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COLLEGE PLANNING

Good Match, Reach, and Safety Schools

Have you been wondering what these terms mean? Here's a quick run-down:

Good Match: A *good match* school is one that is the best fit for you based on your academic record in high school and your extracurricular activities.

Reach: You might have difficulty getting into a *reach* school based on your academic record or extracurricular activities, but with an excellent essay, standout recommendation or something else that sets you apart you might have a chance.

Safety: A *safety* school is so-called because your academic performance generally exceeds the requirements for admission. While you shouldn't take it for granted—no school is a sure-thing—you can be more confident in your chance of admission.

[Read more about what these classifications mean.](#)

[Find Your Good Match, Reach, and Safety Schools!](#)

[Pressed for time? Get school recommendations emailed to you.](#)

INSIDE SCHOOLS

The Rankings Have Arrived!

Find out which colleges have the [happiest students](#), provide the [most palatial dorms](#), and serve up the [tastiest food](#). Current students tell all about the best (and worst) of college at the Best 366 Colleges across the nation.

[Get all the Best 366 Rankings](#)

Take a look at our featured 2008 Best Colleges. Check out which lists they made and what current students have to say.

[Elmhurst College](#) (Elmhurst, IL)

A "small college with a big bang," Elmhurst College is a Chicago-area liberal arts school with a surprisingly broad variety of solid academic departments. Students comment that the school "prepares students to be ready for the professional world" while offering "a comfortable place to be away from home yet feel as if you are home." The suburban campus's close proximity to Chicago makes it an ideal location to take advantage of both cultural activities and diverse entertainment.

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[University of North Carolina—Pembroke](#)

Also ranked a Princeton Review *Best Value College*, UNCP offers a broad range of degrees and profes-

sional programs. Students comment that the greatest strength of UNCP is the size," extolling the "small class sizes" that allow "professors as well as staff to be on a first-name basis with many of the students." UNCP is also known for its large diversity, truly home to "all races, ages, and political views." Located in a historic town, the campus is a close drive to the cities of Fayetteville and Charlotte.

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[University of Tennessee—Knoxville](#)

UT Knoxville is ranked among the nation's top public universities. The university has 11 colleges, over 1,400 faculty, and more than 300 degree programs. Campus facilities are considered top-notch, ranking in the top 20 for [Best College Library](#). With an undergraduate enrollment of over 20,000, UT attracts a large and diverse student body. Campus activities are plentiful with a large focus and pride on sports teams. UT's football team has consistently ranked in the top 25 each season.

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[Wagner College](#) (Staten Island, NY)

A four-year residential college located in Staten Island, Wagner College has a long and proud tradition of excellence in the liberal arts. Students at Wagner get to enjoy the best of two worlds with the school's park-like, wooded 105-acre campus overlooking New York Harbor and the breathtaking Manhattan skyline. It's easy to see how it ranks in the top 5 for [Most Beautiful Campus](#). The "Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts" is a unique academic program that requires students to complement classroom learning with active engagement in real-world activities.

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[Washington College](#)

Washington College, one of the nation's leading liberal arts institutions, is passionate about providing students a truly personalized education, one that tests and stretches the limits of your talents and potential. Students say that "individualized attention" is the greatest strength of WC and they appreciate the academic freedom that the small school allows them, "You can develop and design your own major and independent research projects, from biology to drama to sociology." The Washington College campus is set on the scenic Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore, just 75 miles from Washington, DC.

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TEST PREP

The PSAT: More than Merely Preliminary

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) is an optional test given each October to more than one million high school students (mostly juniors and many sophomores). Some students think that because it's a preliminary test (and optional to boot) that it doesn't count for anything and they can just blow it off.

We say: This is so *not* so.

Preparing for and taking the PSAT is essential for both confidence on the actual SAT and for the opportunity to win a college scholarship.

Learn more by calling **800-2Review** (800-273-8439) or visiting [The Princeton Review](#) for details.