liability Release Form***

**Dear Parent/Guardian:**

The Hartford Board of Education includes the incorporation of a senior Capstone Experience, which is a “senior demonstration project that offers evidence of mastery of essential skills and knowledge” (State Department of Education**). Therefore, all students at SMSA are required to complete a one credit Capstone Course in order to graduate. Completion of the Capstone requirements is solely the responsibility of the student**. The capstone project allows your student to showcase the skills they have mastered over the past 12 years, and provide them with the opportunity to further challenge themselves through an exciting project of their own design. The following are the required components of the capstone experience:

* Project Proposal
* Research Paper
* Product
* ePortfolio
* Exhibition

Please take some time to discuss the project with your child, and **initial each of the items below** indicating that you have read, and approve each.

\_\_\_\_\_ I approve my student’s project proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that the intent of the Capstone Project is to STRETCH my student to learn and demonstrate new skills and/or knowledge. I agree that my child’s Capstone project will achieve this goal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that much of the work to complete the Capstone Project will be completed outside of school hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **understand that transportation for work related to the Capstone Project is the responsibility of the student or parent.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any costs and risks associated with the Capstone Project are the responsibility of the student or parent.**

**\_\_\_\_\_**  I understand that the Capstone Project and all of its parts are a graduation requirement, and any student who chooses to not use **original work**, and therefore has **plagiarized** or **fabricated**, on any component of their research paper, fieldwork, product, or eportfolio, must complete an entirely new project by the due date, in order to graduate.

**Name of Student (Please Print)**

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**Parent Signature**