

Junior Conference Questionnaire

Name _____
Counselor _____

Please answer the following questions designed to elicit your preferences in the college search process. Be as complete as possible so that your advisor can best serve your needs. Bring this form with you to the conference with your college counselor and your family. You'll use it to guide the discussion about college options for yourself.

At this point, do you have in mind possible **academic majors and/or minors** (e.g. business administration, history)? Please circle the academic field(s) of interest to you.)

Agriculture	Education	Nursing
Anthropology	Engineering	Philosophy
Architecture	English	Physical Therapy
Art	Geography	Physics
Biology	Geology	Political Science
Business	History	Psychology
Chemistry	Interior Design	Religion
Communications	International Studies	Sociology
Computer Science	Languages	Theatre
Economics	Mathematics	Pre-Law
Pre-Med	Music	Undecided
	Other (Name)	

Do you have any particular **career goals** right now (e.g. lawyer, doctor, architect, artist)?

What commonalities are of interest, e.g science, math, problem solving with people or things?

I like _____

Do you have any preferences about **school size**? For example, a small, private liberal arts college (e.g. St. Andrews with 695 students or Meredith with 2,195), a medium-sized state university (e.g. NC State with approximately 18,000 undergraduates), or a large state university (e.g. University of Texas—Austin with 48,000+ students). It might be helpful to conceptualize size in relation to RCHS.

Very Small (under 1,000 undergraduates) _____
 Small (1,000 – 3,500 undergraduates) _____
 Medium (3,500 – 6,000 undergraduates) _____
 Large (6,000 – 15,000 undergraduates) _____
 Very Large (15,000 – 35,000 undergraduates) _____

Regarding **distance from home**, are you comfortable being halfway across the country or would you prefer to be within easy driving distance of your family?

Do you have any **geographic preferences** regarding school location? States or regions which particularly appeal to you? States or regions which you prefer NOT to consider?

Northeast _____ Mid Atlantic _____ Midwest _____ South _____ Far West _____
Doesn't Matter _____

Do you want to include **North Carolina schools**? If so, which ones?

Does **climate** matter at all? Do you love winter, for example, or prefer "fun in the sun?"

What **campus setting** appeals to you—rural, college town, suburban, urban?

What does your ideal **college campus** look like?

Coeducational _____ Single Sex _____ Doesn't Matter _____

College (undergraduates only) _____ or University (undergraduates, graduate and professional student) _____

Is the atmosphere Traditional _____ Middle of the Road _____ Liberal _____
Doesn't Matter _____

What kind of **people** populate your ideal college?

What kind of **academic challenge** seems appropriate to your interests and abilities? Perhaps it helps to think about the rigor of Raleigh Charter's curriculum: do you want more of a challenge in college? Less? About the same?

How important are class size, availability of professors, and other **academic factors**?

Are you interested in pursuing **athletics** in college? If so, in what sport(s) and at what level (Division I, Division II, Division III, intramural)?

Are there **activities** (e.g. student government, publications, Amnesty International) which you want to continue in college or perhaps try there for the first time?

Are you interested in **internships, study abroad or other special programs**? Please elaborate.

Does **religious affiliation** matter to you? Would you like to be at a school with such a connection or do you prefer a secular institution?

Do you have any interest in **Greek life**? How important is fraternity or sorority membership to you, especially given the context of the institution (e.g. a state school with a strong Greek presence or a small college without it)?

How important is institutional prestige?

Are there characteristics to avoid?

Depending on your status, would you consider **a men's college, a women's college and/or a historically black institution**?

Are there **other factors** that might come into play in the college process? Native American? Alumni connections? Family employed by university? First generation college student? Other?

How important will **cost** be in the final selection of a college?
What **other criteria** not already mentioned are important to you?

What kind of place do you think **your family** wants for you? What kind of place would they probably prefer you not attend?

Have you experienced any **college campuses** already, through summer camps, family vacations, etc.? If so, which schools have you seen?

What specific schools are you already considering or would like to see on **your list**?

Do some basic research about the admission standards for the institutions you listed in the question above. Use college guidebooks available in the College Counseling Office; personal exposure; word-of-mouth; Naviance etc. Think about your own strengths and interests, the quality of your high school transcript, any standardized test scores, etc. Based on college and personal information, how would you **rank the institutions** you listed above? Use the following categories:

Reach

50/50

Likely

The College Counseling staff will use your questionnaire and information from the conference itself as the foundation for a refined list of college options in these same categories.

1. How would you assess yourself as a student? What do you consider your academic strengths and weaknesses? Do you think your transcript accurately reflects your academic abilities?

2. The three qualities you like best about yourself are:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. The three qualities I think my friends like best about me are:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. The three qualities you think your teachers like best are:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. What are your personal strengths? Give examples that illustrate these strengths.

5. What is your biggest area of weakness? Why?

6. What are you passionate about?

7. What events and/or people have shaped who you are today?

