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Independent Study and Mentorship

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As my topic of study this year, I have chosen to delve deeper into the field of pediatrics. Through my studies in Independent Study and Mentorship this year, I hope to learn more about the day-to-day duties of a pediatrician through my research and my mentor visits.

I have always loved spending time with children, and having worked previously in part-time jobs that involved interacting with kids of all ages has inspired me to choose a topic that involved working with young children. Pediatrics is definitely not a field for everyone- many people find it difficult and even bothersome to work with toddlers and restless children. However, I have realized through my past experiences working as a birthday party host and a math and reading tutor that being able to effectively help young children is a both rewarding and worthwhile task. I personally find that Pediatrics is the perfect blend of serving the community by providing medical care and working with kids every day.

My personality type, according to the well-known [Myers Briggs test](#), is the ISFJ "Defender" Personality. Individuals falling under this category are described as "very dedicated and warm protectors, always ready to defend their loved ones." In fact, the

Myers Briggs personality analysis states that ISFJ personalities tend to choose careers in medicine. Character traits I possess that lend myself to the field of Pediatrics is are the abilities to stay patient through difficulties and to be committed to tasks that I undertake. Pursuing a healthcare career requires rigorous preparation that takes the form of medical school and a post-doctorate residency and fellowship, with many obstacles along the journey. My dedication to finishing endeavors that I put my mind to will be vital to my success in becoming a pediatrician. As a practicing medical professional, my character trait of responsibility will be essential to the progress of my career. I will need to be conscious of the fact that I am held accountable for the medical care of my patients, and that I am responsible for prescribing the right medication or carrying out the right procedure to ensure that the children who enter my office leave with smiles on their faces.

The pediatric field is broad and promising, and I am eager to learn more about the career of a Pediatrician through my invaluable experiences this year as a member of Liberty High School's 2016-2017 Independent Study and Mentorship program.