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## ***Career Exploration Paper***

- For this project, you will apply problem solving strategies to explore possible career interests.
- You will read and analyze different sources of career data such as average employment, job growth or decline, and any changes within the career.
- You will research 2 career fields based on your results from your MyRoad Personality Inventory, Life Values Inventory, and Career Interest Inventory.
- After considering all of your findings, you will write a one-page summary on your top career choice.

### **Scoring Rubric:**

Scores will be based on a scale ranging from 0 to 5.

5 = Exceeds Expectations

4 = High Quality

3 = Satisfactory

2 = Approaching

1 = Minimum

0 = Does Not Meet

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Score</b>
<i>Career Interest Inventory</i>	Completed the interest inventory completely, accurately, and thoughtfully.	
<i>Life Values Inventory</i>	Completed the values inventory completely, accurately and thoughtfully.	
<i>Research</i>	Student completed research thoroughly and accurately on 2 different careers. Worksheets are done in entirety with thought and purpose (Guiding Questions, 2 Research Worksheets).	
<i>Career Paper</i>	Paper is complete and well thought out, organized and relevant using the "Guiding Questions" worksheet. Essay is one page long, 12 point font, double spaced, Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins (do not put student name/date/block information on paper).	
<i>Submission</i>	Entire assignment, worksheets, and paper are submitted by the deadline.	
<b>Total Score</b>		<b>/30</b>

## Research Worksheets

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## **Guiding Questions**

After completing your research on the two careers, select one (your top choice) to write your summary paper. Answer the questions on this worksheet, and then use your responses as a guide to formulate your paper. Remember, paper should be one page long (do not include your heading information name/date/class/title/etc.), Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, double spaced.

**Which career responsibilities are the most interesting to you? Why?**

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**What kind of work environment would you prefer? Why? How do your inventories (values/career) impact your possible career choice?**

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**Which career that you researched has the higher salary? Is that important to you? Is “quantity of life” more important to you than the “quality of life”? Or is it the other way around?**

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**Which job requires the type and amount of training you would prefer (i.e. 4 year college degree, 2 years of training, on-the-job training, etc.)?**

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**After considering these points, your research, your inventories, and anything else you have learned, which career interests you the most?**

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**Which academy would you choose and what classes at KSM would help best prepare you for this career?**

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