

Discover what's important to your student about college...

There's a lot more to the college experience than campus size and location. The Corsava Card Sort is designed to introduce your student to a broad scope of college characteristics, allowing families to fully understand their student's preferences and find a college that will truly resonate with their wants and needs. You and your student may never have considered some of these characteristics when contemplating colleges, but finding a **best fit** school can really help your student thrive and graduate!

Each card represents a unique characteristic of the college experience (definitions are included). As you click through the cards, try to put yourself in your student's mindset: select what you think your student "Must Have," what "Would Be Nice," things they "Do Not Care" about, and those characteristics that are a "No Way." Don't worry if you aren't sure about a choice; what a great conversation starter for you and your student!

Cards are divided into the following categories

Academics

Focuses on the academic opportunities that are important to the student, including specific majors, such as business, English, or biology

Campus Culture

A reflection of the campus social culture and what's important to the student body, such as whether students are outdoorsy, creative, full of school spirit, etc.

Educational Culture

How students learn best, what type of structure they prefer, and their preference for the type of student interaction that occurs in the classroom and study groups

Extracurricular Activities

How students want to get involved outside of the classroom and which clubs and activities they prefer

Residential Life

A student's preference for their residential experience, surrounding communities, on-campus housing and dining, and weather

Student Resources

Helps students identify their preference for support--discovering their major interest and career paths, connecting with professors, and getting necessary accommodations for learning differences or disabilities

A few tips as you start your card sort:

1. This is your student's college experience, not yours. Aim to make your selections from their perspective, rather than your own.
2. Be a little stingy with those "Must Haves." The more cards you place in the "Must Have" category, the slimmer the chances of finding a school that actually has all of them. "Would Be Nice" is a great category for those things that aren't 100% required.
3. Before you get too carried away with "No Way," consider whether it's a deal breaker or simply something you and your student are not prioritizing. Some students cannot wait to submit their ACT or SAT scores, but that's no reason to rule out a Test Optional college.