

Virtual College Scavenger Hunt

Goal: Students will choose a college and do research by taking a virtual online tour of the campus.

Materials Needed:

- Computer Lab
- College Scavenger Hunt Handout (included)

Presenter

Introduction:

The facilitator will point out that although it is not always possible to visit a college in person, there are many opportunities to take a virtual tour of a university online. There are thousands of colleges and universities to choose from and that it is important for students to start researching this as early as possible.

Explain to students that in California there are 4 types of colleges and universities:

1. Community Colleges (2 year) – about 110 of them
2. California State Universities (4 year) - 23 of them
3. University of California (4 year) - 10 of them
4. Private Universities (4 year) – 77+

There are also out-of-state colleges and universities, but you will start by focusing on those in California.

Choose the school and do the virtual scavenger hunt:

Have each student choose a school and make sure everyone has a different school.
Give them time to complete the College Scavenger Hunt handout.

Debrief:

- Ask students why it is important to start researching colleges before high school?
- Ask students why is it important to know some of the facts they learned during the scavenger hunt?

Optional Ideas:

To make the scavenger hunt even more informative, you might want to do a short presentation explaining the different options of colleges and degrees before you have students do the scavenger hunt.

Once students have some background knowledge on the colleges and universities and have completed their scavenger hunts, they can do a short presentation on the college they researched so everyone can learn a little about the many different colleges the students chose.

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When it comes to college, you have so many choices. In order to find out more about a college, you can visit the campus and take a tour. You may have a college close to your house, but there are also many other colleges that are not close by.

www.campustours.com can help you learn more about colleges when you cannot visit the campus in person.

Let's do some college research!

- Open up Explorer or Firefox on your computer and go to www.campustours.com
- Search for a college by entering the name, choosing the first letter of the college name or choosing a state.

Once you have chosen the college you are going to research, answer the following questions:

1. What is the population (how many people) of the college? _____

2. Is it a public or private college? (circle one) Public Private

3. How much is tuition? _____

4. What is the percentage of women on campus? _____ Men? _____

5. What types of degrees are offered? (circle all that apply)

Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

6. What is the mascot? _____

7. What is the name of the admissions building? _____

8. What is the name of the main library? _____

9. Find and name a landmark or statue that is on the university campus and explain why it is special.
