

Thousand Oaks High School Majors Checklist

Participation in the Majors is open to <u>all</u> TOHS students. Those who wish to earn special recognition at graduation* will complete the following:



Ongoing	Active participation a minimum of two years from 10 th – 12 th grade (MUST include senior yr.)	Inform Mr. Harris (D2) if you wish to change majors at the start/end of the school year. You do <u>not</u> need to reapply each year. Students who fully participate 10 th , 11 th and 12 th grades in Majors will be recognized in the program, and on the certificate, as graduating with " <i>Distinction</i> ".
	Check email REGULARLY	Inform Mr. Harris of any change in your email address. Communications about meetings, field trips and other information is usually done via email.
	Attend ALL of the monthly meetings for your major (October – April)	If you MUST miss a monthly meeting: - Email and/or inform Mr. Harris in the CCC (D2); and, - Attend another major's meeting (w/guest speaker) w/in 30 days; submit the "Missed Major Meeting – Makeup Assignment" form**. Students who miss two+ meetings without completing makeup assignments** will not earn graduation credit for that year in the Majors.
	10 th 11 th 12 th (due by May 1)	Coordinate an annual project with your Majors Advisor. Check the Majors' website for annual projects for each year of participation.
Complete <u>once</u> by May 1 of senior year	Conference suggested completion: 10 th or 11 th grade	Choices include, but are not limited to: • TEDxYouthConejo • Focus on Your Future • "Prepare to Launch" – these resources are on the Majors' website Submit the "Conference Evaluation" form**.
	Job Shadow suggested completion: 11th grade	Arrange to follow a professional in the career of your interest for a few hours. Alternatively, use the Canvas "Virtual Job Shadow/Pathful Explore" website to complete this requirement. Special field trips/workshops may also qualify. Submit the "Job Shadow Questionnaire & Evaluation" form**.
	30-hour Internship complete by May 1 of 12 th grade	Explore a career and make connections (visit the CCC [D2] in advance!). Complete/submit the following forms** (available on the Majors website): • Contract & Learning Plan • Timesheet Log & Progress/Evaluation • Reflection Essay (two pages) By May 1 of your senior year, submit all of the internship paperwork.
Senior Year	Resume	By May 1 of your senior year, submit a current resume.
	Cord Donation	By May 1 of your senior year make a suggested donation, if you are able, towards the cost of the black, double-cord worn at graduation.

^{*} Receive a Majors certificate; wear a black double cord with your graduation gown; your name listed in the graduation program ("Distinction" will be added to your name if you participate fully 10th, 11th and 12th grades).

^{**} Forms are in the CCC (D2) or: https://www.conejousd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1711



13 Steps to Success

Resume Tips

- Build your resume <u>now</u> and keep it updated.
- You do NOT need work experience to start your resume.
- Many activities that you do in school or during your free time may be included on your resume – including TOHS Majors!
- A resume will give others a professional impression of you; this will increase your chance of landing the internship or job that you desire.
- o Go online for examples of resumes and cover letters.
- **Step 1:** Reflect on experiences, skills, and activities to build your resume.
- **Step 2:** Get resume feedback from Career Education staff and other adults.
- **Step 3:** Customize your resume to help land a specific internship or job.
- **Step 4:** Talk to other Majors students, your Majors advisor, teachers, family and Career Education staff to learn about people you can contact for internship opportunities in the career field that interests you. Go online to learn more about local businesses/organizations that interest you. Please note that private residences are not allowed for Internship and/or Job Shadow locations.
- **Step 5:** Phone, email, and/or visit potential organizations/businesses in-person with your resume. Be sure to mention that you are a student in TOHS Majors. Please note that it is the responsibility of the student/parent(s) to fully vet and secure any Internship and/or Job Shadow. To make a good impression:
 - Dress professionally.
 - o Introduce yourself with a handshake, a smile, and eye contact.
 - Show that you are enthusiastic, interested, and responsible.

Neatly complete any requested internship/job application and; if possible, attach your resume to it. If you desire to go above and beyond, also attach a cover letter.

- **Step 6:** Be persistent! Re-contact potential internship locations to let them know you are enthused about an opportunity.
- **Step 7:** Once you secure an internship, come to the CCC or visit the TOHS Majors website: https://www.conejousd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1711 (navigate to the Internship section) to print the *Contract and Learning Plan* for you and your internship supervisor to complete.
- **Step 8:** Return the *Contract & Learning Plan* to the CCC (D2) at the <u>START</u> of your internship.
- **Step 9:** Always arrive on time or early, ready to learn and help. After 15 hours, ask your supervisor to complete *the Internship Progress & Evaluation* form to receive feedback about how you are doing.
- **Step 10:** Log a minimum of 30 hours on the *Internship Timesheet* and have your supervisor sign it. Also, ask your internship supervisor to complete a second *Internship Progress & Evaluation form*.
- **Step 11:** Reflect on your internship experiences and complete your internship essay.
- **Step 12:** Turn your *Internship Timesheet*, both *Internship Progress & Evaluation* forms, and your Internship Reflection Essay into Mr. Harris in the CCC (D2) by May 1 of your senior year.
- **Step 13:** Write a thank you letter or note to your internship supervisor!