

Table 2: Impact of School Choice on College Costs			
Expense Category	Scenario 1: Traditional (4-Year On-Campus)	Scenario 2: Commuter (4-Year At-Home)	Scenario 3: Strategic (2+2 Path)
YEARS 1 & 2			
Tuition & Fees	\$22,500 (\$11,250 × 2)	\$22,500 (\$11,250 × 2)	\$7,800 (\$3,900 × 2)
Housing & Food	\$27,000 (\$13,500 × 2)	\$6,000 (\$3,000 × 2)	\$6,000 (\$3,000 × 2)
Books & Supplies	\$2,600 (\$1,300 × 2)	\$2,600 (\$1,300 × 2)	\$2,800 (\$1,400 × 2)
Transportation	\$2,500 (\$1,250 × 2)	\$4,000 (\$2,000 × 2)	\$4,000 (\$2,000 × 2)
Personal Expenses	\$4,200 (\$2,100 × 2)	\$4,200 (\$2,100 × 2)	\$4,200 (\$2,100 × 2)
Subtotal (Years 1–2)	\$58,800	\$39,300	\$24,800
YEARS 3 & 4			
Tuition & Fees	\$22,500 (\$11,250 × 2)	\$22,500 (\$11,250 × 2)	\$22,500 (\$11,250 × 2)
Housing & Food	\$27,000 (\$13,500 × 2)	\$6,000 (\$3,000 × 2)	\$27,000 (\$13,500 × 2)
Books & Supplies	\$2,600 (\$1,300 × 2)	\$2,600 (\$1,300 × 2)	\$2,600 (\$1,300 × 2)
Transportation	\$2,500 (\$1,250 × 2)	\$4,000 (\$2,000 × 2)	\$2,500 (\$1,250 × 2)
Personal Expenses	\$4,200 (\$2,100 × 2)	\$4,200 (\$2,100 × 2)	\$4,200 (\$2,100 × 2)
Subtotal (Years 3–4)	\$58,800	\$39,300	\$58,800
TOTAL 4-YEAR COST	\$117,600	\$78,600	\$83,600
Savings vs. Scenario 1		\$39,000 = 33% Savings	\$34,000 = 29% Savings
Source: College Board. 2023. "Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023."			