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Finding Your Right Fit College



Introduction



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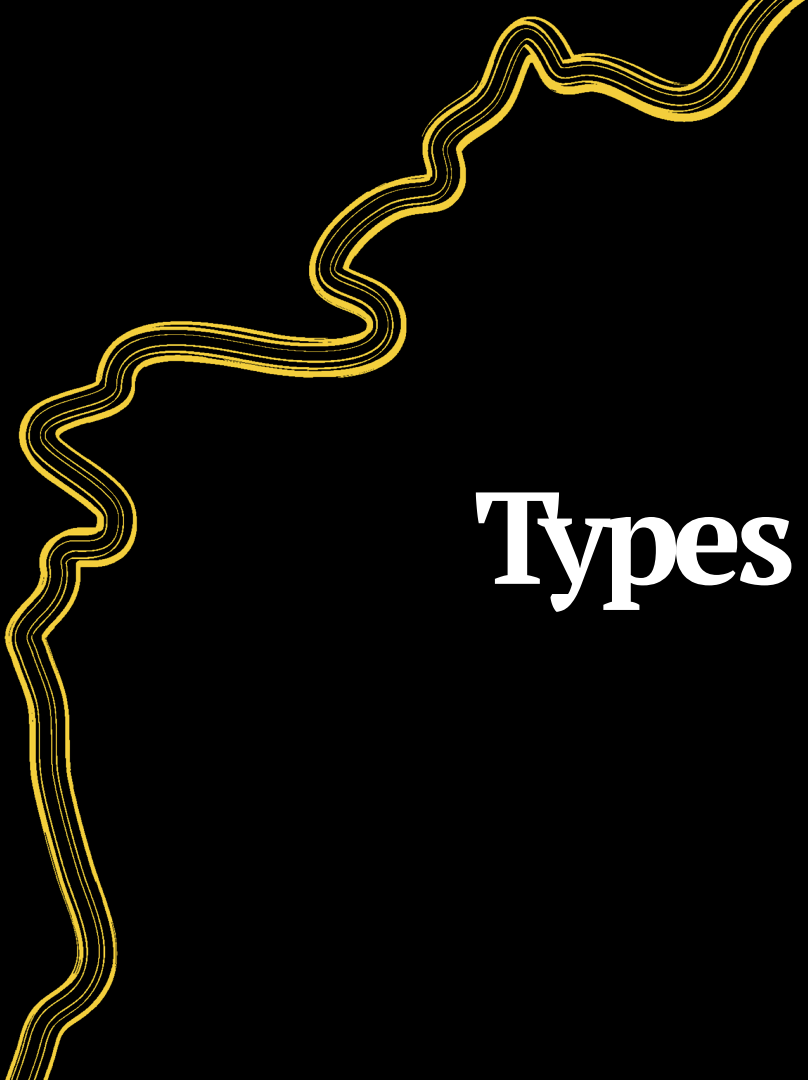
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Agenda

- Types of Schools
 - Reflection
 - Common Pitfalls
 - Navigate the College Search
 - Creating a Balanced List





Types of Schools



Types of Schools

1. Vocational Schools:

- a. Specific training to prepare for a particular job (barbering, carpetentry)

2. Two-year college:

- a. Offers Associate's degrees

3. Four-year college:

- a. Offers Bachelor's degrees

4. College:

- a. Primarily undergraduate courses

5. University:

- a. Undergraduate and graduate courses





Reflection



What matters to YOU?



Things To Consider

- Public or private?
- Size?
- Location?
- Accessibility to Faculty?
- Study Abroad?
- Campus Life?
- Religious Community?



More Things To Consider

- Family Consideration?
- Academic Program?
- Residential Life?
- Campus Safety?
- Experiential Learning Opportunities?
- Campus Resources?
- Cost?



**Where will YOU be
HAPPIEST?**





Common Pitfalls



#1

Solely considering a college's ranking.



#2

Making decisions based on your friends.



#3

Prioritizing the preferences of their parents.



#4

Only considering the “sweatshirt colleges”



#5

Getting sucked in by social media.



#6

A single statistic.





Navigate the College Search



Navigate the College Search

- Independent Research
 - SchooLinks
 - Big Future
 - College Websites
- Visiting College Campuses
- Colleges Visiting Your High School
- College Fairs
 - October 12th - Sammamish Plateau College Fair
 - October 16th & 17th - Seattle NACAC College Fair
- College & Career Center





Creating a Balanced List





Creating a Balanced List

- Aim for no more than 10 colleges
 - 3 “Likely” colleges
 - 3 “Target” colleges
 - 3 “Reach” colleges
 - 1 “Extra”





Questions?

