

CREATE YOUR FUTURE WITH COLLEGE BOUND



FIND A GOOD FIT FOR YOU! FIT AND MATCH WORKSHEET

EDUCATOR NOTES

Goal

Students will consider what factors are important to them in an educational setting.

Instructions

1. Pass out the College Fit and Match Worksheet
2. Share why College Fit and Match is important! Some talking points can include:
 - a. Not all schools are the same! Each school has something unique to offer
 - b. Considering what you want and where you will best thrive will set you up for success
 - c. Share discussion questions
3. Instruct students to fill out the worksheet
4. Once students are finished filling out the worksheet, inform them to visit bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search to explore options that fit their desired traits in a post-secondary pathway

Discussion Questions

Utilize these discussion questions when talking to students about fit and match, or have students discuss amongst themselves and share out loud.

- What are important factors to you when deciding on a path after graduating high school?
- When looking at the different factors to consider when exploring schools, do some factors have more weight to you? Why?
- What opportunities are you considering exploring?

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Complimentary Materials

Pair this worksheet with the College and Career Knowledge chapters 1 and 5 on researching colleges and career options and training after high school.

- [Chapter 1: About College and Career](#)
- [Chapter 5: Researching Colleges and Career](#)
- [Complete College and Career Knowledge Materials](#)

Other College Bound Resources:

• Student College Bound FAQs

- [FAQs in English](#)
- [FAQs in Spanish](#)

[Order Free College Bound Materials](#)

[College Bound FAQs for Counselors and Staff](#)

[College Bound Portal Bulk Update tool FAQs for Staff](#)

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Fit and Match Worksheet

What is important to you in an educational setting?

Let's begin by considering the different aspects of higher education. As you are exploring different options, it's important that you research a post-secondary institution that aligns with you! This worksheet will help you think about what characteristics of a school are important to you.

Part 1: Post-Secondary Exploration

Visit bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search to start exploring what options are right for you. Fill out your responses on the worksheet below for sections you find important.



Location:

****Remember, as you are considering location, College Bound and other state financial aid can only be used at schools in Washington State. Please visit <https://wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions> to view the list of eligible institutions**

What is post-secondary education?

Post-secondary education is **any formal learning opportunity after high school.** This includes learning skills for a specific job or earning a degree.

United States- Which states in the U.S. are you interested in potentially going to school in?

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Distance from Zip Codes- Are there any zip codes you would like to go to school near? How far are you willing to be from those zip codes?

Zip Codes (That I would like to go to school near)	Distance from Zip Codes (How far I am willing to travel from these zip codes)
<i>Example: 98404 (Tacoma)</i>	<i>Example: 30 miles</i>
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Outside of the U.S.- Are there any countries outside of the U.S. that you are interested in going to school in?

Note: College Bound can only be used at the [eligible institutions in Washington state](#). If you want to study in another country, consider researching study abroad options!



Majors:

What majors are you interested in studying?



Types:

College Level: What type of degree is required for the career field you want to enter?

- 4-year: Bachelor's degree
- 2-year: Associate degree or certificates (Note: this option includes trade schools, apprenticeships, certificates and 2-year degree programs)

College Type: What type of college are you interested in exploring?

- Public
- Private

Special Mission: Are you looking to explore a school that serves any special populations?

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Hispanic Serving Institutions
- Tribal Colleges and Universities
- All men
- All women
- LGBTQ Serving Institutions
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander



To learn about AANAPISI serving institutions, visit apiascholars.org/aanapisi-week-2021

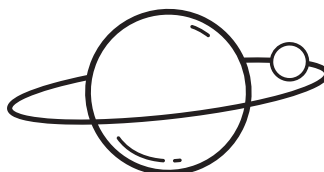
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Study Options:

Are there any programs you are interested in exploring?

- Distance learning
- Double major
- English as a Second Language
- Honors Program
- Weekend College





Campus Life:

Size: What is an ideal size campus you would consider attending?

- Less than 3,000 students
- 3,000 – 8,999 students
- 9,000 – 14,990 students
- More than 15,000 students

Setting: What setting do you want your school to be in?

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural

Sports: Do you want your school to have any specific sport?

Activities: Are there activities you would want to participate in at your school? (This could include student groups, mentorship opportunities and more.)

Campus Services: What sort of services do you want your campus to provide?

This can include writing centers, math tutoring, and disability services.

Disability Support Services: Are there specific disability support services or accommodations you need when attending your program?

Housing: Where do you want to live?

- Are you interested in living on campus?
- Are you interested in off-campus housing options such as living at home, renting an apartment/house, or living in residential fraternities and sororities?



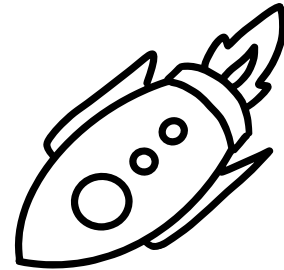
Are you eligible for College Bound?

Remember, College Bound can cover up to the cost of tuition at public school rates at over 65 institutions across the state of Washington: wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions
Keep these schools in mind as you explore.

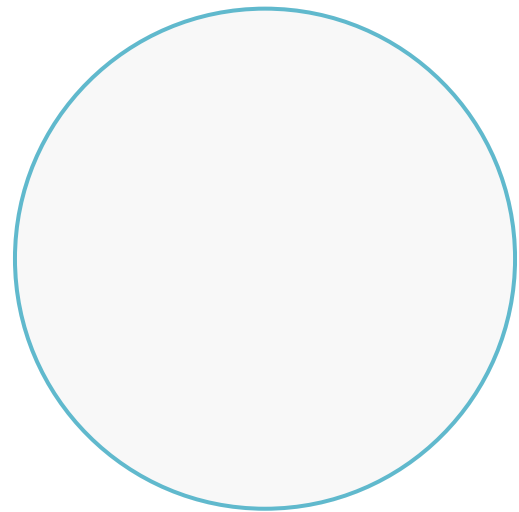
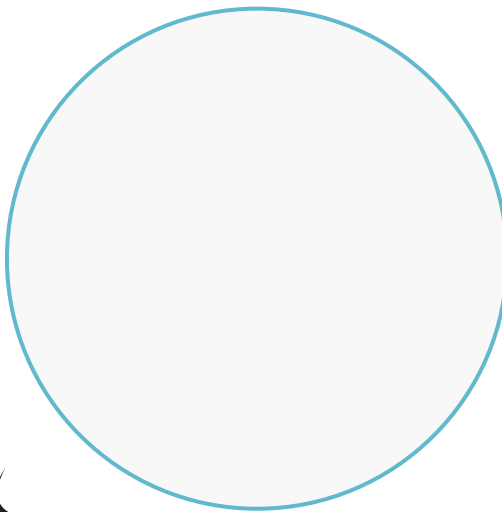
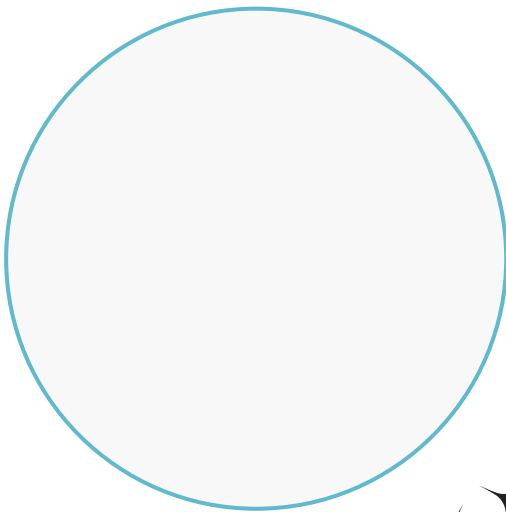
Part 2: A Good Fit

Using the research tool, were there any post-secondary institutions you are interested in exploring further?

List your top 3 below.



My Top 3 Schools to Explore



Part 3: Next Steps

- Explore each school's website
- Reach out to an admissions counselor to learn more about the school, and the requirements to apply
- Talk to current students, do an in-person or virtual tour and consider sitting in on a class as you explore

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