

COLLEGE

DECISIONS & WHAT TO EXPECT

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Introduction

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Objectives

- What colleges are looking for and factors in admission decisions
- Making your college decision
- Transition from high school to college

Applying for College: Types of Colleges

- **Open Enrollment**

- No deadlines, accept students on a rolling (first-come, first-serve) basis if you meet certain criteria

- **Selective**

- Usually have deadlines, take a number of factors into account when deciding if you will be accepted

- **Very Selective**

- Small number of schools; tough review process for admission. Good grades and test scores will not cut it for admission.



The Application

- Your application
- A resume/list of extracurricular activities
- An essay
- Letters of recommendation
- Test score (ACT or SAT)
- Transcript

College Application Review & Decisions

- Academics are the primary factor considered
 - Balance between transcript, GPA, and test scores
 - Counselor recommendation – level of rigor and curriculum compared to other students

More on Academics

- Well-rounded, college preparatory curriculum
- Most rigorous courses that you can be successful in
- Foundational courses – particular programs
- Competition

Other Factors considered

- Essay – Who are you? Are you ready for college? What's your writing style?
- Leadership, service, and extracurricular involvement
- Interest in the university
- Letters of recommendation
- Additional information

What does your future look like?

- Post-high school options:
 - Work
 - Military
 - Vocational school
 - Apprenticeship programs
 - Full-time service
 - College

Reasons for attending college...

- To prepare you for adulthood
- To get a degree that will increase your earning potential
- To understand your strengths and weaknesses
- To develop your interests and values
- To achieve a personal goal
- To prepare for a career and become a lifelong learner
- To participate in activities and develop relationships
- To have fun!



Let's focus on **COLLEGE**

Deciding where to go to college is a **PROCESS**. Here are some factors to consider:

- Location/setting
- Size
- Majors/programs
- Campus
- Student life
- Private vs. public
- Religious affiliation
- Financial fit

The 3 Types of Fit

- Academic
- Social/Emotional
- Financial

* Talk to current students!





FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE



FINAL YEAR OF COLLEGE

The Transition to College

- Structured vs. unstructured time
- You are treated as a legal adult
- Independence along with consequences
- You set your own priorities
- SELF-DIRECTION
- You have to take initiative for help & resources

What can I expect?

- Developing intellectual competence
- Manage emotions
- Autonomous but will need to ask for help
- Developing relationships
- Establishing identity – who am I?
- Developing purpose & values



Resources

- Career Cruising
- Personality assessments (Myers-Briggs, etc.)
- US Govt Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Career centers/counseling
- Remember, career paths aren't always linear!



QUESTIONS?



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