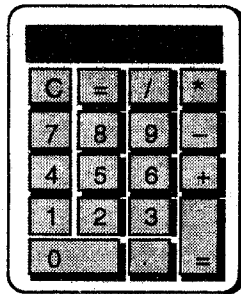



Things to Consider . . .

When Looking for a College

1. What type of school are you looking for? A university, college, vocational/technical school, or community college?
2. Would you prefer a public or private school?
3. In what part of the country do you want to study. . . east, west, midwest, north, or south?
4. Are you looking for a campus with a large number of students, one relatively small, or in-between?
5. Are you looking for a liberal or conservative campus?
6. Would you prefer a co-educational, all male, or all female campus?
7. What type of programs and degrees do colleges offer? Do they fit your field of interest? How long will it take to accomplish your academic goals. . . one, two, three, four years or longer?
8. Consider the cost of schooling. Do you want to spend less than \$2000, \$3000-\$5000, more than \$6000, \$10,000?
9. Consider the overall cost of schooling: tuition, books, food, recreational costs, social costs, room and board, transportation, and clothing.



10. What type of financial aid is offered? Is it based on need or achievements? Are scholarships, loans, grants, or work-study available?
11. What type of housing are you looking for. . . parent's home, dormitory, apartment, sorority, or fraternity?
12. What type of student activities are you looking for? Are you interested in student government, sports, music, theatre, or publications?

13. How extensive are the school's job placement, career planning, and counseling services?
 14. What is the ratio of students to teachers? What is the average class size?
 15. What are the school's policies concerning grades, living quarters, dress code, and other conduct?
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16. What facilities are offered. . . library, gym, bookstore, health center, career center, cafeteria? Are they adequate?
 17. What type of food service program is offered?
 18. What type of transportation is available? Is there adequate parking? Is it free or by paid permit only?
 19. Where can you get books? Can they be resold?
 20. What types of social activities are offered. . . dances, concerts, theatre, movies, picnics?
 21. What types of advising are available. . . counseling, faculty, advisors, academic planning?
 22. What type of student orientation program is offered?

**What to do. . . when you want
to look at a specific school. . .**

1. Arrange to tour the campus. Call the admissions office to request this campus visit.
2. Ask to meet with staff and students who can tell you about the areas in which you are interested.
3. Arrange to talk with someone about tuition, scholarships, and other types of financial aid.
4. Consider sitting in on some classes which you might take. If you know someone on campus personally, be sure to talk with them.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Ask yourself, "will this school be able to meet my needs academically, economically, and intellectually?"