College Pathways 2023

The Admissions Process: A Step by Step Guide
Overview

• College Search Process
• Visiting Campus
• Application Components
• Application Review Process
• How to Enhance Your Application
• Deadlines and Decision Types
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College Search Process

Narrowing your search - Finding the "Fit" just right for you:

Major/area of interest, clubs and organizations, sports
Location: proximity to home, climate, city/country
Size: undergraduate/graduate, class size, S:F ratio
Academic Rigor: Safety vs. Reach
College Search Resources

- School counseling office
- Admissions offices
- Websites
- Printed literature
- College surveys and reports
The Campus Visit

Think about where you are in the cycle

Type of Visit: Open House/Special Event/Regular Campus Visit

Choose a variety

Make a reservation

Interviews

Visiting a class/student
Application Components

Common Application versus School specific

- Application Fee
- Official transcripts
- Test scores
- Recommendation
- Essay
- Extra-curricular activities
Application Review Process

Capable vs. Competitive

Holistic review

Curricular rigor

Academic trend

Essays, recommendations, activities
How to Enhance Your Application

Course selection, course selection, course selection

Academic performance

Essay preparation

Selecting a recommender
Deadlines & Decision Types

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions
Decision Types

Admit
Admit to second choice
Waitlist
Deny
Defer
Other Decision Types
Questions?