

College Admissions Guide

What Are Colleges Looking For?

- * A rigorous course schedule
- * Genuine interest in the school
- * An interest in learning
- * Willingness to lead

Early Decision/Early Action

Early Decision is a binding agreement stating that you will attend the college or university which accepts you, provided that school offers a reasonable financial aid package. If accepted, you must withdraw any admissions applications sent to other schools.

Early Action allows you to apply early in the fall and receive a response by the middle of December. Early action gives you the opportunity to compare admissions and financial aid offers

Recommended Courses

Colleges are looking for diversity and rigor in your high school academic record. Below is a typical college-prep course load:

- * English (4 years)
- * Mathematics (3-4 years)
- * History & Geography (2-3 years)
- * Lab Science (2-3 years)
- * Foreign Language (2-3 years)

Consider taking classes not in the core curriculum.

Scholarship Scams

What's Legit and What's Not?

A legitimate scholarship sponsor or service:

- * Sends information about awards when you request it.
- * Makes contact information available upon request.
- * Knows that financial aid information is free and readily available in financial aid offices, libraries, and on the Internet.

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