

College Pathways 2023

The Admissions Process: A Step by Step Guide



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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



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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



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Application Components

Common Application versus School specific

Application Fee

Official transcripts

Test scores

Recommendation

Essay

Extra-curricular activities



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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?

