

Prerequisites:

- Career Assessment

Lesson Goal

Before starting to apply to colleges or universities, students need to narrow down their options. The lesson goal is to give students some time to think about who they are, what they want out of their college experience, and pick the school that fits them best.

What should student learn from the lesson?

- Students will learn how to navigate through College Raptor
- Students will learn what factors to consider when picking a college
- Students will understand how to set up a campus visit and what questions to ask

What is the in-class activity?

- Help students set-up College Raptor accounts, do some college search examples with them, and have them search on their own (explore time)
- Have students brainstorm things to consider when picking a college and write on board and discuss them in class.
- Give them Make the Most of your College visits worksheet, help guide them to set up visits, and give pointers on visiting colleges
- Explore college websites
- Discussion of the importance of applying to and listing multiple colleges on the FAFSA form.
- Reinforcement of the importance of not choosing a college until after compared award letters.

What is the takeaway for students?

- Students will understand how to use College Raptor and search for colleges
- Students will be able to determine what factors are most important for picking colleges
- Students will know how to set up a campus visit
- Students will know what to ask on a visit to make the most impact
- Students will understand the Importance of having plans A, B & C, and to apply for admission and financial aid to at least 3 schools
- Students will know to choose a college after comparing financial aid packages

Materials Needed:

- Computer
- CPN Guides
- Make the most of your college visits worksheet