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## Private Schools: Are They Worth It?

Choosing the right college is a difficult decision to make. Tuition is one of the foremost aspects in the decision-making process. Surprisingly, nobody takes the salary of a graduate into consideration when applying for college. The purpose of this study was to determine the differences in salary between private school graduates and public school graduates within specific majors and then compare the salaries with the tuitions for the colleges. Data was collected for 63 private and public schools across four different majors. Hypothesis tests were conducted in order to compare the salaries of private school and public school graduates. Additionally, the salaries of the schools were compared to the tuition of the scores in order to determine the time it would take for average public school graduates to pay off their student loans compared to average private school students. In the end, it would concluded that private school graduates made more than public school graduates overall, but when tested within the majors, there was only enough data to support that private school social science majors make more than public school students of the same major. When the salaries were compared to tuition, it was determined that it would take more than two years more to pay off private school student loans compared to public school student loans. In conclusion, if the decision is made completely based upon tuition and salary, then private schools are not worth the extra tuition unless financial aids are received.