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HOW TO CONDUCT A COLLEGE SEARCH

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4 MAIN FACTORS WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

“FIT”

1. Academic
2. Financial
3. Social
4. Geographic

COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

STEP 1: BUILD YOUR LIST OF SCHOOLS...

- ▶ Do a “search for Schools & Majors on Career Cruising or College board. A student can find schools that match the criteria of their choice. Examples of search criteria:
- ▶ Type of School
- ▶ Location & Setting
- ▶ Admissions Difficulty
- ▶ Tuition
- ▶ Special Program Options Enrollment
- ▶ Athletics/Activities
- ▶ Majors Offered
- ▶ Diversity

STEP 2- EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

- ▶ Sign up for College Reps at Sandburg.
- ▶ Visit College Campuses- register for open house on-line at the College/University of your choice.
- ▶ Gather information on the Colleges/Universities by going to their website and look for key terms.....
 - *Prospective Students *Undergraduate Students *Incoming Freshman
- ▶ Visit College Fairs; Great way to see many colleges at one time in one location. (MVCC- October 11th)
- ▶ Take advantage of any summer enrichment opportunities.

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

- Schedule a campus tour by contacting the college admissions office. ***We offer College visit field trips @ Sandburg**
- Prepare questions related to your interests and major ([Handout](#))
- Verify admission requirements
- Visit campus dorm room
- Sit in on a lecture
- Talk with students and faculty
- Meet with financial aid office

COLLEGES VISITING SANDBURG

- Go to <http://sandburg.d230.org/college-representative-calendar/>
- Click on the Guidance tab
- Click on College Visit Calendar
- Select the college of your choice to register
- Communicate with teacher prior to attending visit
- Must sign up before 8:00am the day of visit

WHAT COLLEGES LOOK FOR IN COLLEGE APPLICANTS

- Challenging Coursework
- Strong grades/upward trend (HS Transcript)
- Solid test scores
- Involvement in Activities/Leadership
- Community Service
- Work or Volunteer Experience
- Well-Written Essays (Visit Lit Lab)
- Letters of Recommendations
- Activity Resume-Awards/Recognitions

CAREER/COLLEGE RESOURCES

www.careercruising.com

Username: District230

Password: Careers

 **Log In**
to My Plan ▾

Undergraduate School Selector

- ✓ **Type of School**
- ✓ **Location & Setting**
- ✓ **Admission Difficulty**
- ✓ **Special Program Options**
- ✓ **Tuition**
- ✓ **Enrollment**
- ✓ **Athletics**
- ✓ **Majors Offered**
- ✓ **Campus Life & Services**

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[← Back to Search for Schools](#)

Type of School

Would you prefer a public or private college?

- Public
- Private
- Does not matter

What type of college would you prefer?

- 2-Year
- 4-Year

Compare Undergraduate Schools

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General Information	Illinois State University ✕	Eastern Illinois University ✕	Western Illinois University ✕
Type & Location			
School Type	4-Year	4-Year	4-Year
Public / Private	Public - State	Public - State	Public - State
Location	Normal, IL	Charleston, IL	Macomb, IL
Setting	Urban	Small town	Small town
Student Population			
Student Body	Coeducational	Coeducational	Coeducational
Total Students	20,615	8,913	11,458
Total Undergraduate Students	18,155	7,640	9,645