

How to Find the Right College for You

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Take some time to think through what's most important to you and use college websites to research the schools you're interested in.

What do you plan to study?

Evaluate the programs offered and which classes and credits are required to get a degree. Browse course catalogs and learn more about the majors you might consider.

Where will you live?

Where you sleep, study, and hang out is important. Learn about on-campus residence halls and fraternities and sororities. If it's likely that you'll live off campus, research the options, availability, and cost of housing.

How will you get around?

Think about how you'll get around campus and beyond. If your school of choice is far from home, also consider how often you might want to see your friends and family.

How much will it really cost?

Estimated total costs can vary greatly. Many Idaho colleges offer fee subsidies or tuition waivers based on your family's income, your GPA, and your test scores. Don't forget to factor in the cost of books, housing, transportation, and activities.

How to Plan a Campus Visit

- ➔ Schedule a visit during a preview weekend. Schools plan activities for prospective students, and you may be able to attend a class and stay on campus with current students.
- ➔ Arrange a campus tour through the admissions office.
- ➔ Make a list of things you want in an ideal college and look for these things during your visit.
- ➔ Plan to spend time off campus, experiencing the community, shops, and restaurants.



How will you have fun?

Sure, the most important thing to consider is your education. But when you're not studying, you'll have the chance to make new friends and take advantage of all sorts of activities on and off campus. Think about what's important to you in a school culture. Talk to current students, alumni, family, friends, and teachers and plan a campus visit.