



What College Is Right For Me?

Tips for Successful College Planning/Selection

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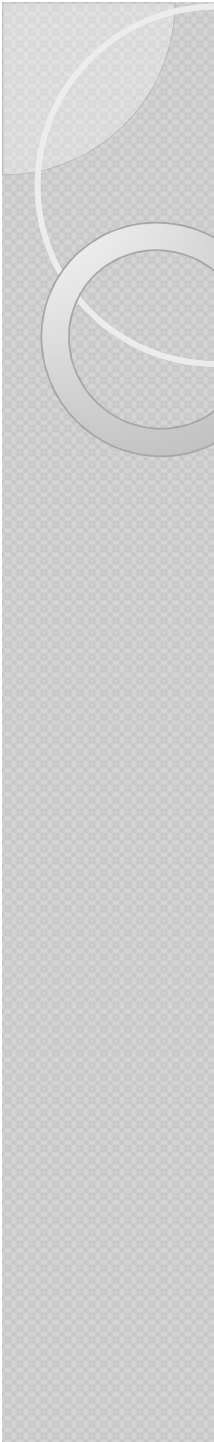
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- Goal of session is to assist with college planning and tips for choosing the right college.
- You can begin planning as early as 9th grade.
- By planning early, you can alleviate some stress.



Why Go To College?

- Increasing the chances for a good paying job.
- Increasing the chances of always being employed.
- Most good jobs require more than a high school diploma.
- Gives you a broad base of experiences (meeting new people, taking different kinds of classes, finding new interests).



The College Prep Curriculum – Most Important!

- Four years of CP English.
- Three years of math – Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.
- Three years of sciences, including Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- Three years of social studies.
- Some colleges require foreign language, visual or performing arts, computer science, etc...



Applying To Colleges

- College entrance requirements.
 - Types of Admission
- Take admission tests.
 - ACT or SAT
 - Test optional schools
 - How many times?
- Give yourself a fair chance. Apply to 3-5 schools.
- Timeline



Choosing a College

- Identify important factors – Location, Environment, Size, Admission Requirements, Academics, Financial Aid, Housing, Facilities, Campus Activities.
- What are **YOUR** reasons for attending college?
- List, compare, and **VISIT** colleges.
- Questions to ask...
- Make final decisions.



Master the Campus Visit

- Decide kind of tour (group or individual)
- Do some research
- Listen to your gut
- Ask questions of your tour guide
- Is meeting with a professor important?
- Coach?
- Be engaged – this is your visit!



Ask the Right Questions

A worksheet to help you choose your best college

Visiting colleges is an important part of the college selection process. Successful college visits give you a glimpse into what your life might be like if you decided to attend that college or university and if it matches with what you want.

Asking the right questions to the right college staff can go a long way in helping you draw out important information to make an educated decision. Use this worksheet as a guide on your next campus visit and gather the information you need during your visit.



A tool for your campus visits

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Your Role *

Anticipated High School Graduation Year *

Country *

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Develop a Plan To Finance Your Education

- Determine college costs.
- Investigate all possible resources.
- Apply for financial aid as early as possible.
- Don't rule out a school because of costs.
- Plan to be done with the selection process by May 1 (at the very latest!)



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