

Timeline

Exploration Phase **(Junior/early senior year)**

- Visit with college reps
- Visit college campuses
- Examine college websites
- Develop list of college options
- Consider college majors
- Using NPC's/estimate costs

Application Phase **(August - Jan 1 of Senior Year)**

- Determine list of colleges where you will apply
- Follow application procedure
- Continue college rep visits
- Continue campus visits
- Complete FAFSA and/or Profile

Decision Phase **(Jan 1-May 1 of Senior Year)**

- Rank colleges where accepted
- Continue campus visits
- Assess official award letters
- Decide on final college choice





Integrating the Key Aspects of College Search

The Exploration Phase

ACADEMIC

- 1) Does the College have the Major or Program of Study that interests me?
- 2) What is the Quality of that Program?
- 3) Can I predict my capacity to be academically successful?

FEEL

- 1) Is the school's location suitable to my preferences?
- 2) If I'm living on campus, what is the weekend experience like?
- 3) Is the school setting (city, suburb, rural) what I'm looking for?
- 4) What is the culture like? How spiritual is the campus? What's the social life like?

FINANCIAL

- 1) Once I've assessed what I can afford, does the college's net price match that?
- 2) Even if I can afford multiple college options, is the value of one school vs. the other worth a significant increase in net price?
- 3) Am I in a financial position to eliminate this topic in my search?

The following colleges represent a ranking of net price based on the history of reviewing award letters of PCHS students who have attended in the past, or using the information posted on the colleges' net price calculators.

These are not meant to infer 100% reliability. All eventual out-of-pocket costs at schools are dependent on a series of issues, including the college's marketing efforts.

It is designed to help families compare and contrast out-of-pocket cost options.

A = colleges that offer significant sticker price reduction in their category, or whose sticker price is relatively low

B= colleges that offer modest sticker price reduction in their category

C= colleges that offer little or no sticker price reduction in their category

Two key websites that will help you develop net price comparisons:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid> - new software not available yet**

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price> - new software not available yet**

Flagship State Schools

Arizona State (B)

Indiana University (B)

Michigan State (B)

Purdue University (C)

The Ohio State (B)

University of Alabama (A)

University of Arizona (C)

University of Arkansas (A)

University of Colorado/Boulder (C)

University of Florida (C)

University of Illinois/Urbana (C)

University of Iowa (B)

University of Kansas (A)

University of Kentucky (A)

University of Louisville (A)

University of Miami (C)

University of Michigan (C)

University of Minnesota (B)

University of Missouri/Columbia (B or A if obtain in-state tuition)

University of Nebraska (A)

University of Oklahoma (A)

University of Tennessee (A)

University of Wisconsin/Madison (C)

Non-flagship State Schools

Ball State University (B)
Central Michigan University (A)
Colorado State University (B)
Eastern IL University (A)
Eastern Michigan University (A)
Florida Gulf Coast University(B)
Grand Valley State University (A)
Illinois State (B)
Indiana State (A)
Iowa State (B)
Kansas State (A)
Miami of Ohio (B)
Northern IL (B)
Northern Michigan (A)
Southern IL Carbondale (B)
Southern IL Edwardsville (A)
Truman State (A)
University of Illinois/Chicago (B)
University of South Alabama (A)
University of South Florida (A)
University of Wisconsin (other than Madison) (B)
Western IL (A)
Western Michigan (A)
Winona State (A)

Mid-Size Privates

Bradley University (A)
Butler University (B)
Catholic University of America (B)
Creighton University (A)
DePaul University (B)
Drake University (A)
Grand Canyon University (A+)
Lewis University (A)
Loyola University/Chicago (A)
Marquette University (B)
St Louis University (A)
University of Dayton (A)
University of Detroit Mercy (A)
University of Tampa (A)
Valparaiso University (A)
Xavier University (A)

Traditional Privates

Augustana College (B)
Belmont Abbey College (A)
Belmont University (C)
Benedictine Univ, IL (B)
Benedictine Univ., KS (B)
Carroll University (A)
Carthage College (A)
Cornell College (B)
Dominican University (B)
Elmhurst University (B)
Franciscan University (B)
Hillsdale College(B)
Illinois College (A)
Illinois Wesleyan University (B)
Knox College (B)
Loras College (A)
Marian University, WI (A)
Merrimack College (A) – Augustinian Scholarship **
Monmouth College (A)
North Central College (B)
Olivet Nazarene University (A)
Ripon College (A)
Saint Ambrose University (A)
Saint Mary's University, MN (A)
Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame (A)
Saint Norbert College (B)
Saint Xavier University (A)
Trinity Christian College (A)
University of Dubuque (A)

COLLEGES THAT VISITED PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC IN FALL 2022

Augustana College
Ball State University
Belmont Abbey College
Benedictine University
Bradley University
Butler University
Carthage College
Carthage College
Catholic University of America
Central College
Creighton University
Dominican University
Drake University
Eastern Illinois
Governors State University
Grand Canyon University
Hillsdale College
Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
Illinois College
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana State University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Indiana University-Purdue University
Joliet Junior College
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lewis University
Loyola University
Lynn University
Marian University, WI
Marquette University
Merrimack College

Miami University, Ohio
Michigan State University
North Central College
Purdue University
Purdue University-Northwest
Quincy University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
Saint Xavier University
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
St. Ambrose University
St. Mary's University, Minnesota
St. Norbert College
Trinity Christian College
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Notre Dame
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of St. Francis
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Toledo
Valparaiso University
Villanova University
Western Michigan University
Xavier University

APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE REPS

1. What are your most common popular majors?
2. What percentage of students stay on campus during the weekends? Could you give examples of weekend options?
3. How do most students get around campus?
4. What kind of access to technology will be provided? Are students given any devices to use?
5. Do you offer study abroad? In what areas?
6. What are the safety issues on campus? How are they addressed?
7. What does the school do to help graduates find jobs?
8. Describe your residence hall options? Is living on campus required?
9. If I have a health concern, who would I see?
10. Where do I go for academic support?
11. What percentage of students get job placement in their designated field upon graduation?

ACT Test Dates - www.actstudent.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
February 1, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023*	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

*(PCHS is a testing site on this date.)

SAT Test Dates - www.collegeboard.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
March 11, 2023 (SAT I only)	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

Important Dates

IACAC College Fair at Lewis University - Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - 6-8:30 pm

PCHS College Fair for Sophomores & Juniors: Friday, March 24, 2023 (approx. 50 colleges) - 10:25 am -12:05 pm in the PCHS Sacred Heart Gym

Junior Parent College Night with Julie Nelson (Admissions Counselor from Xavier University, Ohio): Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 7 pm in the PCHS Commons

The Application Phase for Seniors and Their Parents: September 2023

FAFSA Filing Explanation: October 2023

Conquering College Costs Seminar: October 2023

Providence Catholic College Search and Selection Program

Maximizing Scholarships and Grants; Reducing Sticker Price

Direct Student Loan	file FAFSA
Campus Employment	file FAFSA, search for job on campus
Pell Grant	file FAFSA, low EFC
MAP Grant	file FAFSA, low EFC, attend school in Illinois
College Grant discretion	file FAFSA, EFC under college cost, college
Academic Scholarship	apply to college, ACT score and/or GPA
Merit Scholarship	inform college of other strengths (resume and relationship)
Competitive Scholarship	inquire, apply at colleges, college discretion
Independent Scholarships	apply, use Naviance /PCHS Counseling website
Appeal Process	file FAFSA, file appeal, college discretion
Pathway to Residency	When pursuing state schools outside of Illinois