

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Step #1 - Take a Self-Inventory:

- my goals are:
- my interests are:
- my best abilities are:
- my study habits are:

Step #2 - Narrow the field by establishing requirements for the college you will attend:

- two or four year colleges
- academic level
- general or specialized curriculum
- price range
- local or distant
- large or small
- urban or rural
- religious orientation
- social or athletic organizations

Step #3 - Do some research:

- visit the guidance center at your high school and look through catalogs, college guides, computer programs and college files.
- visit the local library.
- talk with your high school counselor and family.
- plan a visit to a local college or university (remember to call in advance.)
- talk with college representatives when they visit your high school.
- attend local college fairs

Step #4 - Be prepared to provide the following information during your campus interview.

- grades
- favorite subjects
- SAT or ACT scores
- class ranking
- extracurricular activities
- interests, abilities and goals
- reason for choosing this college

Step #5 - How the college may evaluate you:

- academic record (grades achieved, quality of coursework)
- class ranking
- ACT and SAT scores
- ability to communicate
- recommendations
- extracurricular record