

COLLEGE ADMISSION FACTORS

There's no magic formula when it comes to college admission decisions. So how do you advise students on admission factors when they vary so widely from one college to the next? **Students and parents should know that many factors influence admission decisions, including:**

- **Grades point average**
- **Depth of courses – Honors, AP, Running Start**
- **Success in classes – challenge yourself throughout your senior year**
- **Standardized test scores**
- **Class rank**
- **Extra curriculum activities – inside school and outside school**
- **Personal statements and essays – true reflection**
- **Recommendations**
- **Interviews**

Which factors most effect the admission decision?

Many small, private and/or selective colleges pay greater attention to personal statements and essays, teacher and counselor recommendations, leadership experiences and the individual talents of applicants.

Regardless of the college's evaluation system, students should present a well-rounded picture of their skills, experience and personal traits. Applicants should highlight their ability to succeed at each particular institution and what they can contribute to student life on campus.