

GETTING READY TO APPLY

Public University Admissions

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THE AGENDA:

WHAT SCHOOLS NEED

WHAT SCHOOLS CONSIDER

ADMISSIONS "JARGON"

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 shadows. In the middle ground, a person is riding a bicycle across the grass. In the background, several multi-story university buildings are visible, partially obscured by more trees. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky.

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 long 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?
