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Navigating the Admission Process

College & Career Pathways 2024
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Let’s start off—Who’s here today?
Navigating the admissions process

Overview
- Build your team
- Understanding your application process
- Boost your application
- The Different times of deadlines
- The Five C’s
Build your team

You're not alone-build your team
School counselors
Family & friends
Your admissions counselor- Find on the college’s website
  • Your location
  • Program of study
  • Special populations (transfer, international)
The Steps: Application Process

Common App, or school-specific application
Application fee or fee waiver
Official transcripts
Test scores
Recommendations
Personal essay & potentially supplements
Résumé, extracurricular activities
What do colleges look at the most?

- Academics (Class Selection, Grades)
- Extracurricular Activities (Clubs, Sports)
- Essays and Writing Samples (Have someone review your essay)
- Letters of Recommendation (Pick someone who knows you well)
- Volunteer (If you are actively involved in your community, you are likely going to be involved with the student body, as well)
- Manage Your Social Media Presence (Clean up any excessive offensiveness, personal drama, and potentially offensive posts.)
## Deadlines

### College application deadlines

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The 5 C’s of picking a college

- Curriculum
- Campus
- Community
- Career
- Cost
The 5 C's of College Choice

A framework for understanding the decision triggers

**TRIGGERS**

- **Curriculum**
  - GOALS
  - Can I see myself succeeding here?
  - What will I major in?
  - What will I learn?

- **Campus**
  - EXPERIENCE
  - Do I like the facilities?
  - Does it have the right amenities?
  - Is the location convenient?

- **Community**
  - RELATIONSHIPS
  - Will I make friends?
  - Will I fit in?
  - Will I get to know my professors?

- **Career**
  - OUTCOMES
  - Will I get real-world experience?
  - Will I get an internship?
  - Will I be employable?

- **Cost**
  - VALUE
  - Can I afford it?
  - What's the return on my investment?
  - Will I get financial aid?
Thank you

• Any questions?