

Post-secondary Exploration

Searching for the “right” college is really finding what the BEST FIT is for you!

Post-secondary Ideas:

- **An Apprenticeship** - Instead of paying college tuition, you EARN money while you are learning. [Click here](#) for apprenticeship resources.
- **Training Program** - Get hands-on training for a career without having to pay for college! [Training and Employment Program](#)
[Youth Opportunities, summer jobs, training for available jobs.](#)
- **Enter the [Workforce!](#)**
- **Two year community and technical college** - affordable and excellent way to get a high paying job, often involving very “hands on” careers. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Community Colleges:

- * Open enrollment with high school diploma
- * No ACT required but placement test
- * Transfer to 4 year colleges or get degree
- * Deadline: rolling admissions

Technical Colleges:

- * Open enrollment with high school diploma
- * No ACT required but placement test
- * Degree to enter workforce (very few transferable)
- * Deadline: ASAP - certain majors fill quickly, but rolling admissions

- **4 year college or university** - more money and time commitment but the degree may be necessary and worthwhile for your future career.

** Many schools do not require an ACT for admission for next fall!!**

State Universities	University of MN	Private 4 Year
Top 50% of class	Duluth: Top 35% of class U of MN TC: Top 20% of class	Top 15-20% of class
ACT 21*	Duluth: Minimum 21 ACT U of MN TC: 26+ ACT*	22+ depends on school*
Required HS curriculum	Strong college prep curriculum & well rounded (activities, leadership, volunteering)	Strong college prep curriculum & well rounded (activities, leadership volunteering)

Application + fee	Extensive application + fee	Application + fee Letters of recommendation Essay
Deadline: February 1st or full	Priority Deadline: November 1st	Deadline: Rolling or full

- **Military** - [Many branches](#) to serve in and can get financial help to get a degree.

Here are some ways you can research a good college fit:

- Go to MCIS from your lock and key.
- Click on “Education” and then “Schools” and click the filter button on the far right to make your selections and see what schools fit your preferences.
- Again, you will select criteria that can be a good fit for you and at the end you will get a list of schools that you can then compare and learn more about.
- **Set up a free account with [Corsava](#)**
- Sort and rate your preferences to see what you want (and don’t want) from your college experience
- Rate colleges based on your preferences and priorities
- [Finding a good college fit](#)

Other Ways to explore colleges:

- * Attend College Visits
- * Watch some of these [10-minute interviews](#) with colleges speaking for our BHS students.
- * Set up a campus visit (in person or virtually) through the college’s website.
- * Check out [CollegeXpress.com](#) to search for information on specific colleges or do a broad search like “Great Private Schools for the B student.”
- * Go to [unigo.com](#) and [CampusReel.org](#) to get student opinions and perspectives!
- * Talk with Ms. Wolfe, your counselors, teachers, family members, and others who know you and might have some ideas!