

What does your college application mean?

Your college application is the first and probably the last “look” that college will have at you – they will decide on your admission based on it. What kind of impression do you want to leave with them?

What are they looking for beyond strength of curriculum, grades, GPA, and test scores? Colleges are looking closely at how you will contribute to their campuses. This might seem daunting, but when you review what you’ve accomplished in high school, when you write carefully and completely about your high school experiences, the answer will begin to form itself.

- You are taking a very difficult high school curriculum;
- You are involved in school activities;
- You are involved in community activities
- You can manage your time being able to take a difficult curriculum and still be involved in activities;
- You can write clearly about this;
- You take great care in completing your application;
 - o What are they going to think about you if you write your essay the night before, don’t do spell check, don’t show it to a teacher, just hand it in, first draft? They are going to think that this is the way you will be doing work at college – your work at college will be careless like your application – they don’t want careless students, therefore, they won’t accept you. They want students who care about their work, who care about how they present themselves, who have attention to detail, and who have pride in their work. If you don’t demonstrate pride in your work, then you probably won’t get it in college.