

Activity 13: Finding the Right College

FOR THE TEACHER

Introduction

The purpose of this activity is to help students:

- Learn about the factors to consider when choosing a college
- Use School Selector, an interactive checklist, to find colleges that match their personal and academic preferences

Setting the Stage

Classroom discussion can focus on tuition cost, grades, location, majors, and other factors that influence college application and admission. Ask students if they have thought about colleges and whether they have considered all of these factors.

Starting the Program

Go to **www.careercruising.com**. Enter your personal My Plan username and password in the spaces provided, and click on **Log In**.

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Log in to Career Cruising and click on **Education** in the menu bar near the top of the page.

In the **School Selector** section on the right side of the page, select the level of education you are interested in exploring.

Select the factors that are important to you in choosing a college by clicking on the blue links on the left side of the screen (location, majors offered, etc.). For each link you click, select your preferred options.

When you have finished, click on **View Results** button.

Click on a school that interests you.

School name: _____

1. Click on the blue links to find the following information. If any of the information is not available for this school, write N/A.

School Type: _____

Location (*city, state*): _____

Campus Enrollment: _____

What is required for admission to this school?

Estimated Total Expenses: _____

What types of financial aid are available at this school? _____

Name of a major/program at the school that you might be interested in taking:

Use your browser's back button to return to your list of schools.

Click on another school that interests you.

School name: _____

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2. Click on the blue links to find the following information. If any of the information is not available for this school, write N/A.

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Location (*city, state*): _____

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What is required for admission to this school?

Estimated Total Expenses: _____

What types of financial aid are available at this school? _____

Name of a major/program at the school that you might be interested in taking:

SUMMARY – YOUR VIEWS

3. Would you like to go to these schools? Why or why not? Do they offer a major or program you would like to take?

4. Will it be difficult for you to meet the academic requirements or pay the tuition fees? What can you do to overcome these challenges?
