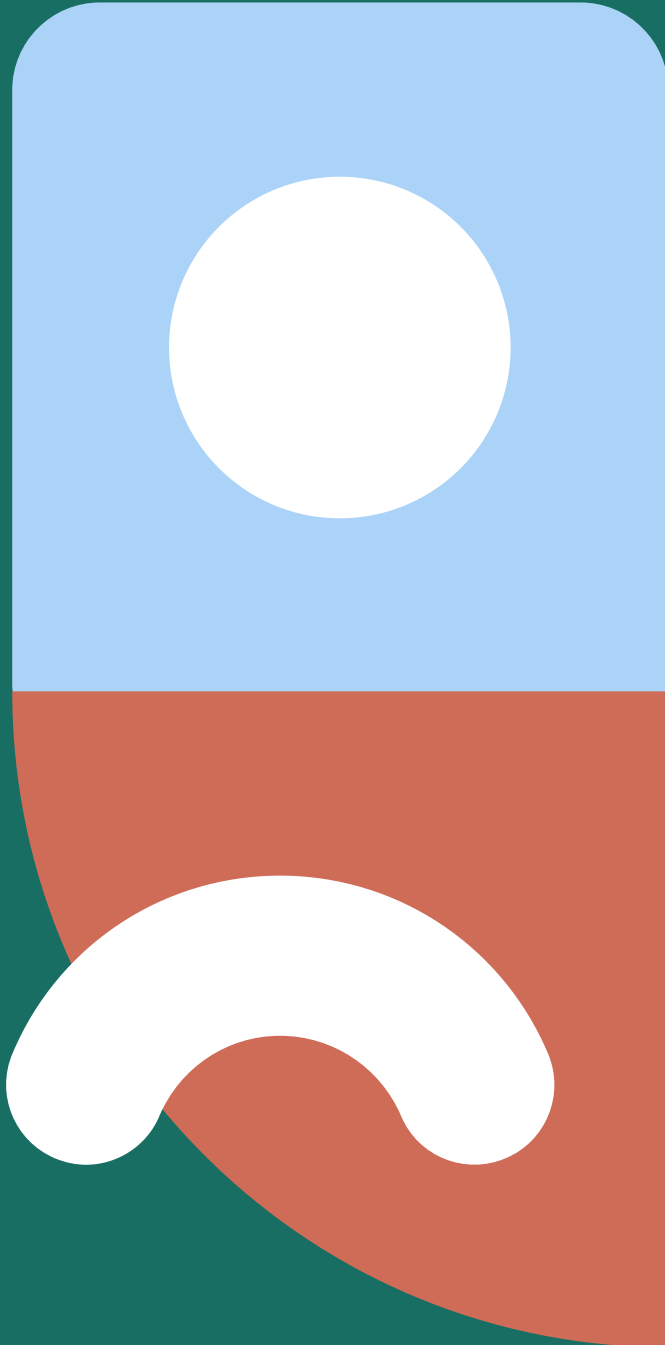
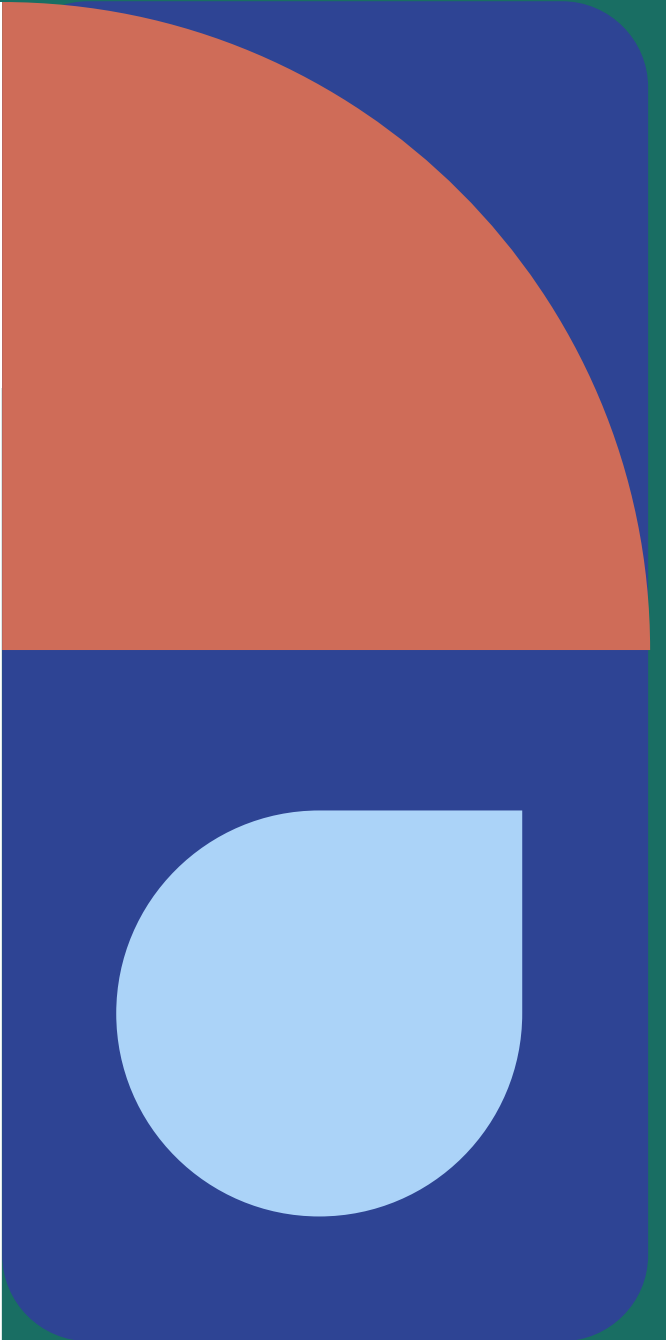




Match and Fit

Using a framework to explore colleges
and universities



Learning Outcomes

During this presentation, you will...

Learn about a college choice framework

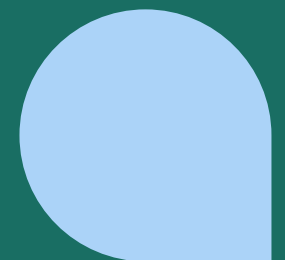
We will discuss "Match+Fit" with regards to searching for the "perfect" college and learn more about each piece in the college choice framework

Be introduced to some exploration tools

We will walk through using some search tools, like BigFuture and CollegeScorecard, to help us find "Match+Fit" options more efficiently

Lay the foundation to build a college list

We will discuss tips and items you should keep in mind in order to create that important 1 college list



But first...

Who am I?



**College
Exploration**

**Planning
your
Pathway**

**Preparing
for Financial
Aid &
Scholarships**

What we can discuss

As your college adviser -- we can discuss a lot

Here is just a few examples of some of the things we can discuss...



A Poll

How much do you know about Match + Fit

Match+Fit

Part 1: Social Fit

What is social fit and why is it important?

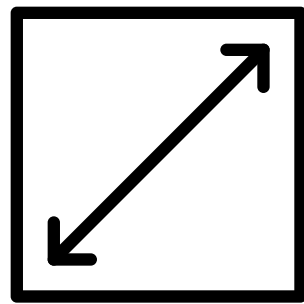
Social Fit may be defined as...

...the mix of personal, social, and financial needs that one needs in order to have a successful 2/4 years at college

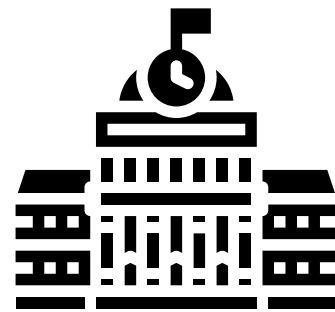
Some social fit factors...



Location



**Size of
Campus**



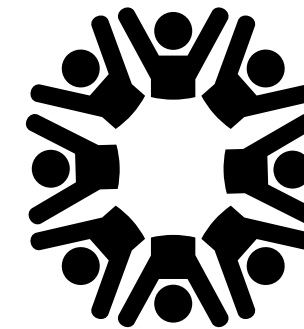
**Campus
Culture**



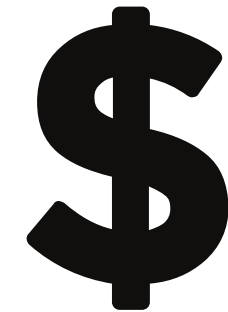
**Housing
Options**



**Academic
Culture**



Diversity



**Financial
Fit**



Why is Social Fit important?

Advantage 1

Gives you an opportunity to parse down schools that you know you won't feel comfortable or confident at

Advantage 2

Research points out that meeting social fit is important for higher graduation rates and better economic/professional outcomes

Size

Location

**Housing
Options**

**Campus
Culture**

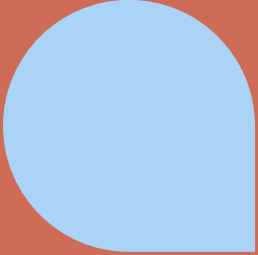
**Available
Majors &
Classes**

**Available
Extra-
curriculars**

**Distance
from
Home**

**Makeup
of
student
body**

8 Factors



A Poll

Which of these factors are most important to
you?

Match+Fit

Part 2: Academic Match

What is academic match
and why is it important?

Academic Match may be defined as...

the relationship between:

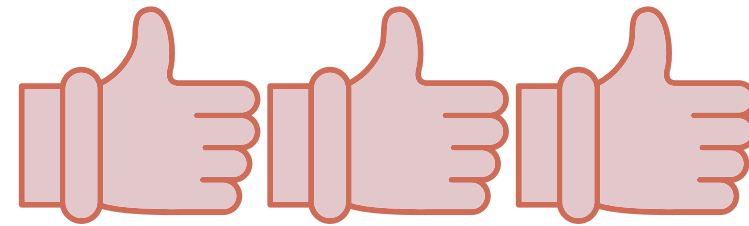
- academics (GPA, test scores, and transcript)

and

- institutional competitiveness

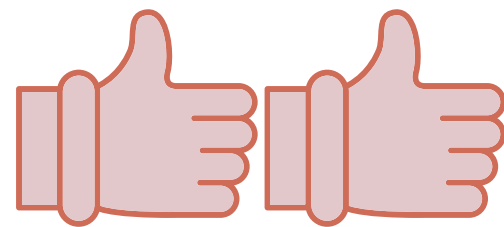
Academic Match

The framework of most likely, more likely and less likely



Most Likely

Your academics exceed the school's range for admitted students



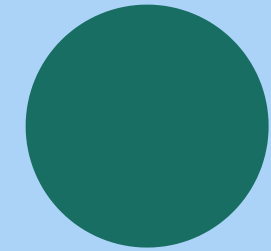
More Likely

Your academics fall within the school's range for admitted students



Less Likely

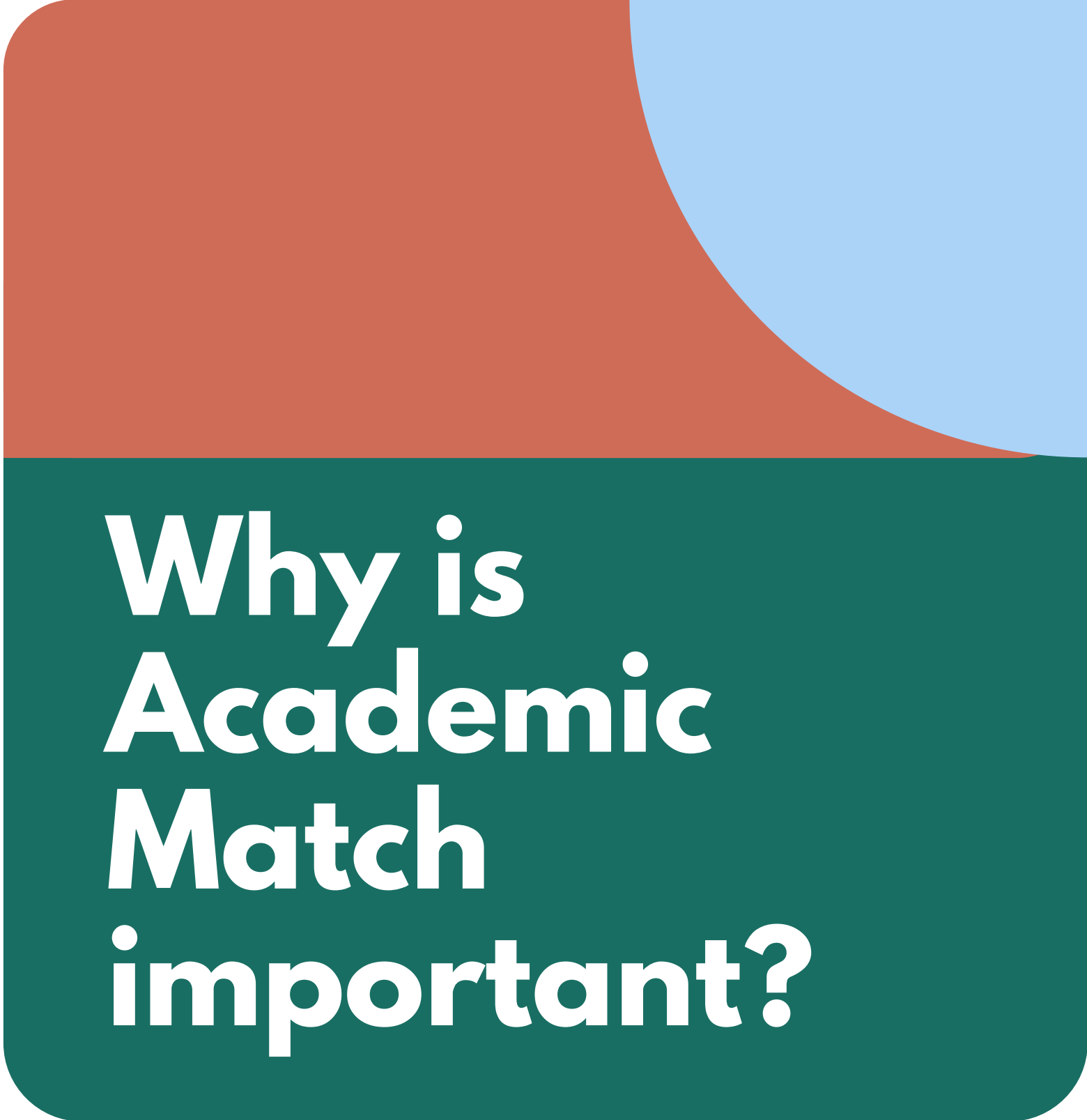
Your academics fall below the school's range for admitted students***



A NOTE

Less likely schools tend to be "less likely" for
most folks

This should not deter you from putting them
on your list...



Why is Academic Match important?

Advantage 1

Choosing matched schools leads to higher: enrollment rates, higher graduation rates, higher rates of student enjoyment and success

Advantage 2

More selective universities tend to offer better, more robust financial aid packages, student experiences and offer stronger alumni networks for professional development

Match+Fit

Part 3: Building the List

Time to explore, be curious, and dream a little bit

What you should do now...

Given where you currently are in the "post-secondary search" process -- you should begin exploring what colleges are out there and start building a list

BigFuture

BigFuture™



CollegeScorecard

How to begin making a list

Here is a good way to start building that list

Using BigFuture + Social Fit

Find schools that you find interesting

List them and some details

Avg. GPA of
Admitted

Admissions
Rate

Median
SAT/ACT
Scores

Tuition
List Price

Types of
Financial Aid

Location (distance
from home)

What interests
you about it?

How to begin making a list (cont.)

Here is a good way to start
building that list

With those schools and the
information you took in --
begin to categorize using
academic match

Most Likely

More Likely

Less Likely

Some Things to Keep In Mind

1) Do NOT limit yourself

Be curious and dream: right now, we're not applying anywhere -- we're just seeing what's out there!

2) Applying $\neq$ Enrolling

It may be tempting to not put schools down because they may feel out of reach financially or academically -- don't worry about that right now

3) Pay attention to certain factors & locality

Do not allow distance, at this point, to deter you from finding schools that meet your match+fit profile -- see what's out there!

What we learned...

In this presentation, we learned about...

The "Match + Fit" college choice framework

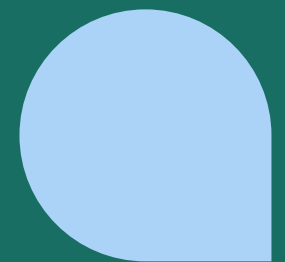
We discussed what social fit and academic match means with regards to college choice

Some exploration tools that we can use

We walked through how to use tools like BigFuture and CollegeScorecard that can help you start exploring the vast array of colleges out there

How to finally start building that college list

We discussed how to begin building a college list that explores college/university options regardless of finances and location



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Exit Ticket

What did you learn?
What do you want to
know more about?

**Thank
you!**