**Activity 2: Using School Data to Compare Schools**

**Handout 2**

Earlier you identified what is important to you when considering a postsecondary institution to attend. What you value as important becomes a priority for you in your college search. Write down your top 3 priorities in the space below. Based on those priorities, use the College Scorecard ([collegescorecard.ed.gov](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/)) to flag schools that have a strong match to your priorities. Select at least three schools. Once you have a list, use the Compare Feature and each school’s Scorecard to compare the schools based on your top priorities. Record this information in the chart below.

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| **Top Priorities** | **School #1:** | **School #2:** | **School #3:** |
| Priority 1: | *Data to support this priority.* | *Data to support this priority.* | *Data to support this priority.* |
| Priority 2: | *Data to support this priority.* | *Data to support this priority.* | *Data to support this priority.* |
| Priority 3:  | *Data to support this priority.* | *Data to support this priority.* | *Data to support this priority.* |

Why are these your top priorities?

How do your selected schools support those priorities?

What does this data mean for your college search?