

AVID Senior Seminar

School Analysis Prompt

Reminders

- Include proper MLA headings/headers. (your name, teacher name, course name, period #, due date)
- Apply MLA format when incorporating and citing sources.
- Integrate sources that demonstrate your understanding of the school's features.
- Demonstrate a deep analysis and evaluation of what the school has to offer.
- Type/Print/Share all responses in our appropriate Google Folder.

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Review your Junior Binders and conduct additional research as needed on 10 schools that you feel are your matches. Identify 1 - "safety school", 7 - "strong match schools", and 2 - "stretch" schools.

Write a short 1-2 page analysis for each school that where you synthesize multiple sources (school's website, californiacolleges.edu, collegboard.org, collegescorecard.gov, family connection etc.) demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. **Analyze** the school's **average GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores** and explain why this school might be an *academic match*. In addition, **analyze** the various **majors/programs** offered and explain how the school is a *major match*. As part of your analysis, choose any of the following aspects that are important to you and **discuss** how they **influenced your decision**. Consider exploring and explaining how the following aspects of your school do or do not match your specific needs...

- Learning Environment (Student to Teacher Ratios, Impacted Majors etc.)
- Geographic Location
- Type of School (Size, Public or Private, Religious Affiliation etc).
- Sports, Clubs, and/or Extracurricular Activities.
- Tuition/Fees and Financial Support
- Demographics and Diversity
- Selectivity (Open admission, Less selective, Somewhat selective, Very selective, Most selective).
- Admission Options (Early Action, Early Decision).
- etc.

Checklist for Your Writing

The following checklist will help you do your best work. Make sure you do the following:

- ☐ Carefully analyze the prompt, and account for what it asks you to do.
- ☐ Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis.
- ☐ Use valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
- ☐ Use precise language that is appropriate for your audience, purpose and task.
- ☐ Vary your sentences to make your writing interesting to read.
- ☐ Check for mistakes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence formation.