

COLLEGE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

1. Think about your reasons for going to college.
2. Identify important factors in choosing a college:
 - ❖ In-state or out of state
 - ❖ Public or private
 - ❖ Two-year or four-year
 - ❖ Location - near or far from home
 - ❖ Size - small or large
 - ❖ Do they offer the program you want to study?
 - ❖ Costs and financial aid
 - ❖ How selective are the schools (GPA and ACT scores)
 - ❖ Gender ratio
 - ❖ Types of housing
 - ❖ Campus activities
3. Make a list of prospective colleges. Are the choices realistic?
4. Collect information about selected colleges:
 - ❖ College Websites/College Admissions Office
 - ❖ Xello (Formerly known as Career Cruising)
 - ❖ Graduates
 - ❖ LSHS Counseling Department
 - ❖ Virtual Meetings with College Representatives
 - ❖ Parent/Student Informational Meetings
5. Check college entrance requirements.
 - ❖ High school courses required
 - ❖ Foreign Language requirements
 - ❖ SAT/ACT scores (Several universities are not requiring scores due to COVID-19)
 - ❖ Class Rank/GPA
6. Visit potential colleges and universities (Call ahead to determine if in-person or virtual visits are taking place-See college visit information)
7. Compare colleges on your list.
8. Apply to the college(s) of your choice in the early fall of your Senior year.

College Comparison Sheet

College Name			
Location -distance from home			
Environment -type of school (2 or 4-year) -school setting (urban, rural) -location & size of nearest city -co-ed, male, female -religious affiliation			
Admission Requirements -deadline -tests required -average test scores, GPA, rank -notification			
Academics -your major offered -special requirements -accreditation -student-faculty ratio -typical class size			
College Expenses -tuition, room & board -estimated total budget -application fee, deposits			
Financial Aid -deadline -required forms -percentage receiving aid -scholarships			
Housing -residence hall requirement -food plan			
Facilities -academic -recreational -other			
Activities -clubs, organizations -Greek Life -Athletics, intramurals -other			
Campus Visits -When Virtual or in-person			

Click Below to find admission and enrollment data for each university/college located in Michigan

[Admission and Enrollment Data](#)