

COLLEGE!

Will I Get in Four Years from Now?

What are colleges looking for?

Know the most important factors for gaining admission, and compare them to what YOU are doing now, or will be doing throughout your four years of high school!

◇ **A strong GPA**

What it says to a college: This student is conscientious and potentially capable of passing courses at our college.

◇ **A strong course load**

What it says to a college: This student has challenged him/herself with as many upper level courses he/she can handle, and has taken advantage of the resources offered by the school.

◇ **Strong SAT/ACT scores**

What it says to a college: This student has the innate and learned ability to handle college levels courses and be successful, and not likely to fail and/or withdraw/drop out of school. (RETENTION RATE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO A COLLEGE'S IMAGE).

◇ **Community Service**

What it says to a college: This is a caring and compassionate student that gives up his/her free time to help other's in need. This student may have been exposed to other's who are less fortunate than them and has decided to reach out, hopefully resulting in the ability to show empathy for others and an appreciation for those different from him/her.

◇ **Strong Involvement in Sports/Clubs/Activities**

What it says to a college: This student has made a contribution to his/her school and is a "do-er." He/she is likely to become involved in clubs and activities at our school too.

◇ **Part-time employment**

What it says to a college: This student may have a strong work ethic, holding a job for a significant period of time. This student has had valuable work experiences that may have taught him/her responsibility and how to get along well with others.

◇ **Strong counselor and teacher letters of recommendation**

What it says to a college: This student is being supported by people in the field of education and are putting their professional opinion in writing, therefore what they say holds a lot of weight and is taken seriously.

◇ **Perseverance/Overcoming Obstacles**

What it says to a college: This student has overcome adversity, or a significant obstacle in their young life; this proves he/she will not be quick to give up, or drop out, or fall to pieces when faced with challenges in college.