

How do colleges figure out who to accept?

For each of the below questions, brainstorm your ideas for how a college could answer the below questions they ask themselves about an applicant.

Can you handle the classes?

My ideas:

Notes added after group discussion:

Are you a devoted student?

My ideas:

Notes added after group discussion:

Will you add to the community?

My ideas:

Notes added after group discussion:

Will you accomplish things?

My ideas:

Notes added after group discussion:

Are you a good “fit”?

My ideas:

Notes added after group discussion:

Your College Application Schedule: 11th Grade

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August–October	
Focus 1:	When/how will you do it?
Focus 2 (optional):	When/how will you do it?
November–January	
Focus 1:	When/how will you do it?
Focus 2 (optional):	When/how will you do it?
February–April	
Focus 1:	When/how will you do it?
Focus 2 (optional):	When/how will you do it?
May–July (this is a good time to ask for recommendations and take SAT/ACT)	
Focus 1:	When/how will you do it?
Focus 2 (optional):	When/how will you do it?
Focus 3 (optional):	When/how will you do it?

11th grade things to think about: PSATs, SATs/ACTs, clubs & activities, summer programs or internships, visiting colleges and taking tours, preparing your college list, starting to write your essay.

Looking forward...

12th grade things to think about: Any 11th grade stuff not done, visiting colleges and taking tours (especially once admitted), preparing your college list, doing the applications, writing your essays, any special scholarship applications, opportunity programs, financial aid applications (FAFSA/TAP/CSS Profile).