

Comparing colleges

Directions: The purpose of this activity is to answer questions about colleges that you are interested in to get a better idea of which college may be the best match for you. In each college column heading, write or type the name of the college you are interested in attending. Then answer each question about each college in the space provided. There are also blank spaces available on Page 4 for you to fill in your own questions. To find the answers to these questions, read the college's Web site, request that the college send information to you (by mail or e-mail), contact the admissions office, and/or contact the disability support services office. After you have answered the questions for each college, highlight in green the positive aspect of each college that meets your needs and preferences. Compare the colleges and talk with your guidance counselor or parent to find out which one might be the best match for you. For a full listing of questions, read the Virginia's College Guide for Students with Disabilities: www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/transition_svcs/outcomes_project/college_guide.pdf

Questions	Name of College 1:	Name of College 2:	Name of College 3:
What majors does the college offer that you might be interested?			
What core courses are required in college?			
What programs is the college known for?			
What kinds of campus activities and organizations does the college offer?			
What are the admissions requirements?			
Does the college require ACT or SAT, both, or neither?			
What are the minimal acceptable ACT and SAT scores?			
What high school classes are required for admissions?			
Are there foreign language or other courses required for admissions?			
Does the college accept course substitutions or waive requirements for students with disabilities?			

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What are the admissions deadlines?			
Is the campus setting urban, suburban or rural?			
How many students are enrolled in the college?			
How many students with disabilities are on campus?			
What is the average class size?			
How accessible is the campus?			
What is the tuition?			
What are the housing options and their costs?			
Are dormitories available?			
Are there accessible dorm rooms?			
What financial aid programs does the college have?			
What are the course load requirements to maintain eligibility for financial aid?			
Does the college provide classes or workshops in study skills (time management, note taking, reading, writing)?			

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Does the college provide free tutoring?			
What accommodations does the college typically provide?			
What additional resources and services are available to all students (counseling, writing centers, health centers, career centers, etc.)?			
What resources or services are available for students with disabilities? Are these free?			
Does the college offer assistive technology to students? If yes, what types and how do students access these technologies?			
What kinds of sports does the college offer?			
What public transportation is available?			
Is ample, accessible parking available on campus?			

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