I’ve been accepted!

“Great student!”

“Wonderful worker”

“Very helpful”
What Do Colleges Look At?

- Courses
- Grades
- Test Scores
- Achievements
- Extracurricular
  - At School
  - Outside of School
- References
- Other Items
Course Selection

Variety of Courses

Challenging Courses

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Course Selection: Learn the Lingo

- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Dual-credit Courses
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses
- Credit-by-exam
Grades: Learn the Lingo

**Transcript**

- **GPA**: 3.5
- **Course Grades**: 99/400
- **Class Rank**: 3.8
- **Weighted GPA**: 3.8

**Grade Point Average (GPA)**

**Weighted GPA**

**Class Rank**
Every test has a different scoring scale.

Test scores can provide opportunities for:

- Scholarships
- Placement in select programs
- College credit

Standardized tests are required for college admission.
Tests: Learn the Lingo
1. A B C D E
2. A B C D E

General Tests
- ACT
- SAT
- PSAT

Course-specific Tests
- Advanced Placement (AP tests)
- SAT Subject Tests
- International Baccalaureate (IB tests)
Extracurricular Activities at School

- Athletics
- Academic clubs and competitions
- Fine Arts
- Get involved outside the classroom.
- Service organizations
- Student leadership
Extracurricular Activities Outside of School

Get involved in your community.

- Community organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Youth organizations and clubs
- Federal programs

Volunteer activities allow you to serve your community and to build a resume for college.

Internships and jobs
## Achievements and Awards

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References

“Great Student!”
—12th grade science teacher

“Focused on the future”
—High school counselor

“Best employee”
—Manager

“Wonderful person”
—Next door neighbor

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Other Parts of the Application

Other parts of the application may include:

- Application essay
- Auditions
- Portfolios
- Admission interview
### Application process

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Review

Extracurricular

- Course Selection
- Grades
- Test Scores
- Achievements
- Other Items

Extracurricular
- Outside of School
- References

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