



# College Admission Process

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# Do Your Research

- Ask each school how they review applications. How do they prioritize items in the application review?
- For example: Is more weight placed on the transcript/GPA or on the test scores?
- Does the essay play a large part in the review process?
- Ask questions! Talk to counselors, other students, teachers, etc.

# Submitting a Successful Application

- Narrow down the schools of interest
- Determine what you would like out of a College or University
  - Size
  - Public or Private
  - Location
  - Academic/ Athletic Interest
- Pay close attention to deadlines. Take exams early!

# Essay Portion

- Be clear and concise
- Work with your English teacher to assist you in writing & proofreading your essay
- It's ok to submit an essay from class that has been reviewed and graded
- Stay on topic & stick to the word counts provided

# Standardized Tests

- ACT

- an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school.
- 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test.
- 1-36 for each subject, averaged for a composite score.
- Many colleges or universities will super score-
  - take the highest combination of scores per section to give you the highest combined score.

# Standardized Tests

- SAT

- an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.
- 3 components: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test.
- 200-800 per section
- Many colleges or universities will super score-
  - take the highest combination of scores per section to give you the highest combined score.

# Standardized Tests

- Registration can be done either online or with help from a high school counselor.
- Standardized tests are a consistent source to determine academic achievement.

# Admission Decisions

- Rolling Admission
  - A decision can be made anytime before the start of the academic year
- Early Decision
  - Usually a binding agreement
  - Allows students to get an early admissions decision
  - Associated with a lot of Private schools



# Admissions Decisions

- Early Action
  - Allows students to get an early admissions decision, usually non-binding
- Regular Admission
  - Usually the last deadline available

# After Applying

- Accepted
  - One is granted acceptance to the college or university
- Deferred
  - If applied under early action or early decision, a student is placed into the regular decision pool so that more information can be gathered about them

# After Applying

- Denied-
  - Applicant is not granted acceptance to the college or university as a 1<sup>st</sup> year student (Freshman)
- Waitlisted
  - Student maybe granted acceptance if space becomes available after a certain date determined by college or university.

# Final Thoughts

- Make sure you're taking challenging classes that you will perform well in
- Build strong relationships with teachers
- Stay involved in school. Take on leadership positions, but don't take on too much
- Remember that every institution is different- so ask questions
- Research scholarships: Fast Web/Parent Connection
- Apply for financial aid by the **priority deadline**
- Ask institutions about "other" scholarship opportunities: Hammond, Jenkins, departmental scholarships