

# WELCOME PARENTS

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## HOW TO CONDUCT A COLLEGE SEARCH

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# WHAT COLLEGES LOOK FOR IN COLLEGE APPLICANTS

- Challenging Coursework
- Strong grades/upward trend
- Solid test scores
- Involvement in Activities/Leadership
- Community Service
- Work or Volunteer Experience
- Well-Written Essays (Visit Lit Lab)
- Letters of Recommendations
- Activity Resume-Awards/Recognitions

# 4 MAIN FACTORS WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

## “FIT”

1. Academic
2. Financial
3. Social
4. Geographic

# COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

## STEP 1: BUILD YOUR LIST OF SCHOOLS...

- ▶ Do a “search for Schools & Majors on **Career Cruising** or **College board**. A student can find schools that match the criteria of their choice. Examples of search criteria:
- ▶ Type of School
- ▶ Location & Setting
- ▶ Admissions Difficulty
- ▶ Tuition
- ▶ Special Program Options Enrollment
- ▶ Athletics/Activities
- ▶ Majors Offered
- ▶ Diversity

# STEP 2- REFINE YOUR SEARCH

- ▶ Sign up for College Reps at Sandburg.
- ▶ Visit College Campuses- register for open house on-line at the College/University of your choice.
- ▶ Gather information on the Colleges/Universities by going to their website and look for key terms.....
  - \*Prospective Students
  - \*Undergraduate Students
  - \*Incoming Freshman
- ▶ Talk to family members and friends.
- ▶ Take advantage of any summer enrichment opportunities.

# COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

- Schedule a campus tour by contacting the college admissions office
- Prepare questions related to your interests and major ([Handout](#))
- Verify admission requirements
- Visit campus dorm room
- Sit in on a lecture
- Talk with students and faculty
- Meet with financial aid office

# COLLEGES VISITING SANDBURG

- Go to <http://sandburg.d230.org/college-representative-calendar/>
- Click on the Guidance tab
- Click on College Visit Calendar
- Select the college of your choice to register
- Communicate with teacher prior to attending visit
- Must sign up before 8:00am the day of visit


# CAREER/COLLEGE RESOURCES

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Username: District230

Password: Careers



 **Log In**  
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## Undergraduate School Selector

- ✓ **Type of School**
- ✓ **Location & Setting**
- ✓ **Admission Difficulty**
- ✓ **Special Program Options**
- ✓ **Tuition**
- ✓ **Enrollment**
- ✓ **Athletics**
- ✓ **Majors Offered**
- ✓ **Campus Life & Services**

**0 Matches**

[← Back to Search for Schools](#)

### Type of School

**Would you prefer a public or private college?**

- Public
- Private
- Does not matter

**What type of college would you prefer?**

- 2-Year
- 4-Year

# Compare Undergraduate Schools

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General Information	Illinois State University <span>✕</span>	Eastern Illinois University <span>✕</span>	Western Illinois University <span>✕</span>
<b>Type &amp; Location</b>			
School Type	4-Year	4-Year	4-Year
Public / Private	Public - State	Public - State	Public - State
Location	Normal, IL	Charleston, IL	Macomb, IL
Setting	Urban	Small town	Small town
<b>Student Population</b>			
Student Body	Coeducational	Coeducational	Coeducational
Total Students	20,615	8,913	11,458
Total Undergraduate Students	18,155	7,640	9,645