

SCHOOL COMPARISON CHART

CHART INSTRUCTIONS:

After answering the questions on the previous page, fill out the column “Your dream college” with the college attributes you feel you’d like best. As you research and visit campuses, complete this chart with information on the colleges you’re seriously considering. Compare each school’s qualities with your “dream college.”

School attributes	Your dream college	School #1:	School #2:	School #3:
Affiliation: Public; private independent; private church affiliated; single-sex; ethnically affiliated; agricultural; technical; proprietary – for-profit, run by private individuals or corporations _____				
Student population: Very small (fewer than 1,000); small (1,000-3,999); medium (4,000-8,999); large (9,000-19,999); very large (20,000+) _____				
Distance from home: 1-hour drive or less, 1- to 4-hour drive, 4- to 8-hour drive, plane ride or train trip _____				
Type of campus: Residential, commuter _____				
Community: Urban, suburban, rural _____				
Specialized programs: Honors, special needs services, study abroad, graduate and professional co-enrollment, distance learning _____				
Campus activities in which I plan to participate: Sports, music performance groups, clubs, Greek life _____				
Can I have a car on campus? _____				
Computer access: Dorm lab, library lab, dorm Internet hookups, school distribution of individual laptops _____				
Will research facilities (libraries, labs) support my course of study? _____				
How impressive will this school appear on my resume to future employers? (Very impressive, impressive, not impressive) _____				
To what extent do professors teach courses? _____				
Student/teacher ratio _____				
Average class size _____				
Are majors of interest offered? _____				
Can I pursue a master’s or PhD at this school if I choose to? _____				
Am I required to live on campus? _____				
Housing available: Single dorms, shared rooms, off-campus, married housing, fraternities and sororities, smoke-free, single-sex, special needs accessible, interest-based (such as Honors dorm) _____				
What support services are available? (Academic, career and personal counseling, student health facilities, tutoring) _____				
How much will this school cost per year (tuition, room and board, books, supplies, transportation)? (Under \$10,000; \$10,000-\$20,000; \$20,000-\$30,000; \$30,000+) _____				
Are work-study, grants, scholarships or loans available to bridge the gap? _____				
	Your scores/grades	School #1	School #2	School #3
Class rank of incoming freshman class: Top 1%, top 5%, top 6%-10%, top 11%-20%, 20%-40%, 40%-100% _____				
Average ACT/SAT _____				
Average GPA _____				
Selectivity (Highly selective: 5% or fewer of applicants; selective: 5%-20% of applicants; moderately selective: 20%-40% of applicants; open admissions: 40% or more of applicants admitted) _____				