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RESEARCHING COLLEGES

A College and Career Center Guide

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF ABOUT POST-HIGH SCHOOL GOALS

Career goal:

Level of Preparation needed:

Potential Majors:

4 Year University

Military Service

Community College

Career

Trade/Vocational School

Other

Apprenticeship Program

ACADEMICS

GPA:

AP Test Scores:

SAT: Reading___ Math___ Writing___ Total___

ACT: Reading___ Eng___ Writing___ ELA___

Science___ Math___ STEM___

Composite:

Need to know this information? Ask for your TRANSCRIPT!

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COLLEGE BOARD BIG FUTURE

[HTTPS://BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

Step-by-Step Guide

What kind of college would you like to attend? 2 Year/4 Year/Vocational?

Location - How far are you willing to go?

Campus Setting: Small (<2,000)/Medium (2,000-15,000)/Large (>15,000)

Cost - Have you spoken with your family about the cost of college?

Majors - Is your major available? If you are undecided, are there majors you are interested in?

Compare Colleges

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-collegs>

You can compare up to 3 colleges at a time.

Compare the Location, Type of college, Campus life, Admissions, and Cost.

What's important to you? You can look into:

Admission requirements, Majors/minors, Student-teacher ratio, Class size, Faculty, Commute, Climate, Housing, Student body (Where are students from? Is there ethnic and socio-economic diversity?), Clubs, Campus life (student union, social activities, leadership opportunities, athletic activities, cultural activities), Campus Safety, Special assistance

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(if you have a disability, does the college provide adequate personal assistance?), Virtual Tour, Jobs (paid or voluntary), Internships, Study abroad programs.

Explore Majors and Careers

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>

Majors, minors, classes offered -- Check for subjects you are interested in, even if you just want to take a class or two in that area.

Need help figuring out what to study? Check out

<https://www.cacareerzone.org>

Scholarship Search

College Board:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

College Board Opportunity Scholarship:

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

PHS:

<https://phs.pittsburgusd.net/Scholars--Families/Counseling/College-and-Career/Scholarships/index.html>

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DECIDING YOUR TOP COLLEGES

YOUR SAFETY/BACKUP SCHOOLS:

Community Colleges generally guarantee admissions to all. Cal State East Bay generally guarantees admission to local students if they meet their eligibility index requirements.

YOUR MATCH/TARGET SCHOOLS:

These are schools where your academic scores, test scores, etc. match the incoming freshman class of the school. These are also colleges that you can afford with little to no financial aid.

YOUR REACH/DREAM SCHOOLS:

These are schools that you have a lower chance of being accepted into, either because your academic scores do not quite match the school, because the school is competitive, or because the financial costs are beyond anything you could afford on your own. However, you would love to attend if you could.

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PICK YOUR TOP 10 COLLEGES

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