



# Guide: Creating an Impressive Sample Student

# Why This eBook?



This eBook was created to offer tips for creating the ultimate sample student profile. By creating a sample student, you will become more familiar with the tools available to you within CollegePlannerPro. Additionally, you'll have a rich profile that you can show off to win more prospective clients.

Keep in mind that CollegePlannerPro is a flexible toolkit. Customize the sample profile to demonstrate the ways you and your students use the system.

**Ready? Great, let's get to it!**

# CREATE A SAMPLE STUDENT

The key to creating a great sample student profile is populating it with realistic, relevant, and compelling information. The goal is to show off the capabilities and the value of the robust software system you will use to keep students on track.

***TIP: Each subscription plan allows for one additional active student above the stated limit to be used for your marketing purposes.***

## STEP 1: POPULATING STUDENT INFO

To start, you'll need to add a sample parent's information to CollegePlannerPro, then you can begin populating the student information by following the tips below. [Click here to learn how to add a parent \(contact\) profile](#) and [student profile](#).

**STUDENT NAME:** Have fun with it! Remember, this is just a sample profile. We're naming ours Doogie Howser! Need help populating contact information? You'll find instructions here: [How do I edit a student's contact information?](#)

**EMAIL:** You'll want to use a real email address so that you may send sample messages to the student. To avoid confusion, we suggest that you use unique email addresses for your sample parent and sample student, and avoid using the email address associated with your CollegePlannerPro account. If you don't have personal email addresses you can use, we recommend a service like [Mailinator.com](#) which allows you to see how sample emails appear in a fake email inbox without having to create multiple test email accounts.

**HIGH SCHOOL & GPA:** We recommend entering a high school that is local to you, along with a GPA that is representative of the typical student you work with. Later on we'll be adding colleges and assigning admissions probabilities, so you'll want to keep that in mind as you add the GPA.

**SAT/ACT TEST SCORES:** Realism is key here. [Enter SAT or ACT scores](#) that are in line with what a student with the GPA you entered would likely score. This will be important when you show parents college profiles and the "How do I match up?" graphs.

### SAT

#### READING AND WRITING



#### MATH



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## STEP 2: BUILDING THE COLLEGE LIST

**MY SUGGESTED COLLEGES:** [Add some colleges](#) to the My Suggested Colleges list. Select schools that are popular with students in your region, and align well with the persona you're creating. Also be sure to select colleges you are familiar with, as you'll be assigning admissions probabilities in a future step.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Click on a school that you have added to your student's suggested colleges list to select the date your student plans to apply to each college.

*TIP: If you have not already done so, you may want to [import the application deadlines](#) to your account.*

**ADMISSION PROBABILITY:** Using your expertise, [assign admission probabilities](#) for each college based on the type of student you're creating. You can [customize the admission probability labels](#) in your account's Settings & Preferences section.

The screenshot shows two sections of a web interface. The top section is titled "How Does Doogie Plan to Apply?" and contains a table with one row: "Regular Decision" with a calendar icon on the left and "November 30" on the right. Below the table is a link that says "Add more deadlines for University of California-Los Angeles". The bottom section is titled "Doogie's Admission Probability" and contains three rows: "Likely" with a green bar on the left, "Possible" with a blue bar on the left and a green checkmark on the right, and "Reach" with an orange bar on the left.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Select a couple schools from the list and [add application requirements](#).

You will likely only show parents a couple colleges on the Application Outline later, so there's no need to add requirements for all the colleges on your list.

*TIP: Core requirements will be assigned the target deadline that you have selected for your student. Add "Other Requirements" with specific due dates that you'll later be able to show parents on the calendar. For example: Art Portfolio, Campus Tour, etc.*

**COLLEGE PROFILE REPORT:** Create a [College Profile Report](#) for your student. As a bonus, if you have notes saved on any of the college profiles on your suggested college list, [import](#) them to the college profile report. When you're done, make sure you make the report visible to your student.

### FLIP THE SWITCH

Turn on your sample student's account access.

#### CustomCollegePlan.com Student Access

Account status:



Doogie currently can not login.  
Enabling the account will NOT send an email.

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## STEP 3: ADDING MORE DETAILS

**STUDENT TO DOS:** [Add a few student To-Dos](#) to the student profile. The To-Dos on the right are just a few examples. Customize these To-Dos to represent the way you will work with your students. We also recommend grouping the due dates of these sample To-Dos together in the same month. That way you'll be able to show parents the To-Dos on the student calendar while giving them the tour of your sample CustomCollegePlan account!

Doogie's To-Do's

Sort by... ▾

Not completed    In progress    Completed

- Take SAT Practice exam  
Completed   Complete By 02/19/21
- Create a list of majors you are interested in  
In Progress   Complete By 04/01/21
- Research Colleges on Suggested List  
Not Completed   Complete By 04/02/21
- Complete Learning Style Assessments  
Not Completed   Complete By 02/05/21
- Register for the SAT  
Not Completed   Complete By 03/26/21

Meetings with Doogie

29 Jan	Friday, Jan 29, 2021 New Year Check-In ZOOM	1:45PM - 2:45PM
28 Oct	Wednesday, Oct 28, 2020 Sandra and Student	11:00AM - 12:00PM
24 Sep	Thursday, Sep 24, 2020 Meeting: Group Session	11:00AM - 12:00PM

**MEETINGS:** [Add some meetings](#) to your student's profile. Customize this to the type of meetings you will typically have with your student. Whether they be sessions to work on college essays, parent and student check in meetings, or workshops, name these meetings as you see fit.

**FILES AND FOLDERS:** [Create folders.](#)

Customize these to how you will work with your student. Will you keep track of your student's SAT or ACT prep? Create a "Practice Test Results" folder and upload a few PDF files as an example.

Files & Folders

- General Folder
- Essay Drafts
- Practice Test Results

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**NOTES:** Add notes to your student profile and email them to your sample student, and copy the sample student's parents as well. The key here is to display the value that the system adds for the family. Some great examples would be meeting recap notes, where you are clearly keeping families in the know with what you've been working on with your student.

## My Student Notes & Emails



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Doogie and I reviewed the results of his Achieveworks Intelligences assessment. 

His assignment before our next session is to come up with a list of majors/fields of interest for us to discuss.


Follow up: Need to email • 01/26/21 • 5:00 PM

Note by: Joe Counselor



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During our meeting today, Doogie and I talked about his prep plan for SAT/ACT testing, his college list and his goals for junior year. 

Next meeting, Doogie will bring his "key college criteria" worksheet and results from the Achieveworks Intelligences assessment.

Follow up: Research • 01/01/21 • 5:45 PM

Expectation: Start creating college list for Doogie

Note by: Joe Counselor



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These are the additional college research sites that Doogie and I discussed: 

[www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)

[www.collegenavigator.com](http://www.collegenavigator.com)

Note by: Joe Counselor

Print Note Options

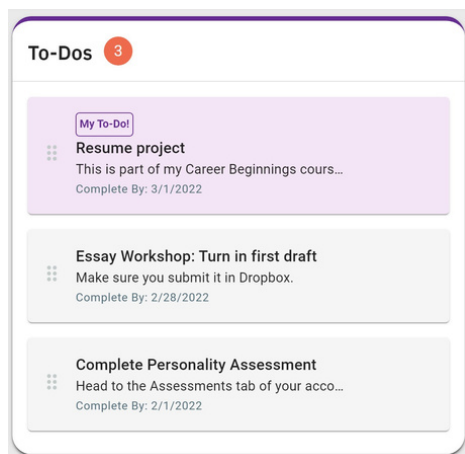
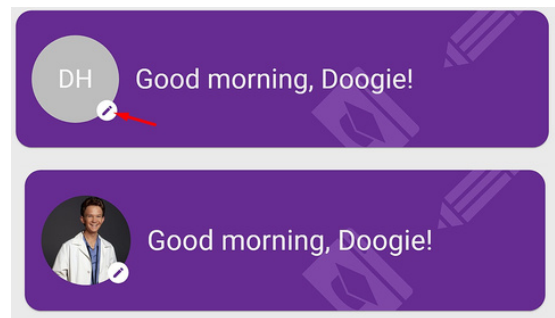
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## STEP 4: ROLE PLAY AS YOUR STUDENT

**STUDENT ACCOUNT SETTINGS:** Head over to your [student's Account Settings](#) and make the Application Outline visible to your student.

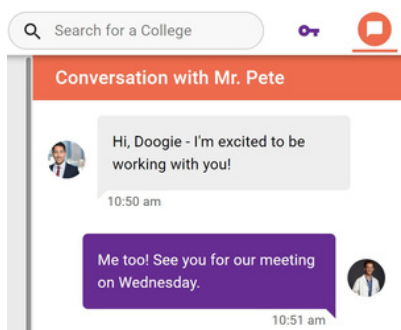
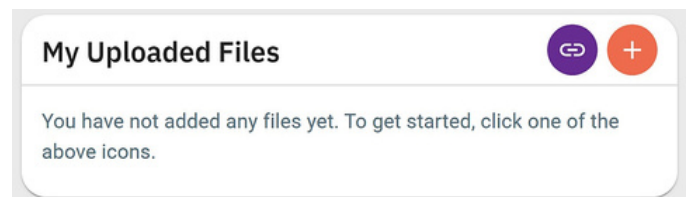
**LOG IN AS THE STUDENT:** [Here's how.](#)

**ADD A PHOTO:** Click the pencil icon next to the circle in the welcome banner on the Dashboard. This will bring you to the profile page, where you can upload a profile photo for your student. Again, have fun with it! Match the sample name you picked out.



**UPDATE TO-DOS:** Add your own To-Dos, edit the statuses of existing To-Dos, and add comments as the student. To change the status of a To-Do, you can click the item to open it in expanded view, or simply drag and drop it from one status column to another.

**UPLOAD FILES:** Upload files as your student. Vary the types of files including Google Docs and give the files appropriate titles.



**START A CONVERSATION:** Play the part! Send messages back and forth between the consultant and student using the Conversation feature.

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**MY LIST OF COLLEGES:** On the student's Colleges tab, select a handful of schools to move over to the student's "My List" of Colleges. Remember to select the colleges for which you previously entered Application Requirements.

*TIP: Drag these schools to the top of the "My List" of Colleges so they appear first on the Application Outline tab.*

The screenshot shows two panels. The left panel, titled "Suggested Colleges" (Created by Ms. Linda), lists five colleges: Duke University (Durham, North Carolina), Pepperdine University (Malibu, California), The University of Texas at Austin (Austin, Texas), Boston University (Boston, Massachusetts), and Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland). Each entry has a right-pointing arrow icon. A red arrow points to the arrow for Duke University. The right panel, titled "'My List' of Colleges", shows the same five colleges moved to this list. Each entry has a red 'X' icon on the right. The colleges are ordered from top to bottom: Princeton University (Princeton, New Jersey), Boston University (Boston, Massachusetts), Pepperdine University (Malibu, California), and Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland). The Duke University entry is missing from this list.

**APPLICATION OUTLINE:** Mark a few of the requirements as "Completed."

My application requirements	
Common Application	January 1, 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High School Transcript	January 1, 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Essay	January 1, 2022 <input type="checkbox"/>
SAT Scores	January 1, 2022 <input type="checkbox"/>
Letters of Recommendation	January 1, 2022 <input type="checkbox"/>

## THAT'S A WRAP

*You should now have a well-rounded sample student profile, full of examples of the features and how you use them with your students! We hope this becomes a valuable addition to your initial consultations with families.*