**COLLEGE RESEARCH PROJECT**

**REFLECTION PAPER GRADING RUBRIC**

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Introduction*

* Opening sentences that grab the reader’s attention
* Explain what the reflection paper is going to be about and why it is important.
* Talks about the process you went through to gather your information/research.
* Sets up a transition to the research paragraphs.

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (20 points) Research Paragraph(s)*

* Explain your top three rankings. What is your top choice and why? Discussed other options our other choices close? What puts some schools in front of other schools?
* Related your rankings to the six questions (location, school size, cost, academic/professional interests, fit with social life, happy being there).
* Discussion of rankings includes proof of actual research. Used numbers and other information you learned over the course of the project.

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Conclusion*

* Summed up the process by addressing some (or all) of key reflection questions. These may include, but aren’t limited to:
* At the end of the day, which direction are you leaning towards?
* Did this research cement ideas you already had? Or did it open up new possibilities?
* Did you find new schools or narrow things down a bit because of this extra time to do some research and reflecting?
* Are you seriously considering applying to any of these schools during your senior year? If not, what are you thinking of doing instead?

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5 points) Spelling/Grammar/Proofreading/Formatting*

* Spell checked
* Proofread document for grammar errors
* Made sure paper was double spaced and format was clean and easy to read.