

COLLEGE/CAREER RESEARCH PROJECT

Project Instructions:

The purpose of this assignment is to explore a career field of interest, explore a post-secondary school, and to understand the expenses associated with college / post-secondary school. Your task is to answer all of the questions listed below. Keep in mind that you need to use full sentences when answering the questions. All work must be typed and double spaced. Your work must be submitted to your SLC elective teacher by the end of the first week of school. This assignment will count as a grade in your elective class.

A. Cover Page

You must include a cover page with your name and official class. It should also name the career and college you've chosen. Please add a picture or logo of the college/post-secondary school

B. Career Research – Think of a job that you are interested in and answer the following questions.

- 1. What is your chosen career and why?
- 2. What they do: In your own words, write a general description of what a person who has this career does.
- 3. What to learn: What high school courses should you take if you are interested in this career? How much post-secondary education do you need for this career?
- 4. Money and Outlook: Discuss the earning potential, entry wage, average wage an experienced salary (if given), and the employment outlook and growth rate.
- 5. Employment: What industries employ people in this career field?
- 6. Connections: List associations or internet sites that would be of interest to the person in this career field.



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C. College/ Post-secondary School Research - Choose a college/post-secondary school that has majors geared towards your chosen career.

- 1. Vital information: Name and address of the school, phone number, and website.
- 2. Statistics: Include the population of the city where the school is.
- 3. Tuition Expenses: Include tuition costs for both state residents versus non- residents.
- 4. Other Expenses: Cost for room and board; estimated prices for textbooks, food not covered by the meal plan, and spending money.
- 5. Estimated Total Costs: Add together items # 4 and #5 to arrive at the total cost for completing one-year college (or an entire certificate program.) Do this for both resident and non-residents. Multiply this by four to estimate completion of four years of college.
- 6. Admission Requirements: Include GPA, High School courses required or recommended and minimum scores for ACT or SAT. Required admission procedures and costs like application fee, student essay, letters of recommendation, deadline dates, etc.
- 7. Student Demographics: Average freshman GPA, Graduation rate, Include student profile data and population, male/female ratio, resident/non- resident ratio, undergrad/graduate ratio, student/faculty ratio.
- 8. Campus life: Include student activities, sororities/fraternities, clubs, sports, etc.

D. List of Pro's and Con's

List three pros and cons each of your career and college choices.

Grading

You will be graded using the following criteria:

Cover Page (10 points)

Career Research (35 points)

College/Post-secondary Research (35 points)

Pro and Con Lists (20 points)