



# Navigating the Admission Process

College & Career **Pathways** 2025

# Presenter

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# Who are you?

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Who has an idea of what they might want to study?

Who would be the first person in their family to go to college?

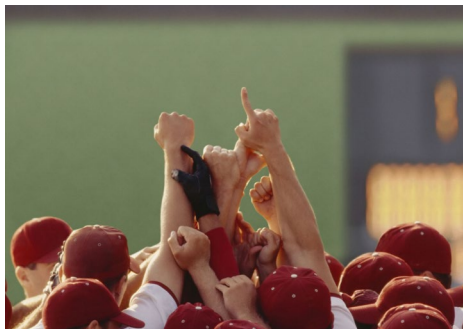
Who has no idea of what they want to do?

# Build Your Team

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Who are your helpers?

- School counselors
- Family and Friends
- Coach
- College admissions counselor- Find on the college's website
  - Your location
  - Program of Study
  - Special interests



# Starting the Application Process

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## Common App or School Specific Application

- Do some research about what each school requires

## Gather your information

- Official Transcripts
- Test Scores
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay
- Resume and/or list of extracurricular activities

# What do colleges look for?

## Academics

- What classes did you take?
- Grades

## Extracurricular Activities

- Clubs
- Sports
- Volunteerism

## Social Media/ Online imprint

- Present your best self
- Remove anything that might be offensive

REPORT CARD				
GRADING PERIOD	1	2	3	4
READING	A			
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	C			
MATHEMATICS	B			
SCIENCE/HEALTH	B			
SOCIAL STUDIES	A			
ART	A			
MUSIC	C			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
Grade Average	B			
Attendance	98			
Present	2			
Absent	1			
Tardy	1			

A = Excellent • B = Good • C = Satisfactory • N = Needs Improvement  
I = Inadequate • L = Incomplete

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Five C's of Picking a College

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## Curriculum

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



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## Campus

- Do I like the facilities?
- Do they have the right support?
- Do I like the location? Is it convenient?





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## Community

- Will I make friends here?
- Do they have my sport or club?
- Will I get to know my professors?



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## Career



- Will I get real-world experience?
- Will I get an internship?
- What do I need to be employable?

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## Cost

- Can I afford it?
- What's the return on investment?
- Will I get financial aid?





## College comparison chart

Note: This PDF can be printed or filled out on your computer.

As you investigate colleges, use this worksheet to keep track of schools in which you're most interested and to compare them to your wish list of ideal characteristics. In the second column, list all 12 factors in order of importance to you — 1 for most important, 12 for least important.

Factors to consider	my factor rank (1-12)	my wish list of college characteristics			
Type (technical, two-year, college, university)					
Major/academic program					
Size of school					
Location (setting/surroundings)					
Selectivity					
Academic atmosphere					
Student life/activities					
Diversity of student population					
Housing					
Facilities (library, theater, cafeteria, sports)					
Cost (college budget) and affordability					
Other					