

# College Planning Next Steps:

- **Continue to do College Searches using Naviance and College Board Big Future Site/App**
  1. Naviance: Go to “**Colleges**” tab on top. Find the **Find your Fit** option on far left. Choose “Advanced College Search” or Super Match College Search to do a College Search.
  2. College Board: Go My Big Future and look for **PLAN FOR COLLEGE** heading. Then go to “**College Search**”.  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search/filters>
- **Research Colleges:** Research at least 25-30 Colleges  
Use Multiple Websites to research colleges. Look at Majors/Academic Programs, Look for Virtual Campus Tours and in-person Campus Tours, Cost/Financial Aid, application Deadlines etc.

Good websites:

1. [www.Niche.com](http://www.Niche.com)
2. [www.CollegeBoard.com](http://www.CollegeBoard.com)
3. [www.CollegeData.com](http://www.CollegeData.com)
4. US News and World Report <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges>
5. Forbes <https://www.forbes.com/top-colleges/>
6. SAT Optional/SAT Not Required List. <https://fairtest.org/test-optional-list/>

- **ADD Colleges to Naviance and College Board Big Future**
  1. Naviance: Go to “**Colleges**” then **Research Colleges**. Then Go to “**Colleges I am thinking about**” with a red heart next to it. Use the **Search for Colleges** option to search for and add Colleges. Click on the “Heart” symbol to add to you favorites list.
  2. College Board Big Future Site: Go to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search/college-list?viewmode=card>
- **Think about 2 teachers to write a Letter of Recommendation for next year:**  
See Teachers in May/June to ask if they will write a letter of Recommendation for you. If they say yes, please fill out a “Senior Brag Sheet for Teachers” to assist them in writing a letter for you. You can find the Senior Brag Sheet for Teachers on this site of School Counseling Department resources for Seniors:  
<https://southington-648-us-east1-01.preview.finalsitecdn.com/schools/high-school/southington-high/school-counseling/post-secondary-options>
- **Check out Possible Essay Prompts for the Common App and start Essay (June-August)**  
College Board Essay Prompts: <https://www.commonapp.org/blog/common-app-announces-2024-2025-common-app-essay-prompts>
- **Develop a College List of Potential Colleges to Apply to in Fall: (7 to 10 colleges)**  
Review and update this list frequently. Communicate with Colleges via email and sign up for mailing lists for these schools. Most students looking at in-state and out of state schools will apply to apply to at least 4 to 7 colleges.
- **If your Colleges use the Common App, On or Before August 1<sup>st</sup> Create Common App account.**  
Go to [www.Commonapp.org](http://www.Commonapp.org) . Start Common Application process August 1 2024.

