

Davis Senior High School PTA
“Calming the Admissions Frenzy”
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Determining Your Priorities

This questionnaire will help you identify what is most important to you as you think about choosing colleges. Questions are divided into three categories: Physical Environment, Academic Environment, and Extracurricular and Social Environment. Answer each question as accurately as you can. For each one, be sure to note whether your preference is very important (V), somewhat important (S), or not important (N) to you.

Physical Environment	Your Preference	Importance
		V S N
1. How far from home would you like to live? Close by? Easy or longer drive? Accessible by plane?		
2. Do you prefer a large city, small city or town, suburb, or country environment?		
3. Does weather matter to you? Is there an area of the country where you do not want to live?		
4. What size college do you prefer: small (<2,500); medium (<10,000); large (<20,000); very large (>20,000)		
Other:		
Other:		

Academic Environment	Your Preference	Importance
		V S N
1. Do you have a preference between a liberal arts college and research university?		
2. Are there specific majors or courses that you want a college to offer?		
3. Do you prefer small classes, large classes, or a mix?		
4. Are there any special curricular features that you want (core curriculum, honors program, and so forth)?		
5. What kind of intellectual environment do you prefer? Exceptionally rigorous, midrange, less intense?		
6. Do you want a “name brand” or prestigious college?		
Other:		
Other:		

Extracurricular and Social Environment	Your Preference	Importance
		V S N
1. Are there particular extracurricular activities or special facilities that you would like to have available?		
2. Do you want to participate in certain sports at the varsity level? At the club sport or intramural level?		
3. How big a role should athletics play on campus?		
4. Do you want fraternities and sororities to be available and an important part of campus life?		

