



Navigating the Admissions Process

College & Career **Pathways**

Hello, We are...

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Overview

Who *is* Admissions?

Identify your team & define deadlines

Application materials & how to stand out

Application review

Decisions — ours & yours!

Admissions – Who are they?

1st — You are not alone. Identify your team!

School Counselors

Family & Friends

Resources — VSAC!

Admissions — Your Admissions Counselor!

- Your location
- Program of study
- Special aspect (transfer, international)

Approaching the Process - Deadlines

Get Organized for Deadlines:

Early Decision (binding)

Early Action (nonbinding)

Regular Decision

Rolling Admissions

Compile Your Application & Materials

Checklist Items:

- Common app, Coalition for College, or school-specific
- Application fee or fee waiver
- Official transcripts
- Test scores (Optional)
- Recommendation(s)
- Essay, aka personal statement
- Resume, extracurricular activities

Enhance Your Application

How can I make my application stand out?

Course Selection

- Course selection!
- Course selection!

Academic Performance

Essay Preparation

Selecting a Recommender

Connect / Visit

Portfolio, Audition

Application Review Process

What are *they* looking at?! Remember – *We* are on your team!

Capable vs competitive

Holistic Review

Curricular rigor

Academic trend

Your story

Admission Decisions

Decision Types

Admit

Admit to second choice

Waitlist

Deny

Defer

Other Decision Types (Conditional, Provisional)

You choose!

Decision Deadline

May 1st

Stay in touch, visit, connect, & get your questions answered.

Make an informed decision!

Questions?

Thank you for attending — Enjoy the day!

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