### Some Useful Checklists

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| **Personal:** How well does this school meet your personal needs? | Is the location desirable?  
Do you have financial support to pay all associated costs?  
Are the lodging accommodations satisfactory?  
Do the meal offerings work for your dietary needs?  
Are there adequate student health and wellness access centers? |
| **Academic:** How well does this school meet your academic needs? | How will you be admitted into the program?  
What are requirements of the program?  
What are my courses that should transfer over, and do they transfer and will they transfer as credit or grade? |
| **Social:** How well does this school meet your personal needs? | What interactions do students have with faculty?  
What interactions do students have with other students (any department/school sponsored events)?  
Are there community engagement opportunities?  
What social groups are available? Any that are music specific? |
| **Curriculum:** How well does this school meet your curriculum needs? | Will this school meet your future professional goals?  
What kinds of teaching opportunities are provided to students?  
Does the school have connections with local schools and in-service music teachers? |
| **Networking:** How well does this school meet your networking needs? | How well will this school reach your career goals?  
If you were ever to transfer, does the school have a strong enough network to help you transfer successfully? |
| **Transparency:** How well does this school meet your transparency needs? | Are the requirements clear and listed?  
Did you get clear advice from the advisor?  
Could you identify your advisor easily?  
Was there a point of contact for your degree questions? |
| **Audition:** How well does this school’s audition process meet your needs? | What is required?  
Is the process clear?  
Do you feel prepared?  
Who is involved in the audition process?  
Do I get to meet with music education faculty? |

### Example University

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| Personal:                  | Not at All  
Poor location. No financial aid. Nice gym, but minimal sick and mental health programs.                                                                                                                   |
| Academic:                  | Slightly  
Admission checklist and pre-requisites provided; process for transferring AP credits provided.                                                                                                                  |
| Social:                    | Moderately  
Students can email faculty; applied faculty is advisor.                                                                                                                                                        |
| Curriculum:                | Very  
Teaching opportunities after admitted to education program sophomore year - micro teaching, in-person teaching.                                                                                                  |
| Networking:                | Extremely  
One advisor handles transferring credits from departments and other schools. Can email advisor with questions.                                                                                                 |
| Transparency:              |  
Paperwork provided. Met advisor.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Audition:                  | Not at All  
Audition requirements too difficult. Not sure where to submit online tape. No opportunity to meet music education faculty.                                                                                     |