

2012 College Planning Questionnaire – Parent Response Form

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. Your responses are helpful to me in advising your child through his/her college search and application process. The details you provide will aid Dunn's personal approach to college guidance, and also help me advocate effectively for your son or daughter.

Your Child's Name _____

FAMILY

Father's colleges/universities attended:

Mother's colleges/universities attended:

Sibling(s) colleges/universities attended:

Does your family have a strong connection with a specific college that may also be a good fit with your child's needs and preferences?

YOUR CHILD

What personal qualities do you admire most in your child? Please provide an example or anecdote that demonstrates one or more of those qualities.

Has your child faced any difficulties or challenges that might have impacted his/her academic or personal life? If yes, could you please elaborate?

Does your child have any passions, activities, or interests we may not know about?

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND COLLEGES

In this next section, please consider the college characteristics and other factors that you feel may best support your child's educational needs, preferences and aspirations.

What kind of educational environment do you feel best supports your child's learning style?

Will real-world internships, community service or study abroad be a priority for your child?

How much academic and personal support does your child need?

How well does your child handle academic pressure? Would he/she thrive in a competitive or a cooperative educational environment?

What size university do you think will best fit your child?

- Intimate = less than 2,000 students (professors know your child quite well)
- Small = roughly 2,000 - 4,000 students (many familiar faces walking across campus)
- Medium = 5,000 – 10,000 (more independence is useful here)
- Large = 15,000+ (anonymity is possible; self-starters and go-getters may thrive)

What type of campus setting do you see your child enjoying?

- Big city urban environment – plenty of arts, culture, shopping, nightlife
- Suburbs of a big city – easy access to a city without the urban lifestyle
- Smaller town – classic college town environment
- Rural location – somewhat isolated or situated in scenic natural beauty

What areas of the country or world do you see your child enjoying?

- Southern California
- Northern California
- Western States
- Midwest
- Southeast
- New England
- Southwest
- Foreign Countries

What academic majors might your son or daughter be interested in? Do you anticipate that your child will choose to major in science, technology, engineering or mathematics?

Do you have some particular schools in mind that you want your child to consider?

How important will college cost be when making a final decision?

- Extremely Important (prefer to stay below \$25,000 per year)
- Moderately Important (OK with \$30-40,000 per year)
- Not a Consideration

OTHER INFORMATION

Is there anything else you want to tell us about your son or daughter's childhood, academic strengths, personal values, long-held interests, or future aspirations?

CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS

Do you have any specific concerns about your child's college planning process? Would you like to schedule a phone conversation or in-person meeting at this time? YES or NO

Are you interested in having your child attend an 18-hour SAT prep class (\$499 cost) offered by Princeton Review at Dunn School over 6 Sunday afternoons in the spring? YES or NO

Name of parent completing this questionnaire _____

Thank you! Please return this completed form by January 30, 2012. Form may be emailed to jbrumfiel@dunnschool.org or mailed to Jessie Brumfiel, Director of College Counseling, Dunn School, PO Box 98, Los Olivos, CA 93441. I always welcome calls from parents or guardians and can be reached at (805) 686-0649.
