

## Activity Handout: My College Fit Quiz

### Overview of Activity

By now, you've probably heard the question "What college are you going to?" more times than you can count. You wish you at least had an answer for this question, but you don't, not yet. You know choosing the "right" college is important, but there are so many things to consider that you may not know what factors to consider or where to begin! So, to help you start sorting through this process take the **My College Fit Quiz** and follow the other steps in this handout.

### Get Started!

**Step 1:** Take the **My College Fit Quiz**, provided to you by your teacher/counselor.

- Take your time making sure to read each question thoroughly, consider all the options, and most importantly, be honest with yourself.

**Step 2:** Rank the listed criteria at the end of the quiz in order from most important to least important.

**Step 3:** Take a moment to review your responses as well as your re-ordered list of criteria.

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- What new factors did this quiz prompt you to think about?

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**Step 4:** Go to [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) and sign in.

**Step 5:** Click on **College Planning**.

**Step 6:** Click on **Explore Postsecondary Schools**.

**Step 7:** Take a quick scan of the various college exploration tools available to you:

- Custom Search- to search by location.
- College Matching Assistant- to search for schools using common items such as size, location and majors.
- Compare Schools- to compare schools side-by-side.
- Distance Search- to find the campus closest to any zip code.
- Browse Schools- to search by school type.

**Step 8:** To begin your search, look at your ranked list of criteria. What is the #1 item on your list?

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This is what you will begin your search with!

**Step 9:** If any of your top criteria include:

- Public or Private
- Types of schools- Traditional College/University or Community/Technical College
- Campus Size
- Class Size- while there is no explicit option for this, this usually goes hand in hand with campus size. The smaller the campus, the smaller the class size.
- Campus Location
- Campus Setting
- Weather- once you know the type of weather you are seeking, do some research about the weather throughout the United States. Narrow it down to a region, if not a single state, that has the type of weather you want.

Use **College Matching Assistant** to begin your search! Specify one or all of the above criteria and click **View Matching Colleges**. Save schools that interest you to **Your Portfolio**.

**Step 10:** If distance from home was your top criteria, use **Distance Search**. Type in your 5-digit zip code and click **View Distances**. Save schools that interest you to **Your Portfolio**.

**Step 11:** If social life or religious affiliations were your top criteria, or if you simply want to continue exploring, please visit the specific school websites for more information.

**Step 12:** Now that you've saved several schools to **Your Portfolio**, it is time to use the **Compare Schools** tool.

- To compare schools already in **Your Portfolio**, be sure to choose the options below, and then click, **Go**.

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**Did you know you can always see your work in Your Portfolio on CaliforniaColleges.edu?**

Click on **Your Portfolio** → Click on **College Planning** → click on **Postsecondary Plans** → Scroll down to view your **Saved Colleges and Postsecondary Schools**.