



ADVISING DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SUMMER, 2020

Discussion guide for advisors, counselors, and others to use in relationship and conversation with students planning for the 2020-21 school year. Not all questions may be relevant to every student and may be rephrased as appropriate or necessary.

Think about your own educational journey.

What is important to your learning? What do you need to feel secure and supported? What are your goals?

TOPIC	QUESTIONS	FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS
ACADEMICS	<p>ONLINE LEARNING: How did your online classes go last spring? If your school decides only to offer online learning in the fall, how do you feel about continuing? What adjustments might you make in course selection or number of credit hours if online is the only option?</p> <p>LEARNING SUPPORT: What kinds of academic support services might you need to use (faculty office hours, tutoring, writing center, math lab)? How will your school offer these services in the fall?</p>	
FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION	<p>EFC: How has your family's financial situation changed since your FAFSA was completed or your aid was awarded? Thinking ahead, are there other changes you can predict?</p> <p>WORK: Do you depend upon income earned from work (on or off campus, work study or not)? Do you have any offer of paid work available?</p>	

	<p>SCHOOL FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Do you have scholarships tied to athletics or other extracurricular activities? If so, will they be affected if those activities are suspended? Do you owe or have you made any down payment to your school and is it refundable? Did you receive any emergency funds from your school due to COVID-19? How recently have you confirmed your aid award?</p>	
BASIC NEEDS	<p>HOUSING: Do you have a safe, stable, and affordable place to stay if you cannot return to campus (on or off)? Are there challenges or distractions to studying in that location (technology, internet, privacy, quiet)?</p> <p>FOOD: Prior to COVID-19, were you able to access enough food each day? What resources are available to you (school food pantry, community food programs, SNAP)?</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION: If your campus was to close quickly, do you have a reliable, affordable and quick way to get home or to safety?</p> <p>INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY: Assuming that some or all classes or services are virtual, what technology needs do you foresee (Wi-Fi, computer, printer)?</p>	
HEALTH AND SAFETY	<p>Do you have concerns about health and safety for yourself, for your family?</p> <p>Do you have access to health insurance? Have you accessed insurance through your school or ACA exchange?</p> <p>What physical, mental, and/or emotional health needs might concern you in the coming year?</p>	
PARALLEL PLANS	<p>What might be your preference in the event that your school does not open physically and moves all classes online? (Semester off? Take classes online? Take classes at a cheaper institution?)</p>	
DEFERMENT	<p>If you were to defer enrollment for a semester, do you know how that would impact your admission and financial aid?</p> <p>What are the immediate financial implications to leaving school?</p>	