

**Foothills Education Charter High School Tools For College (updated Nov. 2017)**

**In this course, you will explore career, college, and life skills through a series of activities. Take thorough notes on this sheet, and use the links provided. This course guide is available on the [www.foothillscharter.org/departments/student\\_services/](http://www.foothillscharter.org/departments/student_services/) link.**

- I. Interest Profiler.** Go to link [HERE](#). Click “Next” to complete the interest inventory, and list your top 3 qualities, along with the score for each.

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Read about these three qualities with the web links provided. What about yourself do you think produced these cluster results?

- II. Using the same website, move forward using the “next” button to explore three “Job Zones”. Once you have selected the level of preparation necessary, use the weblinks to explore three of the jobs that were listed based on the qualities found in your Interest Profile above. Note: you have to click on the “caps” within the Education Level links to find details about the education level required for that job.**

1. Job #1

Career	
Education Level Required:	
Annual Salary – use the median income listed on top of the income graphic.	
Aspects of this job that look interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

2. Job #2

Career	
Education Level Required:	
Annual Salary – use the median income listed on top of the income graphic.	
Aspects of this job that look interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

3. Job #3

Career	
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Education Level Required:	
Annual Salary – use the median income listed on top of the income graphic.	
Aspects of this job that look interesting...	
Aspects of this job that might not be so fun....	

**III. Occupation Filter.**

Having this additional information, which occupation listed seems MOST interesting to you?

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What aspects of this career do you think is attracting you the most?

Would it make a difference if the income level of these was different (would some other careers seem more appealing if they paid more)?

Would it make a difference if the level of education required was different?

**IV. “College Credit Now”**

Read about the new Move On When Ready program [HERE](#). This program allows high school students to earn college credit FOR FREE!

Do you think this is a program you would be interested in exploring? Why or why not? What areas of study or colleges might be a good fit for you (think about the careers that you explored above)?

**V. College Search**

Based on your needs, find two Colleges you might consider [HERE](#) by using either the “College Type” or “Location” search features, and list them below:

	School #1	School #2
School Name		
In State Tuition		
School Contact Information (address, phone #)		
School Webpage		

**IX. Identify Your Next Steps**

- A. What is your target date for graduation? How many credits (Carnegie Units) do you currently have?
- B. What skills do you currently have that you believe will help you in a career field that you identified above?
- C. What skills or knowledge do you still need to develop for success in that field?
- D. Would you like to job-shadow someone locally who has that career, or find an internship in that area?
- E. What are your thoughts about going to school for the time required for this career? Is it something you could manage?
- F. What school(s) are you most interested in attending? What do you need to apply for this school (you may need to check the school's website or discuss this with your Career Specialist)? Have you looked at requirements for completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that all students must complete prior to college admission?
- G. What entrance exam(s) does this school require? Have you taken it, or registered to take it?
- H. What other help do you need in pursuing this career/education goal?

**X. Reality Check**

Visit the "Reality Check" Calculator [HERE](#) and respond to the questions asked about your spending habits and lifestyle plans.

How much would you need to make per hour to support this lifestyle?

How much per week?

What level of education does the website indicate is necessary to earn this much?

What are five ways you imagine your needs will be different at age 30 than they are now?