

FAMILY College Research Project  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Due Tuesday 11/18

1. In class, you told me what you wanted to be when you grew up. Your first step is to work with your family to determine the type of degree plan you will need to earn and what course of study you will need to pursue to reach your career goal.
2. The next step is talk to your family about other important things you might look for when choosing a college. Together, come up with three to five things that are important to you in choosing a college such as location, sports, degree plan, academic standing, etc. Be specific. For example, if location is important to you, then what about location is important, near to home, far from home, near a beach, etc. If a sport is important to you, what sport?
3. Choose a college to research. **Remember, the number one thing in choosing a college to research is "Do they have the course of study that you are interested in?"** Just because you like the Red Raiders, is Texas Tech the best place for you to study for your career goals?
4. **Important Note:** Not all careers involve attending college. Some require career and technical schools and others may require the military. It is PERFECTLY ok to choose a career and technical school or branch of the military to research.
5. Be prepared to tell the class ***which college, university, career and technical school, or branch of military that you chose and why.*** You do not have to do a written report on your choice, but you can prepare note cards if you like. ***This project is different from your first, second, and third grade projects. I want to know which college you chose and why it was the best college for you, not just facts about the college. Make your presentation informative and interesting.***
6. You will also need to create some kind of visual to show us some things you learned about the college you chose. ***Your visual (handout, brochure, advertisement, catalog, newspaper article, collection, etc.) should include information that was important to you when choosing your college.***

I will be grading the following:

- **Effort:** Does your project show that you put forth GT quality effort? Did you try to be interesting and informative? Did you really think about what you want in a college and find out which college was best for you?
- **Visual:** Is it appealing to look at and does it show information about the college, did you challenge yourself, is it GT quality?
- **Presentation:** Did you tell the class which college you chose and why? PLEASE practice your presentation at home. I do not want you standing in front of the class reading a report. I want you talking to the class about the college. I'm looking for you to be prepared.

**Please note:** If I am giving you several weeks to do a project, it means that it will take you some time to complete it and you will need to spend a little time each week. Do not procrastinate. Make a plan now for how you and your family will get this assignment completed. ***This is a family project as I hope to generate conversations about college that will continue for many years to come.*** Previous GT families have really enjoyed this project. Also, please do not just print things off of the internet and/or paste information from college brochures. You can use these as sources of information and pictures, but you will need to put what you learned in your own words for your visual. This is good research practice for intermediate school and beyond. Please do not hesitate to ask questions as you get started on this project.