



# COLLEGE EXPLORATION

## College Exploration:

There are no perfect colleges. The college admission process is all about exploration. You are in control. The more you know about colleges and yourself, the better your college experience will be. When it comes to deciding where to apply, you have full control. This document can help you explore colleges, compare and choose. Begin your college exploration here.

## College Homework:

In order to successfully explore colleges you must know what works best for **YOU**. You must learn as much as possible about the colleges you plan to apply to. This is called "College Homework". Doing your "College Homework" helps you create a list of colleges that are best for you.

## Things To Consider About Colleges:

1. Use these lists to choose colleges
  - a. Georgia In-State Public - Colleges ([usg.edu](http://usg.edu))
  - b. Posse Partner - Colleges ([possefoundaton.org](http://possefoundaton.org))
  - c. Coalition Partner - Colleges ([coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org))
  - d. American Talent Initiative - Colleges ([americantalentinitiative.org](http://americantalentinitiative.org))
  - e. Test Optional Colleges - Fair Test Colleges ([fairtest.org](http://fairtest.org))
  - f. Colleges That Change Lives - Colleges ([ctcl.org](http://ctcl.org))
  - g. QuestBridge - Colleges ([questbridge.org](http://questbridge.org))
  - h. Georgia Technical Colleges ([tcsgeu.edu](http://tcsgeu.edu))
  - i. Colleges That Meet 100% of Need/No Loan/Limited Loan (Google Search)
  
2. Use these websites to find out important information about the colleges you select
  - a. [collegeresults.org](http://collegeresults.org) - research (graduation, retention rates) and ( for profit status)
  - b. [collegeexpress.com](http://collegeexpress.com) - search by college name, majors, keywords, location, etc.

- c. [bigfutures.org](http://bigfutures.org) - search by college name, major, test scores, etc.
  - d. [usg.edu](http://usg.edu) - search all Georgia Public colleges
  - e. [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org) - search all Georgia colleges (Public, Technical, Private)
3. Begin thinking about your college choices.
- a. First, identify and select at least 2 Georgia Public Colleges
  - b. Then identify and select colleges from the lists above
  - c. Make sure you decide if a college is a Reach, Target, or Safety College.