

What Are You Looking For in a College or Post-Secondary Program?

Explain that the purpose of today's session is for students to explore what they consider important in terms of choosing a college/post-secondary program. Emphasize that different people consider different aspects important when making this decision.

Draw students' attention to two sides of the room (A & B). Explain that you are going to read different criteria that they may consider in choosing a college. Ask them to stand at the side of the room that represents what they're looking for in a college. After each time, ask a few volunteers to explain why they chose a certain side (this is where you can add as much of your own personal experience or knowledge as you'd like). Encourage students to ask questions.

Closer to home	or	Farther Away (outside New England)
Smaller school (5,000 or less)	or	Larger school (over 5,000)
Mainly on-campus housing	or	Mainly off-campus housing (i.e. apartments)
Urban (city)	or	Rural/Suburb
Public (schools are run and funded by the city or state; usually less expensive)	or	Private (schools that are run by institutions; usually more expensive)
Schools that has a more specific concentration (e.g. engineering, business)	or	Liberal Arts Schools (e.g. psychology, education, art, humanities)
Four-year school (bachelor's degree)	or	Two-year school (can earn Associate's Degree or vocational/technical training)