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Career and College Research Paper Rubric (40 points)

**Must List (or grade is a zero)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Typed in MLA format (with parenthetical citations and a works cited page)

\_\_\_\_\_ Errors that spellcheck/grammar check would’ve identified have been edited out

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO copying and pasting allowed**! Research from websites must be paraphrased and weaved into your own sentences and then properly cited. Avoid direct quotes. If you can’t, make sure direct quotes have quotations marks and are short (no more than one line).

\_\_\_\_\_ Turned in on due date DUE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If the “must have” list is satisfied, here’s how you will earn your 40 points:**

\_\_\_\_\_MLA format (10 points) - spacing, font, punctuation, citations, and works cited are proper

\_\_\_\_\_Content (20 points) – all content from rubric (see below) is included

\_\_\_\_\_Sentence Structure (10 points) sentence structure errors do not detract

**Paragraph 1** – Indicate your career choice and/or area of study. It’s okay to be undecided about a specific career, but at this point you should have an idea which career path (social sciences, business, science, computers, etc) you’d like to pursue beyond high school. Indicate how the interest inventories from Michigan CAP correlated to your choice. Indicate your best ACT score and current GPA. How did you arrive at this career choice or area of study?

**Paragraphs 2, 3,4** – Where can I get the education/degree/certificate I need to get the job I want?

These paragraphs should provide **ALL** of the following school specific information for 3 schools:

* name, location, and distance from home
* public or private
* cost per credit hour (NOT total costs per year!)
* housing cost per semester (if you plan to live away from home)
* size (both size of campus and number of students)
* setting (city, suburban, rural)
* retention rate (how many kids actually stay and graduate)
* freshman ACT and GPA range
* level of difficulty to get admitted (admission rating)
* name of the degree you will be pursing at this school
* number of credits for this degree
* calendar (semesters or trimesters)
* will anyone else accept credits from this school?
* what will it take to gain admittance into your program of study (college of engineering, education, nursing, etc).

You will not find all the information you need on Michigan CAP or the individual school’s websites. Carefully research costs, retention rates and ease transferring credits. If your plan is to start at a community college and then gain admittance to a university, indicate information on transfer requirements.

**Paragraph 5** – What’s your plan? Analyze the data and demonstrate your thinking. Given all the information, where will you apply for admittance during College Application Week (first week in November)?