

The 5 Step College Enrollment Blueprint

The 5 Simple Steps You Can Take TODAY to prepare for college enrollment

5 Steps:

1. **Academics:** Colleges want to see rigor and strength of coursework and program.

Look for areas of interest to your child: math, science, art, writing etc

Take honors and AP classes when possible.

2. **Performance:** Grades do matter!

Strive for 3.0+ in all classes and especially in rigorous ones i.e., AP

3. **Preparation:** Have a plan.

Fulfill all requirements and **start preparing NOW for SAT/ACT**

4. **Specialization:** Encourage your child to pursue their passion.

Excel academically and in 1-2 areas of interest

5. **Presentation:** Always complete essays and short answer questions-They are truly Never Optional!

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ACADEMICS

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PERFORMANCE

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PREPARATION

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SPECIALIZATION

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PRESENTATION

Think Big Picture

Colleges want and need money!

Think Metrics

SAT/ACT scores

grades

Academic Program

Have a Plan

Start preparing for tests etc. ASAP

Be sure to fulfill all requirements for preferred school

Regional Accreditation is crucial-always research this!

Begin thinking about who to attain Letters of Recommendation from!

Start now on your personal statement, and build on it.

Plan of Action

Age/Grade:

Subject Interests:

Extracurricular Interests (sports, clubs, activities etc.):

Current GPA: GPA and SAT scores needed for preferred college:

Be sure to register for rigorous coursework each year, especially in subject interests:

Freshman:	Sophomore:	Junior:	Senior:
Courses:			

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COLLEGE BUDGET CUTS AND FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Many colleges and universities around the nation are experiencing budget cuts. This means that many admissions offices are often short on staff. With applicant pools increasing and staff to go through applications decreasing, what do you think many offices are doing? They are looking at metrics like grades, test scores, and academic rigor FIRST to see if the applicant meets the minimum requirements. They then look at essays and short answer questions. Therefore it is crucial to really understand what colleges are looking at first. *A 2014 Gallop poll indicated that 84% of employers think the amount of knowledge a candidate has in the field is most important, while only 9% view where a candidate earned their degree as most important. Consider this carefully when deciding on schools because large student loans can be crushing later on and may not be completely necessary! Do your research!

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