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College and Career Readiness: College Exploration

Discussion Questions

- What colleges are you interested in?
- What do you know about these schools?
- How are you going to decide on a college?

Activity: Collegiate Fact Finding

Students will become familiar with their top colleges.

MATERIALS

- Computer Access

PROCEDURE

1. Explain to the students that they are going to research a selected college or university of interest and record their findings. You can make copies and distribute the Collegiate Fact Finding worksheet.
2. Review the worksheet to discuss the information that students should research. The list includes the following:

Admission Criteria

- Average GPA
- Average SAT/ACT score
- Average Class rank

Academics

- What are the required courses?
- What are three majors the school offers that interest you?

Location

- How far is the college location from home?
- What is the area like? Urban? Rural? Small campus? Large campus?

Athletics

- What sports teams does the college have?
- What division are the sports teams?
- What are the school colors?

- What is the mascot?

Extracurricular Activities

- What clubs are there on campus?
- Are the sororities/fraternities?

Student Body

- How many undergraduate students are there?
- What is the average class size?
- What percentage of the student body is male/female?
- How many students receive financial aid?

Housing Options

- What housing options are available?
- Who is eligible for on-campus housing?
- What types of dorms are available?
- What percent of students live on campus?

Other Areas of Support

- What academic support is available?
- What internships are available?
- What career counseling services are available?

3. Dismiss students to computers to begin their research. They should record their findings in the right column.
4. When time is up, have students present their findings to the class.
5. As an extension activity, have students create posters about the college or university researched.



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Collegiate Fact Finding Worksheet

Name of School: _____

I need to know...	Findings
<p>Academics: What are required courses? What are three majors/areas of study that the school offers that are of interest to you?</p>	
<p>Location: How far from home? What is the campus like (urban, rural, small, large)?</p>	
<p>Athletics: Sports teams? What division? School colors and mascot?</p>	

<p>Extracurricular Activities: On campus clubs? Sororities or fraternities? Intramural sports?</p>	
<p>Student Body: How many undergrads? Average class size? How many students receive financial aid? What percentage is male? Female?</p>	
<p>Housing Options: Where do students live? What types of dorms are available? What percentage of students live on campus?</p>	
<p>Other Areas of Support: What academic support is available? Tutors? Internships? Career counseling?</p>	