



College and Career Guidance

Our process for lending students a helping hand in the journey towards their college and career goals

Agenda



PART 1

Discover Your Interests

PART 2

Searching for Options

PART 3

College Visits

PART 4

PCS Outcomes

Discover Your Interests

Students succeed when they have the resources and support to prepare them for the future.

There is likely more than one road to accomplishing career goals. Students need to find what works best for them but PC students and families are not alone on that journey.

Students should consider the various careers they are interested in and the multiple ways they can reach their desired outcomes.



Resources for Exploring Options

- Strength & Personality Tests
- Skills Assessments
- Part-Time Jobs
- Job Shadowing
- Read about people and careers
- Elective Classes
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Volunteer
- Attend College & Career Fairs
- Find a Mentor
- Read job descriptions
- Interview people with interesting jobs
- Ask those who know you best what they think
- Advanced Coursework
- Summer Camps
- Online Classes
- Certifications
- Consider areas of success

Quizzes & Websites



Quizzes

- princetonreview.com/quiz/career-quiz
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/career-search/career-quiz>
- [Careergirls.org/explore-careers/career-quiz](https://careergirls.org/explore-careers/career-quiz)
- [Truity.com](https://truity.com) (career aptitude)
- [Trumotivate.com](https://trumotivate.com)
- [TheCareerTest.org](https://thecareertest.org)

Websites

- [FindYourChristianCollege.com](https://findyourchristiancollege.com)
- [ChristianConnector.com](https://christianconnector.com)
- mynextmove.org
- [CollegeScorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov)
- [Cappex.com](https://cappex.com)
- [CollegeRaptor.com](https://collegeraptor.com)
- [Petersons.com](https://petersons.com)
- [Niche.com](https://niche.com)

Jobs & Internships

Tips to land a position

- Start early
- Tell people you are looking for a job
- Create a resume
- Don't be afraid to network
- Consider seasonal businesses who will need more help when you are available
- Be persistent
- Do some research about the company before the interview
- SAVE your money
- Be professional

Job Ideas

- Babysitting
- Pet Sitting
- Landscaping
- Summer Camps
- Restaurants
- Housesitting
- Golf Courses
- Tutoring
- Movie Theatre
- Data Entry
- Social Media Assistant
- Youth Sports Coach/Referee
- Family Business

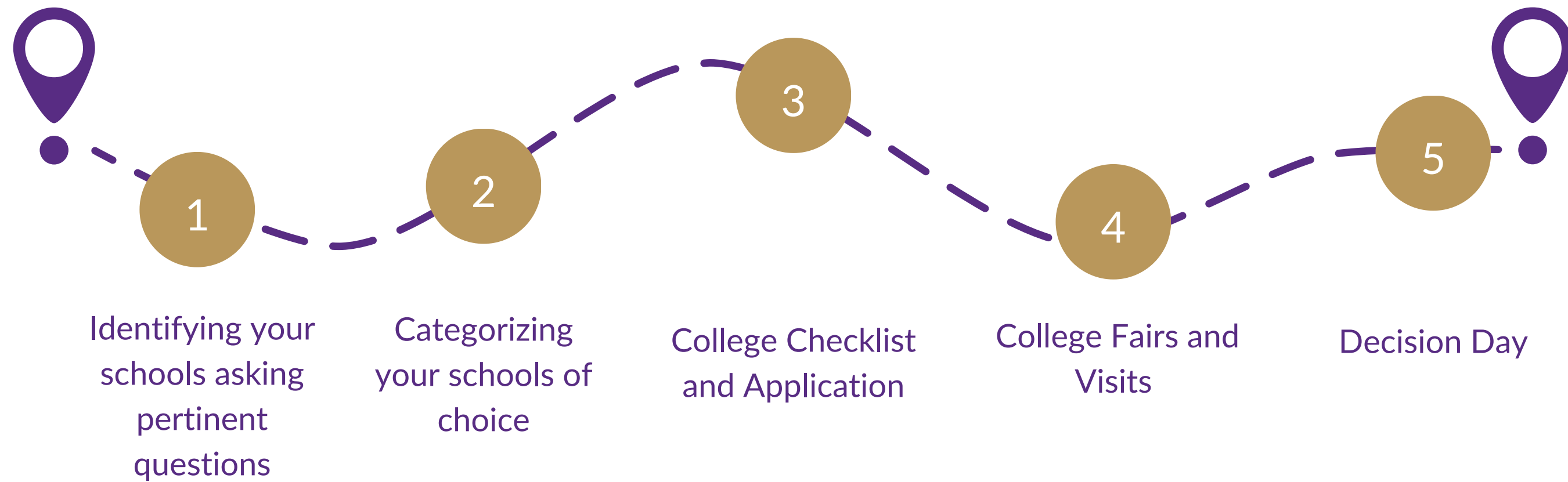
Paving the Road Ahead

The earlier you start the more options you have.



College Timeline

Our strategy is to streamline the planning and application process



NACAAP Recommended Private Christian Colleges

Check out the NACAAP member list at

https://www.naccap.org/page/Members_List or
<https://www.findyourchristiancollege.com>

or grab THE Guide to Christian Colleges & Universities

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Check out the website for a full list

<http://www.thehundred-seven.org/hbculist.html>

There is a whole world of affinity colleges to meet all sorts of special interests.

Essential Questions in Choosing Colleges

What is important to you:

1. Beach or Mountains / Desert or Snow
2. Small or Large University
3. Public / Private or HBCU
4. Financial considerations
5. How far do you want to be from home
6. Are sports important (want to go to weekly football games)
7. Urban or Suburban
8. Do they specialize in the program or programs you are interested in
9. How long do you want to go to school



Categorizing your Choices

As easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Reach Schools - Don't forget to Dream (1)
2. Optimum and Attainable (4 to 5)
3. Safe, Local, Affordable (1 or 2)



You are doing
★ GREAT! ★

College Checklists Can Keep You on Track

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Senior Year College Checklist

College Preparation

- Determine an email for college information
- Make a list of schools you are considering
- Schedule SAT/ACT tests (junior/senior year)
- Talk with parents/guardians about your college plans
- Continue saving money for college costs
- Update your resume with extracurricular activities, service projects & work experience
- Discuss your interests with PC College & Career Counselor
- Visit with college reps that come to PC
- Attend college events when offered

College Visits

- Take a virtual tour of any campuses you are interested in
- Schedule on-campus visit
- Request a meeting with a faculty member
- Ask to sit in on a class
- Schedule Auditions (music/theater) / Try-out (athletics)
- Stay overnight in dorm if you plan to live on-campus
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Check out the local area around campus

Applications

- Determine payment for application fees (or apply for fee waivers)
- Register on Common App
- Request Transcripts
- Have someone proof read your essays
- Ask people for recommendations (teachers, work supervisor, pastor pastor)
- Request test scores to be sent (if required)
- Schedule interview (if required)
- Keep track of where you are applying & what materials are needed for each school

Financial Aid

- Create FAFSA ID
- Have parent/guardian create FAFSA ID
- Complete FAFSA (after Oct. 1- December in 2023- of senior year)
- Research Scholarships
- Apply for Scholarships
- Review financial aid award letters
- Accept awards for the school you select
- Continue to apply for scholarships into your college years
- Attend scholarship events

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Checklists Include

- College Preparation
- Applications
- College Visits
- Financial Aid
- General Tasks
- Once You Have Decided

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College Visits

Don't go in blind - Make sure it's the right fit

Virtual Tours - Most colleges offer online tours or videos to check out a campus before making the time and financial investment of traveling to the school.

College Tours - Schools offer group or individual tours for students and their support systems to see the college firsthand. While on campus ask to meet with a professor, attend an event, try-out for a team or performance group. You should plan to spend anywhere from one hour to half a day on campus.

Campus Events - Schools offer preview days or overnight events to allow students extended time to check out campus.

Visit Tips

- ★ Cafeteria
- ★ Sit in on a class
- ★ Ask Financial Aid questions
- ★ Audition/Try-out
- ★ Stay overnight
- ★ Drive around town
- ★ Schedule ahead for best scheduling



Portland Christian Schools

Growing leaders in mind and spirit since 1947

PC students are expected to graduate from high school and pursue higher education. The college enrollment rate for our graduates is consistently above 90% - and many years, is close to 100%. From preschool through high school graduation, PC students are prepared for the next step.

Class of 2023 Statistics

- ★ 31 Graduates
- ★ 94% went on to college or university
- ★ 69% graduated with honors (3.5+ GPA)

Options are limitless

Providing the framework for students to be successful in their future college or career.



Outcomes for Portland Christian Graduates

A list of some of the schools that PCS alumni have attended in the past few years:

- Barnard College
- Baylor University
- Belmont University
- Biola University
- Brown University
- Bushnell University
- Cornell University
- George Washington University
- Harvard College
- Michigan State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Oregon State University
- Penn State
- Pepperdine University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Seattle Pacific University
- UMass Amherst
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Delaware
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon Honors College
- University of Redlands
- University of Southern California
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Wheaton College, Ill.
- Whitworth University

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Outcomes for Portland Christian Graduates

A list of some of the careers and organizations PCS students have after their college & career training:

Jobs

- Pastor
- Teacher
- Senior Development Officer
- Real Estate
- Professional Race Car Driver
- Actress
- Military
- Engineer
- Police Officer
- Marketing Director
- Band Instructor
- Business Analyst
- Director of Operations
- Professional Athlete
- Consultant
- Stadium Announcer
- Author
- Insurance Agent
- Dentist
- Doctor
- Legislative Assistant

Organizations

- Nike
- Corban University
- Space X
- Adventurous Life Coaching
- Portland Christian Schools
- Eastside Timbers & Thorns FC
- American Endurance Racing
- Seattle Seahawk
- Self-Employed
- Clackamas Community College
- Hall Financial Group
- billups
- Caltech
- Volunteers of America
- Nordstrom
- Humana



Your Student's Support Team

College and Career Staff

The PCS Dean will serve as the primary communicator for college information for students and their support systems. Providing information about college visits, fairs, testing dates, applications, internships and more.



Teachers

Your student's teachers will unlock interests in subject areas in which they may not have previously shown interest. Teachers will also support students in their college search by suggesting schools and writing recommendations.



Coaches and Directors

Coaches & directors are important in connecting students with potential opportunities for their extracurricular passions such as athletics and fine arts.



Thank you!

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