**High School Search Worksheet**

**Part 1: About You**

Fill in information about yourself, noting the priorities and preferences you figured out in the last activity.

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| **About me** | |
| **LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & ACADEMICS** | |
| What are your favorite subjects? |  |
| What is your size preference (large or small school)? |  |
| Are you interested in a school that requires a test or audition? |  |
| **PREFERENCES AND SPARKS** | |
| Location (are you willing to travel?) |  |
| What clubs and extracurricular programs are you interested in? |  |
| What are your general goals for high school? |  |
| **COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION** | |
| What are your general goals for after high school? |  |
| Are you interested in college level or AP classes? |  |
| Are you interested in career and technical education programs? |  |
| **My Middle School Stats** | |
| My Current Attendance |  |
| My Grades |  |
| My interests / hobbies |  |
| Things I’m good at |  |
| OTHER: Advanced courses taken, ELA and Math test scores |  |

**Part 2: Rank the Criteria that are Most Important to You**

Rank order these criteria or add other criteria that are important to you. An example of “other” might be whether you already know someone at that school.

* Size
* Location
* Admission method
* Academic focus
* Programs offered
* Graduation rates
* Safety and security
* Activities offered (sports, art, clubs, etc.)
* Diversity
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**Part 3: My Possible List of High Schools**

After you complete Parts 1 and 2 on page 1, it’s time to start searching for high schools. Search for schools based on the most important criteria you listed above. To do this, try out the search tools on the sites below.

**NEW YORK TIMES SCHOOL BOOK:**   
<http://www.wnyc.org/section/schoolbook/>

**NOODLE:**   
<http://www.noodle.org/nyc-choice>

**FIND THE BEST**:   
<http://nyc-high-schools.findthebest.com/>

**INSIDE SCHOOLS:**   
<http://insideschools.org/high/search>

Not all of the sites work the same, so this will take a little playing around.

When you find a high school that meets the criteria, add it to the table below and write what you like about that school and how it can help you accomplish your future goals. Find 3-5 schools total.

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| **Name of school** | **What I like about this school** | **This school will help me with my future goals because…** | **Admission Method** (What I have to do to apply) |
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**Comparing Information You Find from Different Sites**

Choose your favorite school from the list above to learn more about. **School name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gather more information about this school by checking out at least 2-3 of the sites listed above.

Check the sites you visited: \_\_ School Book \_\_ Find the Best \_\_ Noodle \_\_ Inside Schools

What kinds of things do you learn by visiting several sites?

Can you find any information that is reported differently on different sites? Describe