Comparing Capstone and Service Learning Options

	Entrepreneurship Experience	Senior Experience	Service Learning	Youth Internship
Overview	• Develop an idea or product for business venture • Create a business plan to illustrate feasibility • Work with school and business mentors • Students must be in 11th or 12th grade	• Make connections between school content and postsecondary/ careers (research) • Become an expert on chosen topic and showcase skills/abilities • Create a product as an extension of research	• Identify a community need or issue • Apply academic and career skills to youth-led service experiences • Develop community partnerships	• Apply classroom learning in a meaningful way • Driven by career goals • Gain experience on-the-job • Students must be at least 16 and in 11th or 12th grade
Required Components	1. Idea or Product 2. Business Plan 3. Portfolio 4. Presentation	1. Research Paper 2. Product 3. Portfolio 4. Presentation	1. Quality Standards of Service Learning (all 9) 2. Learning Component 3. Service Component 4. Product or Presentation	1. Internship 2. Journal 3. Portfolio 4. Presentation & Exit Interview
Course Options/Class Time	Flexible (stand-alone course or built into a course with significant time spent outside of class), typically year-long	Flexible (stand-alone course or built into a course with significant time spent outside of class), typically year-long	Flexible (stand-alone course, school or student organization initiative, built into a course, etc.), typically semester course; 60-75 hours between all required components	Stand-alone course with 75 – 150 hours (depending on credits granted) between the classroom and internship, typically year-long
Assignment Code	**80026**	**80019**	**22104**	**80018**
Credit	½ - 1 credit	½ - 1 credit	½ credit	½ - 1 credit
Teacher Certification	All certified teachers	All certified teachers	7th-12th grade certified teacher or certified school counselor	All certified teachers
Recommended Training	*A capstone experience (work-based learning experience) training is highly recommended for all teachers and school counselors that will be involved in teaching and/or grading any of the capstone experiences.*			

Beginning in school year 2013-14, SD high schools must offer a Capstone Experience (Senior Experience, Youth Internship or Entrepreneurship Experience) OR Service Learning. Not all of the options have to be offered, though a school could choose to offer them all, or several, if they wish. For more information, visit: http://doe.sd.gov/octe/capstone.asp. State graduation requirements can be found at: http://doe.sd.gov/octe/gradrequirements.asp.