

updating your COLLEGE LIST



Know Yourself. Intellectual? Nonconformist? Athlete? Writer? Engineer? Knowing the answer helps you find the perfect school for you.

Clarify what's most important to you. Program of study? Style of instruction? Degree of rigor? Comfortable community?

Visit some schools, starting locally. Take notes and try to identify your must-haves. Check out the vibe to find a school that will both challenge and support you.

Research & Reflection

Reach: Know the difference between a far and reasonable reach. A reasonable reach is one where you fall short in one or two areas but make up for it elsewhere.

Target: Such a good fit. The academics and campus life feel right. Your GPA and scores fall within the campus profile.

Likely: You have an excellent chance of getting an offer. Your stats fall well above the median 50% for GPA and scores.

Checking your Balance



Review Criteria

Size
Location
Academic areas
Majors or schools
Activities of interest
Cost
School Spirit

Religious
Diversity
Accessibility
Degrees
Curriculum
Programs abroad
Support services

Admissions requirements
Reputation
Class size
Residential housing options
Dining services
Career center
Alumni support

Review your Strategy

Early Decision: The choice to go "ED" is one that is based on having a solid first choice school because the early app may just give you a boost in your chance to be admitted.

Early Action, Restrictive Early Action or Single Choice Early Action, and Rolling: Does the early deadline strengthen your application?