

# GETTING READY TO APPLY

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Public University Admissions

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# THE AGENDA:

WHAT SCHOOLS NEED

WHAT SCHOOLS CONSIDER

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SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

QUESTIONS



# WHAT SCHOOLS NEED

**Application for Admission**

**ACT and/or SAT Scores**

**Application Fee/Fee Waivers**

**Personal Statement / Essay**

**Official Transcripts**

**Recommendation(s)**



A scenic view of a university campus. The foreground is dominated by a paved path that curves through a lush green lawn. Large, mature trees with dense green foliage line the path, casting long, soft shadows. In the middle ground, a person is riding a bicycle across the grass. The background shows more trees and the faint outlines of university buildings under a bright, slightly hazy sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and academic.

## **WHAT SCHOOLS CONSIDER**

**Academic factors**

**Personal factors**



A photograph of three students sitting around a wooden table in a study area. A young man in a plaid shirt is looking towards the camera. A young woman in a red sweater is in the foreground, her back to the camera. Another student is partially visible on the left. The background features a stone fireplace with a fire burning inside. The text 'ACADEMIC FACTORS' is overlaid in the upper center.

## ACADEMIC FACTORS

**Course rigor and  
performance**

**Test scores**

**Preparation for major**

**College or university  
credits**

# PERSONAL FACTORS

Personal statement

Recommendation(s)

Other supporting documents



# ADMISSIONS "JARGON"

AP / IB / dual enrollment

Rigor

Grade trends

Holistic

Early Action vs Early Decision

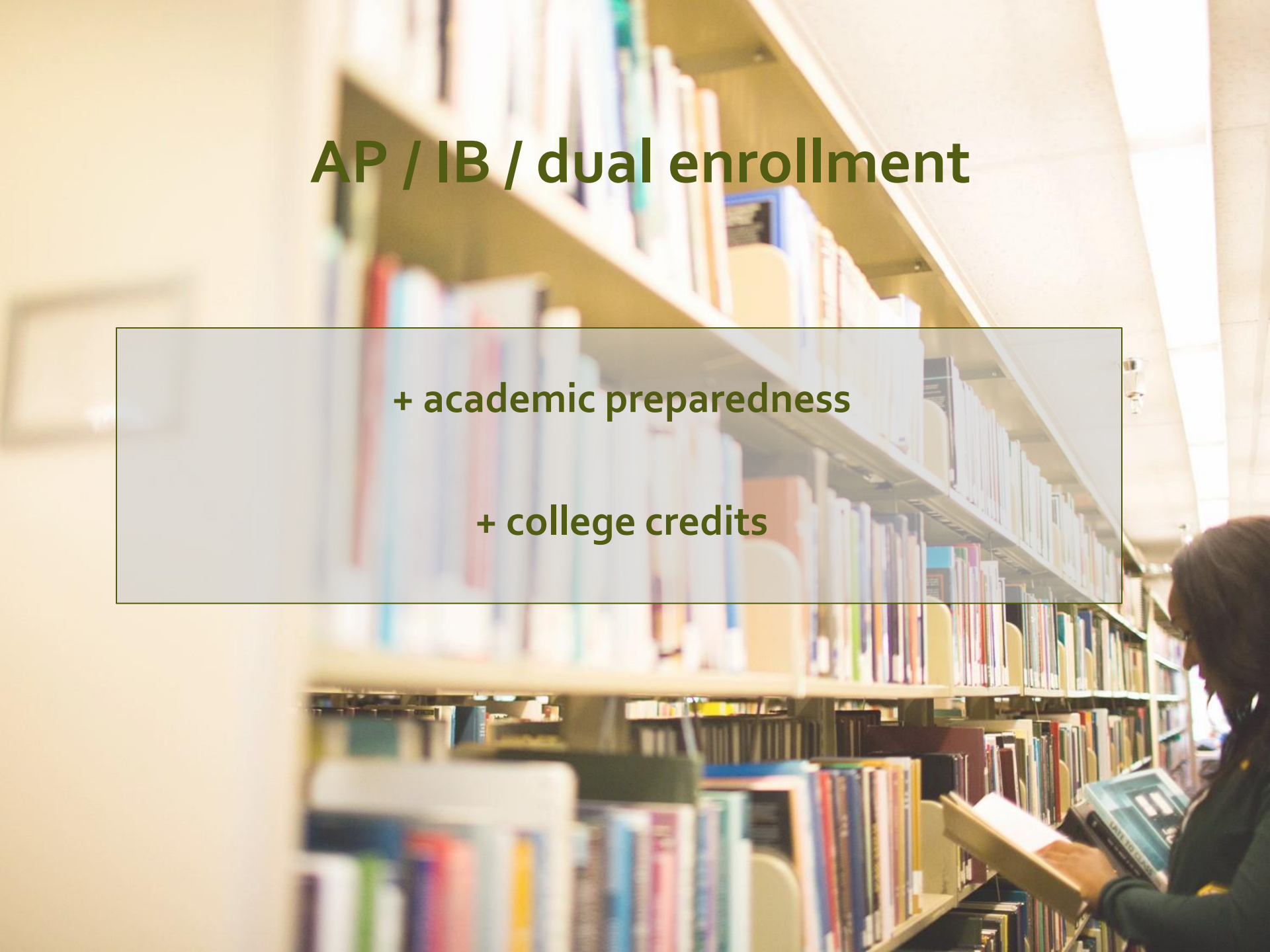
Rolling Admission



# **AP / IB / dual enrollment**

**+ academic preparedness**

**+ college credits**



# Rigor

**Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR)**

**Types of courses (e.g., AP, IB, honors)**

**Number and/or sequencing of courses**



# Grade trends

Performance in course work over time

Performance in course work by subject

# Holistic Review

The background of the slide is a photograph of a library. It shows rows of bookshelves filled with books, receding into the distance. On the right side, a person is seen from the side, looking at a book they are holding. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a quiet, studious atmosphere.

Holistic admissions review takes into account a student's interests, passions, special talents, personality, background/experiences and academic preparedness.



# Early Action vs Early Decision

## **Early Action: Non-binding**

- + receive early notification of an admission decision
- + apply to and compare financial aid offers from other schools

## **Early Decision: Binding**

- + allows more time to prepare for the transition from high school to college
- cannot compare financial aid offers

# Rolling vs Reply Date Admission

## **Rolling Admission**

Decisions are rendered on an ongoing basis as applications become complete.

## **Reply Date Admission**

Decisions are pooled and released all at one time.



Meet with your counselor

Attend College Fairs/Rep Visits

Request official high school transcripts

Retake ACT or SAT exams

Request letters of recommendation

Prepare essays

Declutter your inbox

# SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

## FALL SEMESTER

Apply for housing  
Apply for all possible scholarships  
Apply for need based aid (FAFSA)  
Visit colleges you've applied to  
Make your decision by May 1st  
Send final, official transcripts  
Attend orientation

# SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

## SPRING SEMESTER



# QUESTIONS?

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