

# How to Start YOUR College Search

*Here are a few steps to help you find the right college!  
It is the **match** of your goals and qualifications to what the college has to offer  
that is most important.*

1. Ask yourself, "What I am looking for in a college?" "What are my personal goals in life?" **Be honest!**
2. Make a list of things you are looking for in a college.
3. Visit several college campuses to get an idea about the different types, sizes and locations of schools. There are at least 60 colleges within two hours driving time of PVPHS!
4. Prioritize your lists. Be sure to include: location, academic reputation, size, cost (be sure to get your parents input on this one), public vs. private, your major, quality of life and job/career potential.
4. Make a list of possible colleges. The initial list should have at least 20-30 Schools.
6. Write, e-mail or phone to request information from each school. Be sure to include your name, address, e-mail address and date of high school graduation.
7. Make a college information file box.
8. Colleges often host evening presentations at local hotels designed to inform prospective students and their parents about their campus. These are good events for the student to attend. Invitations are sent to students who have contacted the colleges.

***Colleges and universities are very interested in hearing from interested STUDENTS. The preferred method of communication is e-mail.***