



Post-High School Options and Which Direction is Best for Me

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There is a problem with how post-high school options are presented in the United States. Despite the fact that many other nations encourage students to “follow their own pathway,” which includes trade school, American high school students are told that “no child should be left behind” and thus every student should be ready to attend a 4-year college. This negatively impacts American students, because 4-year college is not right for everyone. Therefore, a study of post high school options is needed to provide students with alternatives to a 4-year plan.

After completing self-interest surveys, volunteering for a company, and researching career options based on my learning style, I know what direction is best for me. As a senior, I plan to take more hands-on learning classes and get a job outside of school. After high school, I am considering either enrolling in a certification program through Foothill College or going directly into a job in the construction industry.

In the Multiple Intelligence survey, I learned that I am self-smart and body movement and spatial smart, which means that I get most interested in classes where I can learn about myself. These strengths mean that I could choose a career in plumbing or carpentry, which is great because I enjoy spending my time working with my hands. Finally, I have decided that for my first few years after high school, I will go to a trade school to learn a trade, because this will make me more employable and give me connections in the field.

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