Navigating the Admissions Process
Hello, We are...

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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?

1st — 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 - Deadlines

Get Organized for Deadlines:
- Early Decision (binding)
- Early Action (nonbinding)
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions
Compile Your Application & Materials

Checklist Items:
- Common app, Coalition for College, or school-specific
- Application fee or fee waiver
- Official transcripts
- Test scores (Optional)
- Recommendation(s)
- Essay, aka personal statement
- Resume, extracurricular activities
Enhance Your Application

How can I make my application stand out?

Course Selection
  • Course selection!
  • Course selection!

Academic Performance

Essay Preparation

Selecting a Recommender

Connect / Visit

Portfolio, Audition
Application Review Process

What are *they* looking at?! Remember – *We* are on your team!

- Capable vs competitive
- Holistic Review
- Curricular rigor
- Academic trend
- Your story
Admission Decisions

Decision Types

- Admit
- Admit to second choice
- Waitlist
- Deny
- Defer
- Other Decision Types (Conditional, Provisional)
You choose!

Decision Deadline

May 1st

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

Make an informed decision!
Questions?

Thank you for attending — Enjoy the day!

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