

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Grade: _____

Post-Secondary: Interest and Choices

Directions: After speaking the student, check yes or no as it applies to each item. Record comments or observations related to the student’s performance on each item.

Educational Interest

DOES THE STUDENT	Yes	No	COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS
1. Understand the importance of graduating from high school?			
2. Have any plans after finishing high school?			
3. Have any goals after finishing high schools?			
4. Understand the post-secondary education goals on his/her IEP?			
5. Identify who he/she has spoken to or worked with about possible options/goals for after high school (family/teacher/counselor/friends)?			
6. Know what education options are available after high school?			
7. Know where to look for information about post-secondary education options?			
8. Know what the entrance requirements are for different post-secondary education options?			
9. Know what classes are needed to prepare for post-secondary options?			
10. Know what the demands and responsibilities are for each post-secondary option?			
11. Understand what accommodations and adaptations will be needed to be successful in a post-secondary setting?			
12. Understand what services are available for students with disabilities in different post-secondary settings and how to obtain them?			

Career Interest

	CIRCLE ONE	
1. Do you prefer to work alone or with others?	Alone	With others
2. Do you prefer a career that would require you to do a lot of standing or walking or one that would allow you to sit?	Standing/Walking	Sit
3. Do you prefer to try new tasks or to do the same task?	New	Same
4. Do you enjoy doing a task or directing other people on how to do it?	Doing it	Directing others
5. Do you prefer to work outdoors or indoors	Outdoors	Indoors
6. Do you prefer to work where it is quiet or where it is noisy?	Quiet	Noisy
7. Is it more important to you to earn a lot of money or to help others	Earn money	Help others
8. Do you like a career that you can always do at the same rate or one that you may need to do very quickly	Same rate	Quickly
9. Do you prefer to share your ideas by talking or by writing	Talking	Writing
10. Do you prefer a career that requires a lot of physical energy or one that requires a lot of thinking?	Physical energy	Thinking
11. Do you prefer a career in which you might get a dirty or one that requires a lot of thinking?	Might get dirty	Stay neat and clean
12. Do you remain clam when you have several tasks to do at one time or do you work best when you have only one task to do at a time?	Several tasks	One task
13. Do you prefer to work with tools or with numbers?	Tools	Numbers
14. Do you prefer to work regular hours or to work hours that vary	Regular	Vary

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from day to day?		
15. Do you prefer to work day shift or the night shift?	Day	Night
16. Would you prefer to work with people to work with objects?	People	Objects
17. Do you prefer to work with people or to work with objects?	People	Objects
18. Would you prefer to make something or to see something?	Make	Sell
19. Do you prefer to plan how a task is to be done or to have others plan and organize it?	I plan	Others plan
20. Would you prefer a career that requires a lot of training to develop skills or one that requires little training?	A lot of training	Little Training

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Career Choices

Directions: Student(s) can complete the questionnaire after researching your career choice. Answer each question by writing the information in the blank. If additional space is needed, use the back of the sheet to write your answers or on another sheet of paper.

Career Choice: _____

1. In what career are you most interested?
2. Which of your hobbies or experiences are related to this career?
3. What personal characteristics and abilities do you have that might help you succeed in this career?
4. What are the education and training requirements for this career?
5. How much will it cost to prepare for this career?
6. How much time will it take to prepare for this career?
7. Is the amount of income/pay usually earned by people in this career enough to meet your financial needs?
8. How much money can you expect to earn after you have been working in this career for five years?
9. What opportunities are predicted for this career in the next ten years?
10. Would you enjoy spending time with the type of people who usually work in this career?
11. How do the opportunities for

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employment in this career
compare with opportunities in
other careers that you might
consider?

12. What extra training will
probably be required to succeed
in this career?

13. What demands of this career
may affect your personal life?
(ex. frequent moves, night work,
work hazards, etc.)

14. Where is this kind of work
usually found or located?

15. What factors help people in this
career to succeed and advance?

16. What factors cause people in
this career to fail or get fired?

17. What are the working conditions
of the career that you think you
like?

18. What are the working conditions
of the career that might not
like?

19. In what way do you think this
career will help you accomplish
your goals in life?

20. What source can provide you
with helpful materials and
information about this career?

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Job Search on the Internet

The internet is a useful source of information for exploring career and job opportunities. The websites below will assist you in matching your skills to the occupations you are interested in.

O*NET-Occupational Information Network – <http://online.onetcenter.org>

America's Career InfoNet – <http://www.acinet.org>

Career Interest websites can be helpful to know what your interests are. You may wish to take a career assessment survey to gain insight regarding your interests – <http://ncsu.edu/careerkey/>

Additional websites to explore:

BestJobsUSA.com – <http://bestjobsusa.com>

CalJOBS – <http://www.caljobs.ca.gov>

Student jobs.gov – <http://www.studentjobs.gov>

Questions for the Person Centered Plan

Format #1

1. Who is _____?
2. What are the things you are good at?
3. What do you like to do in your free time?
4. Where do you want to live? What type of place do you want to live in?
5. What types of jobs have you had? What type of jobs do you want to do?
6. What are your dreams for your future?
7. Do you have any nightmares?
8. Who are your support people? (home, school, work)

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