Lesson 7: Low-Cost and Tuition-Free Colleges

Objective:
Students will learn about low-cost and tuition-free colleges and the populations they serve.
Overview:
Students will explore links to a number of tuition-free and low-cost colleges.

Lesson preparation:	Activity
Teacher and students will need access to the internet. Open the PowerPoint for Lesson 7. Print copies of the Lesson 7 pre-test and post-test. Print copies of the Lesson 7 Handout if you plan to present the lesson offline or create digital template in Google Docs or comparable online platform. Modify format and fields as desired. If presenting as a jigsaw activity, print and separate cards attached to handout or create cards with names of colleges to distribute among students. Go to http://aspirations.sparc37.com/ and click on the Finances link at the bottom. This takes you to links for tuition-free and low-cost colleges These are the links students will explore in this lesson.	Distribute copies of the pre-test, ask students to complete, and collect pre-tests. The pre-test will let students know what they should learn from this lesson. Review the PowerPoint with students. You may need to revisit slides as you conduct the lesson activities. Go to http://aspirations.sparc37.com/ and click on the Finances link at the bottom. This takes you to a series of links for tuition-free and low-cost colleges. Locate the link for College Scorecard. These are the links students will explore in this lesson. Provide students with printed or online template to facilitate collection of information about tuition-free and low-cost colleges. If presenting lesson as a jigsaw activity, assign different colleges to individual or small groups of students. Conclude lesson with brief oral presentations about each college. Distribute copies of the post-test, ask students to complete, and collect post-tests. Compare pre- and post-test results.

Suggestions for Differentiation:	Discussion:
Google Chrome is the suggested browser if language translation is required. Simply right-click anywhere on the page and choose the "Translate" option. You may need to use the drop-down to select the preferred language. Assign students who need additional support to a cooperative learning group or pair with a student who can provide support as needed.	Share something new you learned about the low-cost and tuition free colleges we explored today. How are these colleges similar and how are they different? Are you interested in applying to any of these colleges and why?

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