Dear Fellow Supervisors of the Extended Essay:

There are new guidelines for the Extended Essay (EE) for 2018 and beyond. Here is the link: <https://ibpublishing.ibo.org/extendedessay/apps/dpapp/index.html?doc=d_0_eeyyy_gui_1602_1_e&CFID=1058173&CFTOKEN=21649705&jsessionid=bc30a267837dadefbfa04c7a5a4d5e76d1e3>

The above link is found on the online.ibo.org website under the extended essay tab.

The process of supervising is similar to what we have done in the past. Go the guidelines for the specific subject area and use the criteria to help shape the advice that you provide the student. The criteria for grading has been streamlined.

Additionally, six out of the thirty-four possible points are earned from the completion of the Reflection on Planning and Progress Form (RPPF) which is submitted with the extended essay (replacing the supervisor report that was on the inside cover of the ee)

Here is the link: <http://xmltwo.ibo.org/publications/DP/Group0/d_0_eeyyy_gui_1602_1/Forms/RPPF_e.pdf>

This form consists of three entries that students write, totaling no more than 500 words, reflecting on the process of selecting, researching, thinking, and writing about their selected topics. Additionally, there is a place for you, as the supervisor, to comment on the student’s work, as before (does not count toward 500 word limit).

I will have the students write drafts for each of these sections as assignments, which they can then edit after meeting with you. They should meet with you three times or more (at the beginning of the process, to review the final draft, and for a final reflection (vive voce) about the whole process).

Most schools provide hourly pay to IB supervisors for this process (three to five hours per student). This is something that the QHHS administration should support.

So, in summary, the product is similar to what we have always done. Use the subject area guidelines. The RPPF is a new form that students will bring to you for you to initial (electronic is fine) after each meeting, and for you to complete the supervisor form, and then email to me (sreti@avhsd.org).

As before, the deadline for the rough draft for students is at the beginning of the fall semester (August 11) and final drafts are due by Halloween. Please email the RPPF, with your supervisor form, before Thanksgiving week.

And, one other note, don’t use the name of the student in your comments . . . When you send the form to me as an attachment, make the file name: name of student extended essay RPPF. I will keep a record of it, and rename it for uploading purposes.

Suggestions for discussions for RPPF form

First Reflection (draft, 150 words): For the first reflection, discuss some or all of the following issues:

What is your research question? What IB subject area does it fall under? Why are you motivated to study this question? What epistemologies (ways of knowing) are you using to study the question? How would you describe the progress that you are making? What is going well? What challenges are you facing? How can we as a school be of help?

Early in Process

Second Reflection (draft, 150 words): For the second reflection, discuss some or all of the following:

To what extent have you answered your research question? Are there ways that the scope or methods employed to address the question need some revision? Do you have a clear conclusion that is well-supported by your research? What strategies of research to have been particularly helpful? Has your work changed your perspectives or views on the subject?

After some work with a Draft

Third Reflection, (draft, 200 words): For the third reflection, discuss some or all of the following:

To what extent has your thinking been confirmed or changed about your chosen topic as a result of your research? What did you learn about the research and writing process? How might different research strategies change the conclusions that emerge? What improvements in research and writing strategies do you suggest for yourself for similar work in the future? What did you learn about yourself as a consequence of working on this extended essay?

After the Final Draft has been completed

Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,

Steve Reti