

## College Websites

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> **College Navigator**: The graphics aren't slick, but this federal website contains more data on the nation's colleges and universities than any place else on the Internet. Using the College Navigator's school search engine, you can scour the country for schools based on your criteria, which is handy if you aren't sure where to hunt for schools beyond the obvious name brands and your own state institutions.

[www.collegeresults.org](http://www.collegeresults.org) **College Results Online** Families assume that their children will graduate from college in four years, but that's sadly not true for most. This great website provides four, five, and six-year graduation rates of schools across the country. What I also like about College Results Online is that it breaks down graduation rates by gender and ethnicity.

<http://www.zinch.com/> **Zinch**    <http://www.cappex.com/> **Cappex**

These websites are online matchmakers that have borrowed features from Facebook that should appeal to teenagers. On both sites, for instance, a student can create a profile that goes well beyond test scores and grade-point averages that they can share with schools. Using these sites is a great way to discover intriguing schools that you didn't know exist. Through Cappex, you can access [Meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com), which provides a valuable directory of scholarships that thousands of schools offer.

<http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/> **The Choice – NY Times**

This college blog will keep you up to date on the latest trends on college admission, testing, and financial aid. The blog also features a lot of question-and-answer sessions with college admission officers and other higher ed experts.

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) College Board website; Big Future had a college compression feature

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com) Peterson's website has a quick quiz students can take to help narrow down colleges.

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) Princeton Review website

## **Career Websites**

### **Becomeopedia**

<http://www.becomeopedia.com/how-to/>

Website that allows you to see what you need to be a certain career

### **Occupational Outlook Handbook**

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

This is the official website of the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. The website provides current information on career growth, wage potential, and what skills/training/education needed for each career.

### **THE CAREER KEY** [www.ncsu.edu/careerkey](http://www.ncsu.edu/careerkey)

Based on John Holland's theory of vocational choice, the Career Key can help you learn about jobs that fit your personality type in order to find the right career. Thorough questions help determine your strengths and weaknesses. Excellent for students and people making career changes.