🐶 Student FAQs

❓ What is Loper?

Loper is a free mobile app that helps high school students through every stage of the college search and application process from initial exploration, to school discovery, to submitting applications confidently.

💡 How it Works

1. **Explore your interests:** Scroll through Discover mode to learn about majors, campus life, and careers. React to what you like or don't like.
2. **Discover colleges:** Get matched with schools based on your interests, goals, and academics or search Loper's database of 1,500+ colleges and universities
3. **Build your college list:** Save your favorite schools to your personal list and view detailed profiles with key stats, photos, and videos directly in the app.
4. **Get ready to apply:** Stay on track with custom checklists for deadlines, testing, fees, and application requirements for each of your saved schools.

🔍 Discover Mode

How does Discover mode help me?
Discover mode helps Loper learn what you care about in a college environment. The more you react—by liking, disliking, or super liking—the better your college matches will be!

What happens if I don't interact with Discover mode?
You won't get personalized college matches unless you explore in Discover mode, but you can still search and save schools by tapping "Schools" at the bottom right and using the "Search" tool.

When should I use "Super Like"?
Use Super Like for things that are absolute must-haves. For example, if joining a sorority is a top priority, Super Like "Sororities" to make sure your matches reflect that.

What if I don't have a strong opinion about something in Discover mode?
If you're unsure or indifferent, simply scroll past the card. You can always come back to it later by scrolling up!

How does Loper decide what schools to match me with?
Loper uses your onboarding answers and your activity in Discover mode to recommend schools that fit your preferences. Each recommendation comes with a personalized note explaining why you matched!

What happens when I save a school in Discover mode?
The school is added to your Saved list. Tap "Schools" → "Saved" to view it, along with photos, key stats, and other helpful information.

What happens when I dismiss a school in Discover mode?
Dismissed schools go to your Recs list. You can revisit them anytime by tapping "Schools" → "Recs." From there, you can save (add to your school list) or delete (you won't see the school again unless you search it).

🏫 Schools Mode

What's the difference between Recs, Saved, and App Center?
- Recs are *recommended* schools based on your profile and Discover activity.
- Saved is your list of schools you liked — you can take notes and track where you're actually going to apply here
- App Center helps you manage deadlines and requirements for the schools on your Saved list.

Can I look at a school even if it's not recommended for me?
Yes! Tap "Schools" → "Search" and enter the full school name for best results.

Is there a way to track whether I'm applying to a school?
Yes! On a school's profile, tap "Rate This School" to mark how likely you are to apply — options range from "I don't like this school" to "Definitely applying."

Can I organize my thoughts about what I like or dislike about a school?
Yes! On any school's profile, tap the pencil icon in the top right corner to:
- Take freeform notes
- Select key aspects you like most (such as location, setting, cost, etc.)

What kind of information can I see about a school in Loper?
Each school profile includes:
- Cost details and early career outcomes
- Acceptance rates and average test scores
- Student body size and diversity metrics
- Housing policies and room/board costs
- Athletic conference, mascot, and school colors
- Photos (and videos for select schools!)
- Direct links to the school's website and social channels

How can I see information about a school's application process?
- Go to "Schools" → "Saved" and click "View application details". For each school on your list, you'll be able to see application deadlines, essay prompts, testing policies, application fees, and how many letters of recommendation are required.
  - Note: You must save a school to view its application details

What happens when I use the "Contact a School" feature?
Your question goes to the Loper team. We'll contact an admissions officer for you and share their response. If you want, we can also connect you directly.

🔐 Privacy & Settings

How does Loper use my data?
Loper only shares your information with colleges if you give permission. You'll set this during sign-up and can update your settings anytime.

Can I share my profile or school list with a parent or counselor?
Yes! You can easily share a link to your Saved schools list and app plan right from the app. Just click "Home" → "Share Profile" and select the parts of your profile you want to share. From there, Loper will generate a PDF version of your profile that you can send to a parent, counselor, or anyone else!

📚 Other

Does Loper offer 1:1 advising for students?
Not directly, but you can:
- Ask questions in our Discord server or contact us through the app (tap the dog icon → "Contact Loper").
- Work with one of our partners for personalized advising:
  - College Contact
  - Cohort