

CREATING A COLLEGE LIST

Things to consider when creating a college list:

*Size

Small (less than 5,000 students), Medium (5,000-15,000 students), Large (+15,000)

*Weather

If you hate rain, you probably should not consider a school in Seattle.

*Distance from Home

Are you wanting to be within driving distance? Or are you willing to move farther way that would require a flight?

*Environment

Are you wanting a “College Game Day” experience?

*Public vs. Private

Public school tend to be larger, Private schools tend to be more competitive for admissions.

*Location

Are you wanting a school in a city? Rural? Suburban?

*How competitive academically

Does your high school student profile (GPA, course rigor, activities) meet the admission requirements for that school? What percentage of incoming freshman are admitted?

So now that I’ve thought about this, how to I search for schools?

BigFuture <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Great resource where you can input your answers from above to search for schools.

SCOIR <https://www.scoir.com/>

Free resource where you can use self-discovery tools and a college search tool to help generate a college list.

How do I find my student profile?

All of this information, GPA, Class rank and course load (rigor) are on your high school transcript, which is included in this packet.

NCAA/NAIA

If you are planning on playing a sport at a FOUR YEAR university, you must make sure that you are NCAA or NAIA eligible. You will need to contact your school to find out if they are either NCAA or NAIA and which division they belong to. You will then need to create a profile with the appropriate organization to make sure that you are academically eligible.

NCAA Division 1 has the highest standard for academic eligibility. Students must complete 16 NCAA approved courses with a core GPA of a 2.3.

For more information on NCAA and NAIA please see the SMHS website.