



**NAVIGATING THE SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS PROCESS
COMMON MYTHS**

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1. College rankings indicate the "desirability" of particular schools.
2. Parents need to be active leaders of the process.
3. Colleges publish the averages (e.g. SAT scores) for their admitted students. These can help you predict the outcome.
4. The more AP courses I take the better!
5. Some activities look better than others.
6. When preparing the application, more is always better. Leave nothing to chance!
7. Applying Early Decision or Early Action is a great "strategy" for my "reach" schools.

FACTORS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY AN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE:

High School Transcript

Standardized Testing

Extracurricular Activities

Teacher Recommendations

Personal Essay(s)

Applicant's "fit"

Personal Interview

Supplemental Materials