Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP)

Chandler Early College

Welcome! This packet will provide you with an opportunity to explore how your education is directly related to your future successes. It will also give you insight to who you are as a learner and an employee.

What is an ECAP?

On February 25, 2008 the Arizona State Board of Education approved Education and Career Action Plans for all Arizona students grades 9-12. An ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan) reflects a student's current plan of coursework, career aspirations, and extended learning opportunities in order to develop the student's individual academic and career goals.

How does the ECAP benefit the student?

Personalized planning helps students reach their academic and career goals and can positively impact their achievement. Students learn how to set and achieve goals. It helps them to understand how their education is relevant in achieving their career goals. It helps them to create a vision for their future and ultimately helps them assume responsibility for their own learning.

Education and Career Action Plan

Today you will receive instruction on how to complete a college sort and comparison for your ECAP. During second semester when you meet with your counselor for registration, they will work with you to complete your 4-year academic plan. You will continue to add to your ECAP throughout your high school years.

Developing Your Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP)

- Click to visit: the Arizona Career Information System website.
- Enter the following:
  Username: S + student ID + @CUSD (example S123456@CUSD)
  Password: Chandler80
- Click *Sign In* to login

- The system will prompt you to enter two security questions. Please be sure to WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU ENTER!

- You will now need to change your password and update your Graduation Year. At the top of the screen click the arrow next to your name. Then click *"Account Settings"*
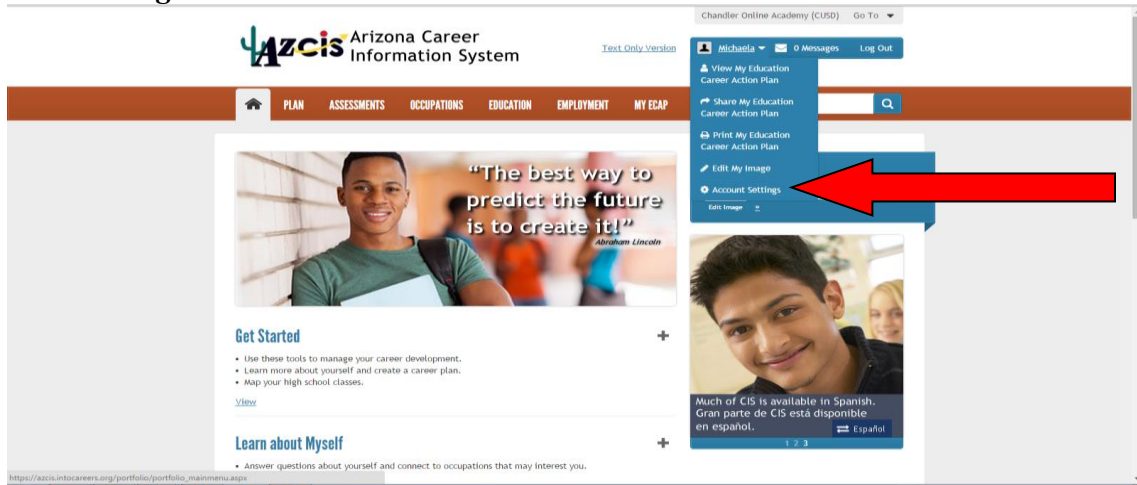

- Be sure that the information is correct. Please be sure your *Graduation Year* is correct and then *Enter New Password*. Please change the password to Chandler + the year you will graduate. After changing it WRITE IT DOWN and then click *"Update"*
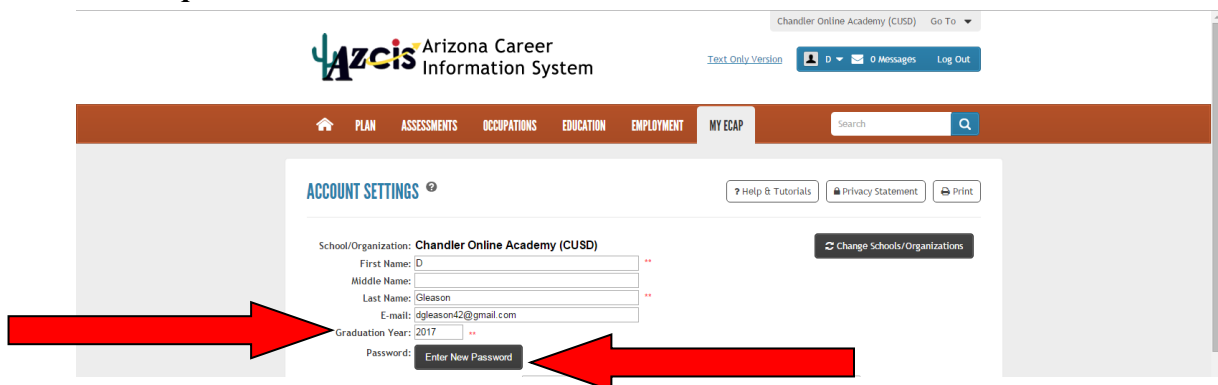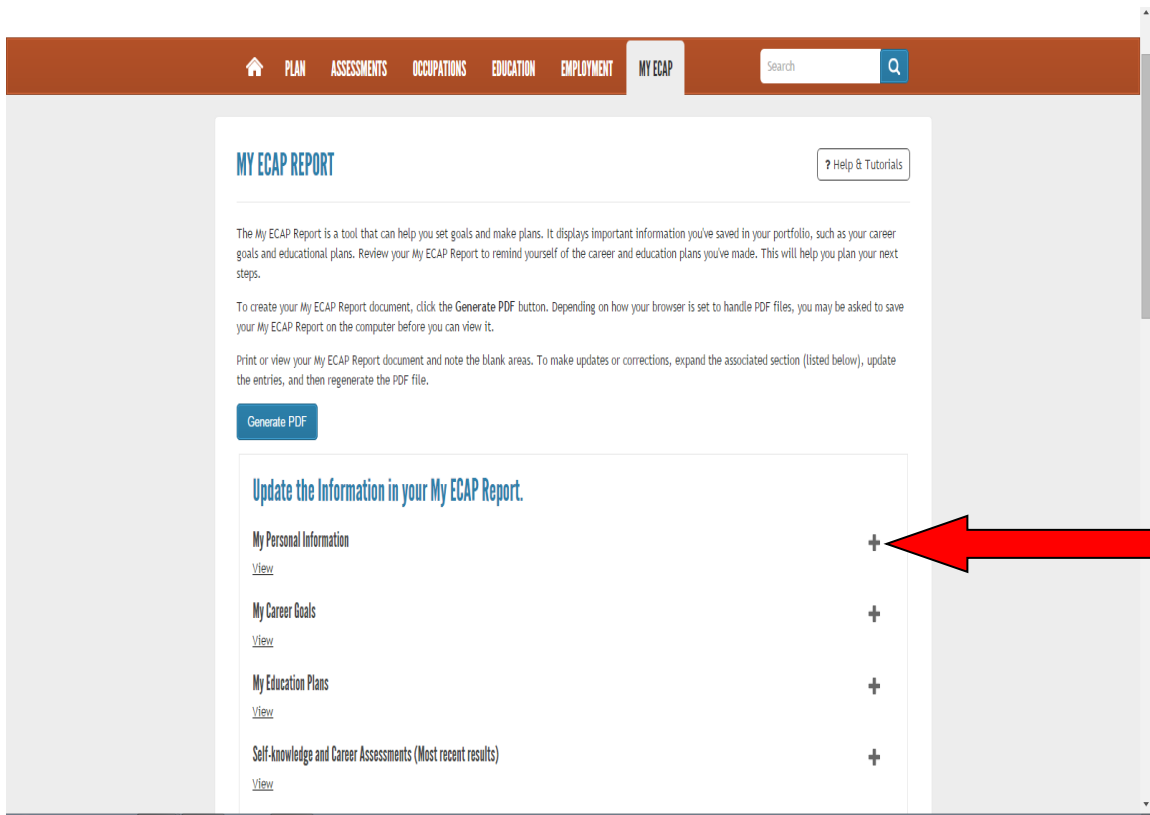

- With your mouse, hover over the words "*My ECAP*" on the bar at the top of the page
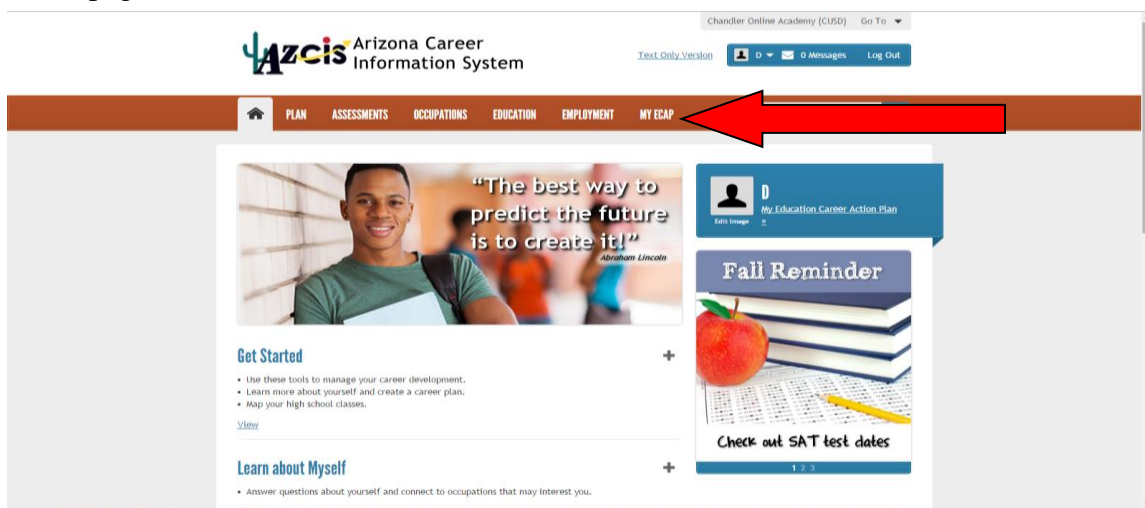
When hovering over the words "***My ECAP"*** on the bar at the top of the page with your mouse, you will click the words "***My ECAP Report"*** on the right.
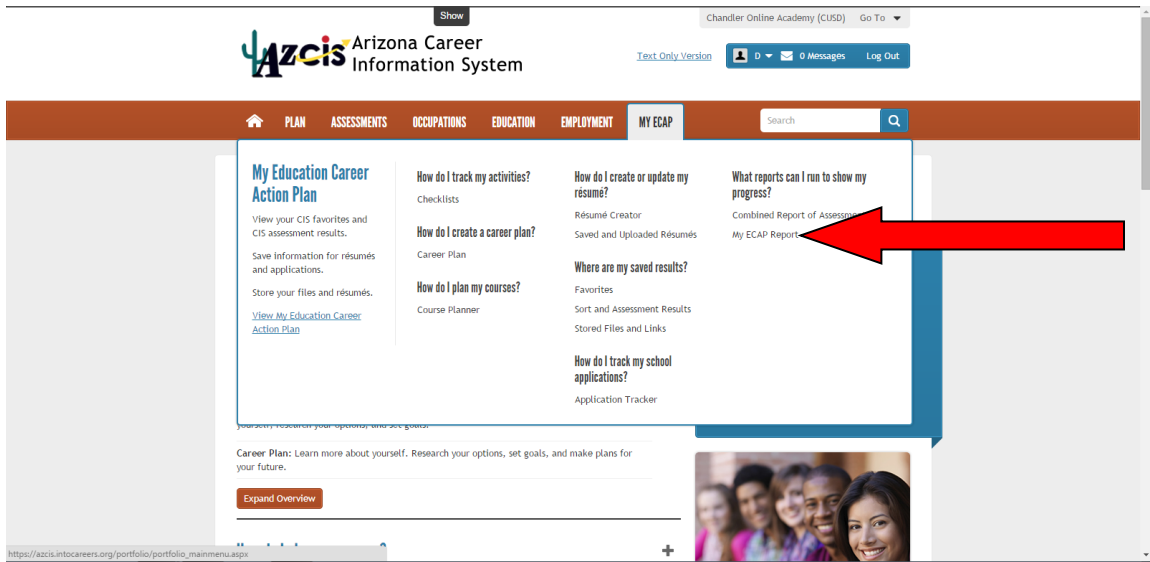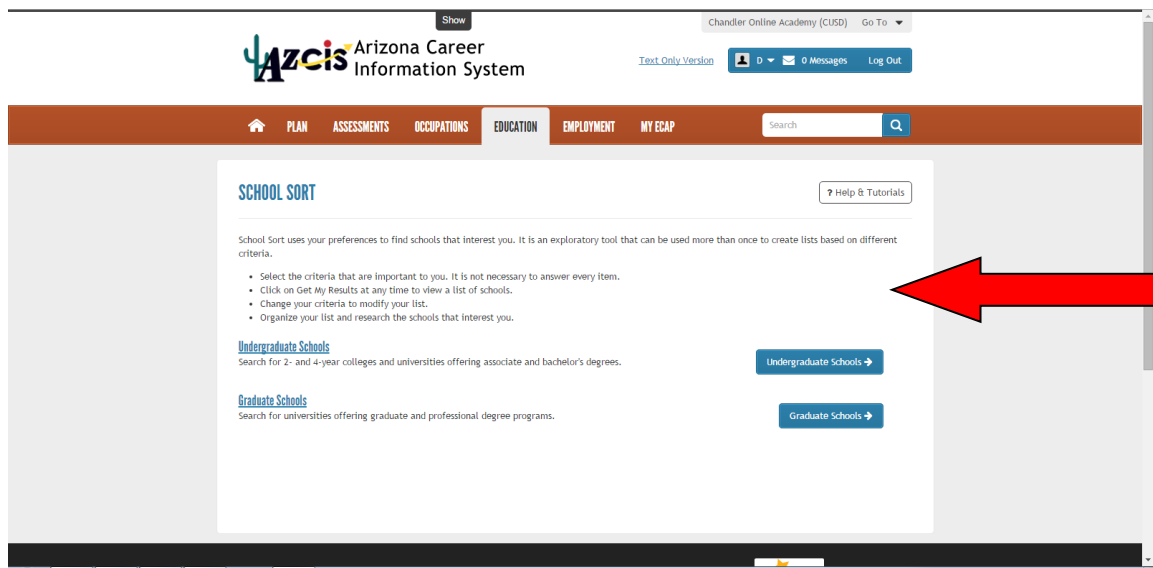

- Now it is time to update your plan, or in some cases, develop a plan for the first time. Please click the **+** next to the following areas and enter the information they request.
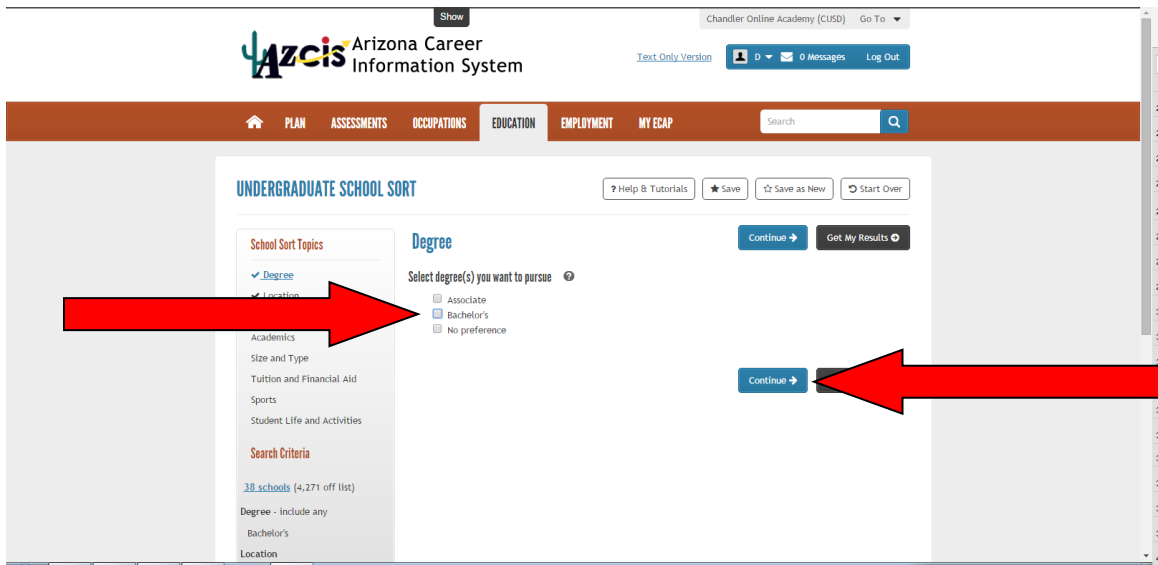
- With your mouse hover over the word *"Education"* and click *"School Sort"*


- On the next screen click *"Undergraduate Schools"*

- On the next screen, choose what degree you want to pursue (Bachelors is a 4-year degree and Associates is a 2-year degree) and then click *"Continue"*


- Choose the area of the country you would like to attend school in. You can pick individual states by clicking on the state. If you want to choose an area of the United States then you would click those areas below the map. Choose the school setting as well and then click *"Continue"*

- On this screen you will choose the level of Admissions difficulty. Please choose and then click *"Continue"*.
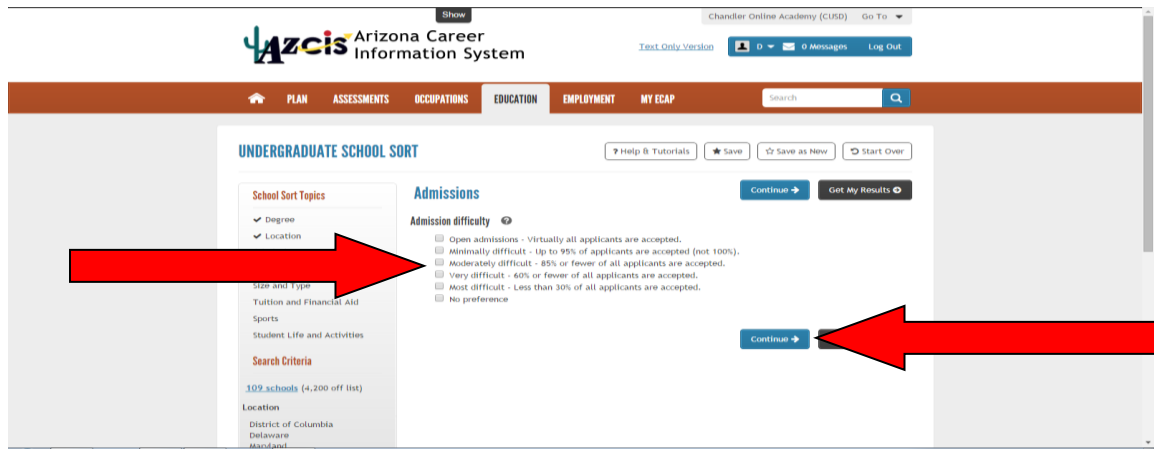

- On this screen you will choose the **Career Cluster** or an **Individual Major** you are interested in. Please choose one or more and then click *"Continue"*.
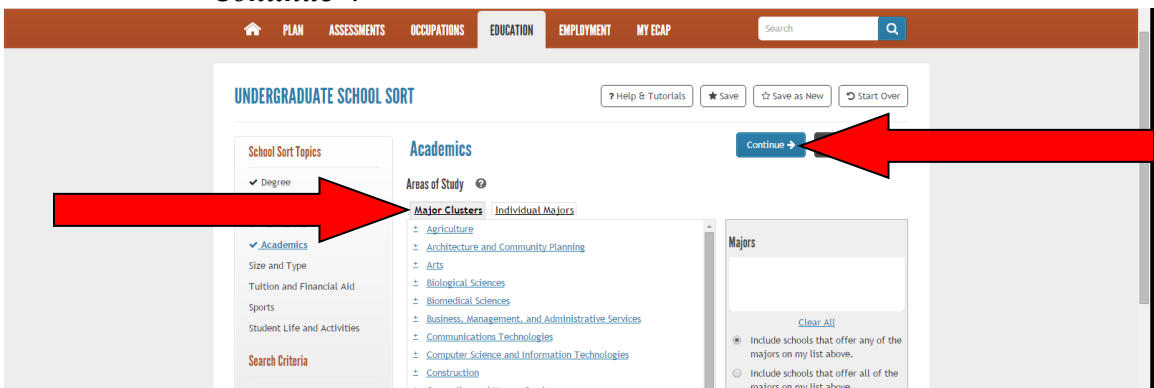
- On this screen you will choose **School Size**, **Type of School**, **Religious Affiliation** and **School Classification**. Please choose one in each category and then click *"Continue"*.

- On this screen you will choose the **School Tuition**. Please choose one and then click *"Continue"*.

- On this screen you will select either Men's Sports or Women's Sports and choose which you are interested in. This does not have to be just NCAA Division Athletics. It can include any sports you are interested in playing in an intramural or club environment as well. If not interested in sports on any level, then click *"Continue"*.
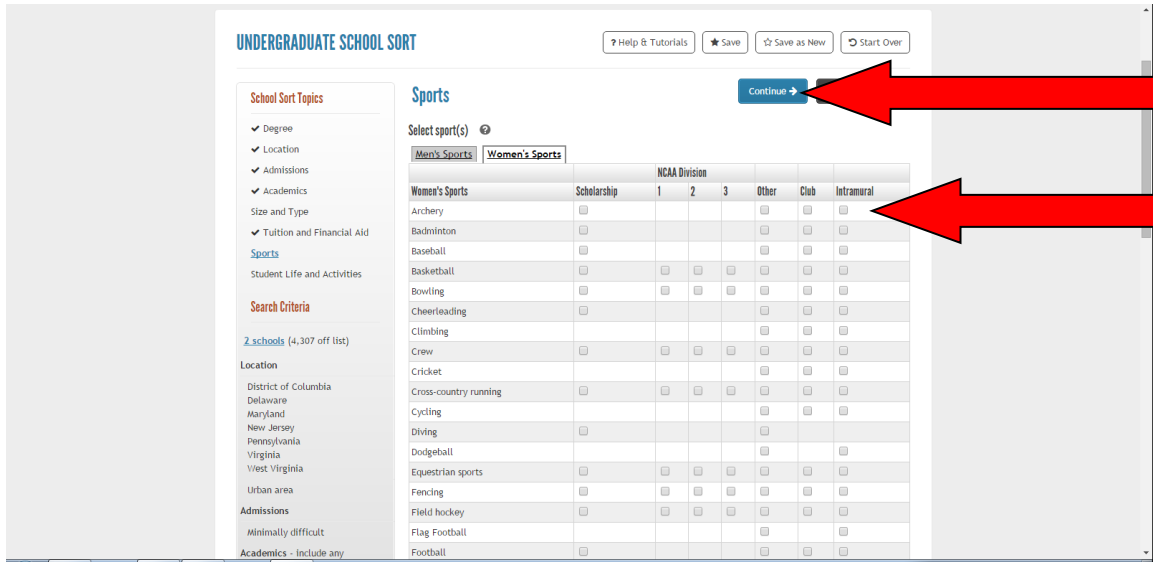
- Now you will select your interests in *Student Life and Activities*. If you aren't interested in an area be sure to click *"No Preference"*. After you have chosen please click *"Get My Results"*.
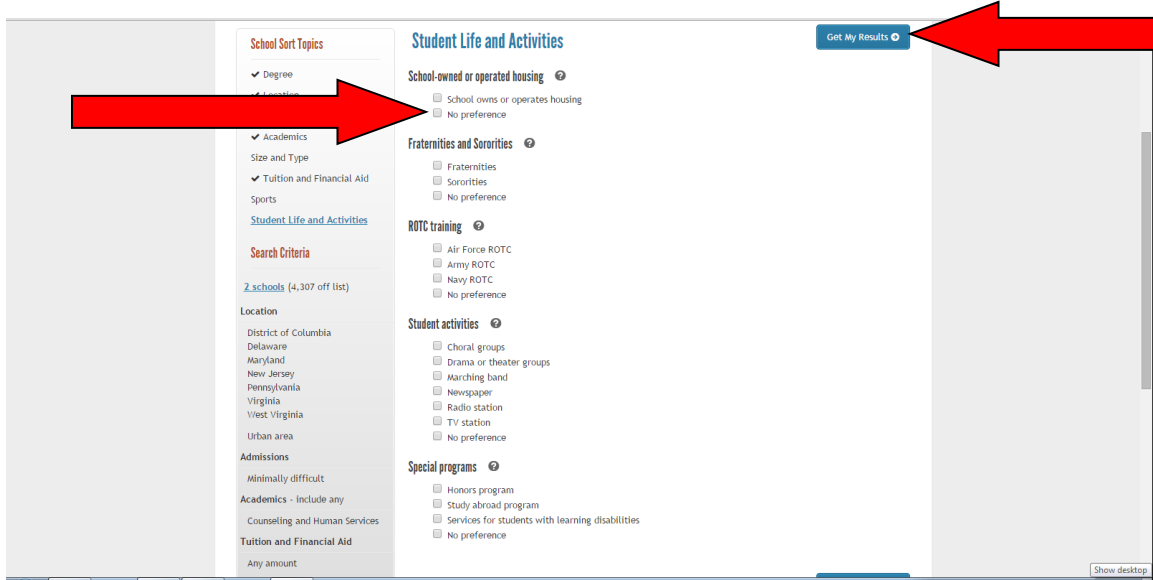
- Now you will select THREE schools that are your top choices by clicking on the box next to them. Then you will click *"Compare Checked".*

- You will now see the General Information of the schools that you checked side by side in columns. In order to fill out the chart below, you will need to click on the subcategories in the margin on the left side of the screen. (see arrow below) Please complete the activity below.

School Sort/Comparison Activity

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|	School 1	School 2	School 3
Name of School			
Location of school			
Total Enrollment			
Tuition (both in-state and out-of-state)			
Room and Board (on-campus)			
Total Cost IF living on campus (add tuition and room and board)			
Briefly describe, in at least 2-3 sentences why you would or would not want to attend this college/ university.			

Financial Aid Information and Activity

It takes money to go to college, but it is completely worth the investment. Most college graduates earn twice as much in their lifetime as high school graduates. There is a lot of financial aid available to students, including scholarships, grants, and loans. There are also many other ways to pay for education, including community or military service.
Learn all you can about how to apply for financial aid. Understanding the application process will help you get the most out of it — and get the most cash for your education!

- With your mouse, hover over the words "*Education"* on the bar at the top of the page
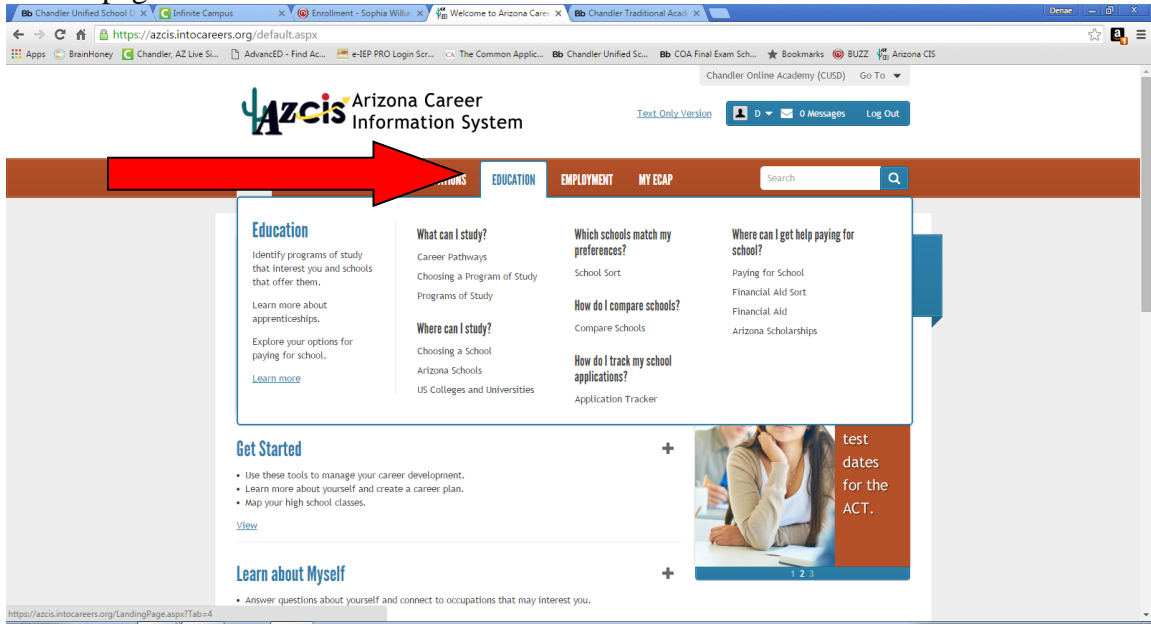
- When hovering over the words "*Education"* on the bar at the top of the page with your mouse, you will click the words "*Paying for School"* on the right.
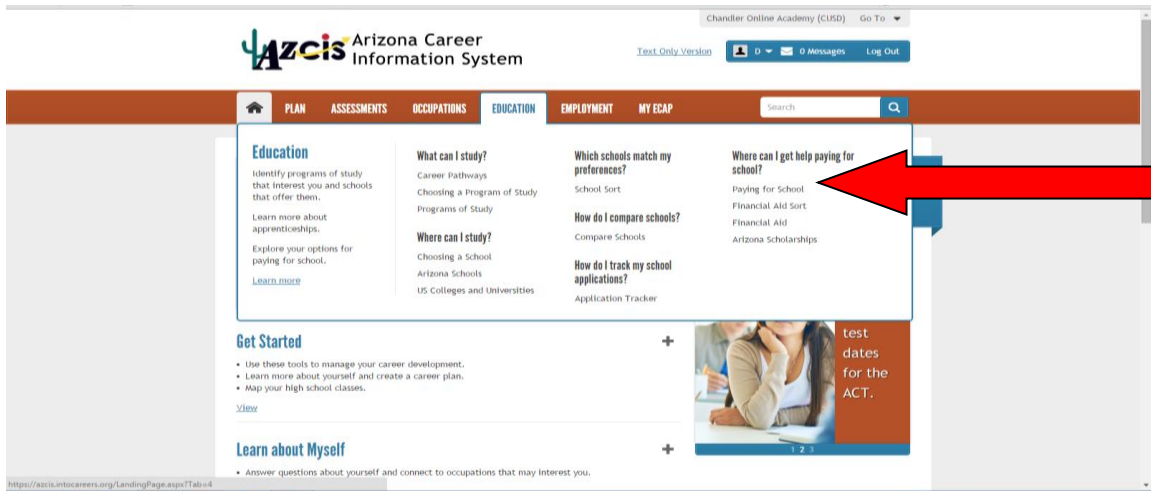
- Click on *"Scholarships", "Grants", and "Loans"* to further define each and complete the activity below.

Financial Aid Activity

Type of Aid	Definition
Scholarships	**Merit:** **Athletic:**
Grants	**Federal:** **State/School:** **Work-Study**
Loans	**Federal:** **Parent:**

Please respond to the question below in at least 5 sentences. Use the back of the paper if needed.
How do you plan on paying for your college education or post-graduate training?

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