Newark High school sophomore Kylie Lewis has always loved to draw, but never really took her artistic side seriously until her freshman year when she took James Zeger’s Media Arts class at Newark High School.

It didn’t take long for Zeger to recognize her abilities in drawing and design.

“It came so naturally to her, especially at her young age. She’s very talented,” he said.

So when Zeger was approached at the end of last school year by Newark Central School District Instructional coach Robin Uveges, who is also a member of the team charged with creating district-wide behavioral expectations, to have one of his students design a new behavioral logo he thought of Lewis right away.

Zeger asked Lewis if she was interested in the project and she enthusiastically agreed.

And during two weeks in July, she worked at the school with Zeger to develop an initial sketch the team would consider that encompassed its specifications to incorporate the district’s red fox mascot and distinctive maroon and gray “N.”
Once the team approved the sketch, Zeger photographed it and uploaded the file into his Ipad. Using “Procreate” digital illustration software, Lewis then refined and enhanced her drawing. And finally the words, in the logo _Safe, Respect, Responsibility and Community_ were added to the logo in Adobe Photoshop.

The rest is history.

The new logo is on display on signs in all five NCSD schools and in other areas to help raise awareness of the district-wide behavioral expectations.

It’s hoped it will eventually be employed in other ways, perhaps, on employee lanyards and apparel and other promotional items.

And Lewis, who has been receiving lots of complements on her design, shyly said she considers it to be an “honor” to have her work on display to the degree that it is. “I’m glad,” she said.

Besides the recognition, she will be credited some of her required 20-hour NHS Capstone Project community service hours for graduation.