



# Navigating the Admissions Process

College & Career Pathways 2019

# Hello, my name is...

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## Overview

- Who *is* “Admissions”?
- Identify your team & define deadlines
- Application materials & how to stand out
- Application review
- Decisions — ours & yours!

# Admissions — Who are *they*?

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**1<sup>st</sup> — You are not alone! Identify your team!**

School counselors

Family & friends

Resources — VSAC!

**Admissions — your admissions counselor!**

- Your location
- Program of study
- Special aspect (transfer, international)

# Approaching the process

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## Deadlines — Organize for deadlines

- Early Decision (binding)
- Early Action (nonbinding)
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions

# Compile application & materials

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## Checklist Items

- Common app or school-specific
- Application fee or fee waiver
- Official transcripts
- Test scores
- Recommendation(s)
- Essay, aka personal statement
- Résumé, extracurricular activities

# Enhance your application

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## How can I make my application stand out?

- Course Selection
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- Academic performance
- Essay preparation
- Selecting a recommender
- Connect / Visit

# Application review process

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What are *they* looking at?! Remember — *we* are on your team!

- Capable vs competitive
- Holistic review
- Curricular rigor
- Academic trend
- Your story



# Admission decisions

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## Decision types

- Admit
- Admit to second choice
- Waitlist
- Deny
- Defer
- Other decision types (Conditional, Provisional)

# You choose!

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## Decision deadline

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Stay in touch, visit, connect, & get your questions answered.

Make an informed decision!

# Questions?

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**Thank you for coming — Enjoy the day!**

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