**2019-20 12th Grade J. Graham Brown School**  
**North Star Defense Rubric**

**Student:** _____________________________  
**Panelist:** ______________________

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Passing the Defense is not determined by any single artifact, score or grade. Passing the defense should be determined by multiple data points and sources. Please discuss your findings with the student.*

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<td>26-30</td>
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<td>20-25</td>
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<td>10-19</td>
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<td>0-9</td>
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**Scoring Guidelines for each Section:**

- 2 points: Student fully and consistently demonstrated the criteria.
- 1 point: Student [partially or inconsistently](#) demonstrated the criteria.
- 0 points: The student [did not](#) demonstrate the criteria.

### Success Skills (8 points possible)

**Artifacts could represent the application of science, social studies, practical living and the arts in addition to Math and ELA**

- **Productive Collaborator (2 points)**
  - In addition to working well with diverse groups, gives and receives meaningful feedback
  - "Listens to others’ perspectives, takes responsibility for team outcome"

- **Effective Communicator (2 points)**
  - Uses correct grammar and appropriate voice and tone, able to adapt the message
  - Effective use of technology (digital backpack) and other visuals, connecting them to his/her discussion points

- **Emerging Innovator (2 points)**
  - Can apply a design process, revise with feedback, takes risks
  - Employs curiosity, asks questions to challenge thinking

- **Globally and Culturally Competent Citizen (2 points)**
  - Investigates community/global issues from a different point of view
  - Promotes a sense of belonging, respecting different cultures/beliefs, empathetic,

**Total** /8

**Notes:**

### Prepared and Resilient Learner (8 points possible)

**Students must include the following items in order to meet the Prepared and Resilient Learner Skill**

- The student should reflect on the most current ACT/SAT scores for both reading and math. If the student is below the norm in math or reading (MAP) and/or has not met Transition Ready benchmarks, an acceleration plan must be attached for each clearly showing when and how the student will catch up. Students do **NOT** have to reveal exact scores (1 pt. Reading, 1 pt. Math)

- Student-generated goals & a thoughtful reflection on organizational and project management in meeting or exceeding goals. If not, what will help make sure this happens? (2 pts.)

- At least one artifact for **both** literacy and numeracy demonstrating command of 12th grade ELA and Math standards. (4 pts.)

**Total** /8
### POST SECONDARY PLAN: (6 points possible)

Senior Year/Graduation Defenses must include, in addition to those items listed above, a post-secondary plan. Evidence MIGHT include the following:

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<td>Meet college readiness benchmarks OR 500 hours of exceptional work experience OR Complete a Career Pathway</td>
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### Speaking and Presentation Skills (8 points possible)

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<td>Poise - Uses professional body language (eye contact, confident posture)</td>
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<td>Voice - speaks clearly and loudly</td>
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<td>Language - uses professional and academic language</td>
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<td>Presentation - Well-organized, flowing in a logical manner with thoughtful responses to panelists' questions and comments</td>
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**Total Score for ALL Sections: _________**

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### PANELIST FEEDBACK

What were the strongest aspects of the defense?

Which artifacts best represent the student's strengths?

What would make the defense even better?

Additional comments: