



Finding Your Dream Colleges

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Agenda

- What is a Dream College?
- What Colleges Want
- Getting Into Your Dream College



What is a Dream College?





The Best Fit School For You...

- Academically
- Socially
- Financially





Why Students Choose a School

- Prestige
- Location
- Friends
- Program
- School Spirit
- Family





Identifying Your Best Fit

- ✓ Go to Information Sessions
- ✓ Attend College Fairs
- ✓ Visit Campuses
- ✓ Interview
- ✓ Call Admissions Officers





What Colleges Want



High School Transcript

9 th Grade	Sem 1	Sem 2
English	X	X
Math	X	X
Social Studies	X	X
Science	X	X
Foreign Language	X	X
Elective	X	X
Elective	X	X

11 th Grade	Sem 1	Sem 2
English	X	X
Math	X	X
Social Studies	X	X
Science	X	X
Foreign Language	X	X
Elective	X	X
Elective	X	X

OVERALL	
Unweighted GPA	X.XX
Weighted GPA	X.XX
Class Rank	XX

10 th Grade	Sem 1	Sem 2
English	X	X
Math	X	X
Social Studies	X	X
Science	X	X
Foreign Language	X	X
Elective	X	X
Elective	X	X

12 th Grade	Sem 1	Sem 2
English	X	X
Math	X	X
Social Studies	X	X
Science	X	X
Foreign Language	X	X
Elective	X	X
Elective	X	X



Standardized Test Scores

SAT SCORE	INTERNAL RATING	ACT SCORE
1500-1600	10	34-36
1400-1500	9	31-33
1300-1400	8	28-30
1200-1300	7	25-27
1100-1200	6	22-24
1000-1100	5	19-21
900-1000	4	16-18
800-900	3	13-15
700-800	2	11-12
<700	1	<10



What Else Will They See?

- Application Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Activities



What Colleges Want

- Every application reader asks the same question about every applicant...

Will you make our community better by being here?



Getting Into Your Dream School





Building Your Application List

- ONLY Best Fit Schools
- Reach, Target, & Likely Schools
- Balance Your List





Your College Application

- **Information**

- Name
- Address
- Family information

- **Numbers**

- Test scores
- GPA
- Transcript

- **Your Submissions**

- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Activities





Your Application Timeline

AUGUST—
Start Personal Statement

NOVEMBER—
Early Deadlines

SEPTEMBER—
Supplemental Essay Drafts

DECEMBER—
Review Regular Apps

OCTOBER—
Review Early Apps

JANUARY—
Regular Deadlines



Questions?

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