



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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Finding the Right Fit

Choosing a college is a complex and often confusing process that requires students and families to know about the different types of schools, admission requirements, financial aid, and more.

When it comes to choosing a college, you will hear the term “fit” tossed around quite a bit. You’re told to find a college that is a good “fit”, but what does that really mean?

There are many colleges, programs, and degrees to choose from. High school juniors have spent some time thinking about different types of careers and have explored what sort of education beyond high school is necessary for that path. That exploration will help students figure out what school is the best fit.

The more the school is matched with your teen’s interests and needs, the better fit it is. The better the fit, the likelier it is that your child will stay and complete school successfully. It’s also important to think about other factors that can influence your child’s experience like the size of the school or the distance from home.

One way to find your best fit is to explore **SuperMatch** in Naviance Family Connection!

| CHOOSING A COLLEGE | |
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| WHAT’S IMPORTANT | WHAT’S NOT |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Available academic programs & majors in the field of interest ✓ Available support services ✓ Campus atmosphere ✓ Distance from home ✓ Diversity of students ✓ Extracurricular activities ✓ Financial aid offered ✓ Graduation & employment rate ✓ Housing options ✓ Location ✓ Size of school & class size | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Best friend is going ✓ Boyfriend or girlfriend is going ✓ Good sports teams (for non-athletes) ✓ It’s closest to home ✓ School colors ✓ The sticker price of that program |



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Did You Know?

Academic & Support Services Offered: Most schools offer some type of academic support programs to help students. For example, some schools offer small tutoring programs. Others might have entire offices dedicated to help student achievement, including targeted services for diverse populations.