

# WRITE AN EXTERNAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE (ELE)

## What is an External Learning Experience (ELE)?

- External Learning is anything you've learned outside of the classroom
- It is a graduation proficiency
- You need to have 60 hours of ELE to finish this proficiency

## How do I get ELE hours?

You type papers about something you've learned outside of school. Your paper needs to describe:

- An experience or situation that happened recently in your life
- When it happened
- How it affected your life
- What you've learned from the experience

## What's the format for my paper?

Your paper must be:

- Typed
- Minimum of 2 pages (double spaced)
- Spell-checked
- Proper grammar
- Complete sentence

## How many hours of ELE do I get for each paper?

That depends. Each paper can range from 5 hours of ELE to 20 hours of ELE. For example:

1. My paper is exactly 2 pages. It is about my day in traffic court. I did a good job, but this didn't really change my life – **you are likely to get awarded 5 hours of ELE**
2. My paper is 5 pages. It is about my 3-month stay at Montview. It describes in detail what I did to get into trouble. It talks about the difficulties I experienced at Montview. It explains the changes I'm making in my life so I never have to go back – **you are likely to get awarded 20 hours of ELE.**

## Who determines how many hours of ELE I get per paper.

Your family teacher determines this.

## When can I write an ELE?

You can write an ELE any time. It must be done before you graduate. Don't save it until the end.

## I don't know what to write about? Help!

Think about something difficult or challenging that has happened in your life recently. Brainstorm a list. Pick the one that you think has had the most impact on your life. List the things you've learned from that experience. Write your paper.

Some topics to consider: drug abuse, probation, court experiences, pregnancy, injuries, foster homes, moving, being homeless, losing a job, finding a job, difficulties with family members, difficulties with friends, etc.