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Conversation Starter: College Search Guide

Distance from Home: In-State vs. Out-of-State* Schools

Students and their family members may not have the same preferred distance from home, so it's essential to talk through the pros and cons throughout your college search. As you discuss your student's desires, add your own distance factors to process the options wisely over time.

*Akron Advantage Award for Out-of-State Students

See the next page for the worksheet.

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Out-of-State Factors	In-State Factors
More opportunities to go outside of comfort zone	Comfort of learning and growing in a familiar
	area
Greater independence	Independence of college life with easier access
	to home when needed
Loss of any in-state grants or scholarships	Access to any state grants and scholarships at
	state school tuition rates
Potential financial aid opportunities specific to	Closer proximity to any local scholarships
out-of-state students, depending on the school	received to assist with renewals and reporting
	on progress
Expansion of future professional network	Ability to strengthen professional network
	close to home
Travel costs	More affordable access to home