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College Friday 21 October 2016

Pulling It All Together: *Researching Schools*

**Objective:** SWBAT find and record comprehensive information for individual schools in which they are interested. This is based on the individual lessons and research we have done so far.

**Agenda:**

1. Write down two schools in which you are interested:

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2. For each school, find and write notes on the following. This is not exhaustive, but gives you an idea of how many factors you need to compare in order to complete *due diligence* around the college selection process. Do as much as you can. Remember to use resources *other* than the school’s website *along with* the school’s website:

1. Minimum three (3) *fit* points that are important to you; what can you find about the school and the school and your fit points?
2. Composition of the student body: size; demographics; resident vs. commuter; how many live on campus or off; anything else you can find.
3. Distance from Lowell. How would you get there? How would its location impact your ability to be home when you want to be home?
4. What kind of housing does the school have? What residency requirements are there?
5. General education requirements: what will you have to talk outside of your chosen major(s)?
6. Primary and secondary academic interests of yours: what does the school have?
7. Primary and secondary academic interests of yours: what is the percentage of students who finish on time (2 or 4-year programs)?
8. Primary and secondary academic interests of yours: what is the percentage of students who get a job or go to grad school within a year of graduation?
9. Does the school have a career center? What is its success rate?
10. What kind of student support does the school offer if you need academic help?
11. What student life resources exist (student union, gyms, hangouts, food, activities, intramurals, sports, etc.) in both the school and the surrounding community?
12. What does the surrounding community look like?
13. What does the financial side of application look like: cost, average aid, percentage of need given, ROI.
14. What are the solid due dates for admissions?
15. What are the solid due dates for FA? Does the school require the CSS?
16. Average SATs, GPA of the incoming class.
17. What is the percentage of applicants that is offered admission?
18. What is the percentage of admitted students who actually attend?
19. Are there summer requirements for incoming freshmen?
20. Is there a pre-semester prep week for freshmen?
21. When do classes actually start? What will you be required to take freshman year?