

# MY COLLEGE FIT PRIORITIES CARD SORT

Within College Planning in a Box, you will find a unique activity called the My College Fit Priorities Card Sort Activity. This fun activity is designed to help you make more informed college decisions. To complete, both the student and the parent should read the information below and the instruction cards located within the card box, complete the activity, fill in the scorecard below, and complete the reflection questions.

## College-Bound Students

You may find it beneficial to complete the My College Fit Priorities Card Sort a few times during the college search and selection process. Here are three times we suggest you complete the Card Sort.

1. Before you go on your first college visits to help you identify those things you will want to pay attention to while you are visiting the campus and interacting with faculty and staff.
2. Before applying to colleges to help you see how things have changed for you over time.
3. After you have received your decision letters and are deciding which college to attend.

Each time you complete the Card Sort, remember to review not only those things you rated as high priorities, but also review those things you rated as low priorities as they might represent 'blind spots' to pay more attention to and learn more about. Use the below scorecard to track your scores across the 6 Keys and each time you complete the activity (up to 3 times).

## Parents

Thank you for participating in the My College Fit Priorities Card Sort activity with your college-bound student. Doing this with them will help you see where your priorities are aligned and where they may be different – and help you have a dialogue that will be helpful to both of you as you proceed together through the college choice and selection process. If you have different priorities in some areas than your student, discuss to understand and appreciate their perspective. Having different priorities during the college search and selection process can be a strength, as you are each paying attention to and emphasizing different priorities, which helps you learn more about each college, and how it fits your student and your family's context. Please be sure to read the information above for students to help you understand how this can help you and your student through the college choice and selection process. Use the below scorecard to track your scores across the 6 Keys and each time you complete the activity (up to 3 times).

## My College Fit Priorities Scorecard

### Academic Match

CARD College Fit Priority	STUDENT Time 1 Column Number	PARENT Time 1 Column Number	STUDENT Time 2 Column Number	PARENT Time 2 Column Number	STUDENT Time 3 Column Number	PARENT Time 3 Column Number
Student-to-Faculty Ratio						
Selectivity	+	+	+	+	+	+
Testing Policy	+	+	+	+	+	+
Program of Choice	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	=	=	=	=	=	=

### Personal Match

CARD College Fit Priority	STUDENT Time 1 Column Number	PARENT Time 1 Column Number	STUDENT Time 2 Column Number	PARENT Time 2 Column Number	STUDENT Time 3 Column Number	PARENT Time 3 Column Number
College Characteristics						
Extracurricular Activities	+	+	+	+	+	+
Housing	+	+	+	+	+	+
Specialized Mission	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	=	=	=	=	=	=

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## Student Outcomes

CARD College Fit Priority	STUDENT Time 1 Column Number	PARENT Time 1 Column Number	STUDENT Time 2 Column Number	PARENT Time 2 Column Number	STUDENT Time 3 Column Number	PARENT Time 3 Column Number
Retention Rate						
Graduation Rate	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cohort Default Rate	+	+	+	+	+	+
Median Salary	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	=	=	=	=	=	=

## Career Match

CARD College Fit Priority	STUDENT Time 1 Column Number	PARENT Time 1 Column Number	STUDENT Time 2 Column Number	PARENT Time 2 Column Number	STUDENT Time 3 Column Number	PARENT Time 3 Column Number
Career Advising						
Internships	+	+	+	+	+	+
Job Placement	+	+	+	+	+	+
Alumni Network	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	=	=	=	=	=	=

## Financial Match

CARD College Fit Priority	STUDENT Time 1 Column Number	PARENT Time 1 Column Number	STUDENT Time 2 Column Number	PARENT Time 2 Column Number	STUDENT Time 3 Column Number	PARENT Time 3 Column Number
Work-Study						
Median Debt	+	+	+	+	+	+
Institutional Aid	+	+	+	+	+	+
Net Price	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+

## Student Support

CARD College Fit Priority	STUDENT Time 1 Column Number	PARENT Time 1 Column Number	STUDENT Time 2 Column Number	PARENT Time 2 Column Number	STUDENT Time 3 Column Number	PARENT Time 3 Column Number
Academic Supports						
Accessibility Services	+	+	+	+	+	+
Advising	+	+	+	+	+	+
Counseling Center	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	=	=	=	=	=	=