

# WELCOME PARENTS

## 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

# 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

# COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

## STEP 1: BUILD YOUR LIST OF SCHOOLS...

- ▶ Do a “Search for Schools & Majors on **Career Cruising**. 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

# CAREER/COLLEGE RESOURCES

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Username: District230

Password: Careers

\*See Handout

# STEP 2- EXPLORE YOUR COLLEGE

- ▶ Sign up for College Reps at Sandburg.
- ▶ Visit College Campuses- register for open house on-line at the College/University of your choice. Ex: Columbus Day
- ▶ 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 4/8/2020 at 6pm
- ▶ Take advantage of any summer enrichment opportunities.

# COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

- 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 <https://www.d230.org/Page/1252>
- 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



# SANDBURG GUIDANCE

- ▶ Sandburg Guidance
- ▶ College Snapshots
- ▶ College Visit
- ▶ Career Cruising
- ▶ College/Career Field Trips \*Handout