



# Navigating the Admissions Process

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# 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?

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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 - Deadlines

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## Get Organized for Deadlines:

Early Decision (binding)

Early Action (nonbinding)

Regular Decision

Rolling Admissions

# Compile Your Application & Materials

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## 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

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## 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

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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 attending — Enjoy the day!**

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