

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING



THS School Counselors

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Primary Admission Factors

- Transcript
- Exam Scores
- Extracurriculars / Activities
- Strength of Application
- Diversity
- Visit



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Types of College Admission

- **Early Decision** (10/15-11/15)- Binding
- **Early Action** (11/1-12/15)- Non-Binding
- **Regular-** Non-Binding, Final Deadline
- **Rolling-** Non-Binding, No Deadline



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Tips for Essays

- College use essays to learn more about you. Many individuals just like you (similar grades, ranks, exam scores) apply, but what makes you an asset to the school?
- Write what you think is important, not what you think is important to the school.
- Have someone check your and read your essay. This will avoid typos and misspellings; the word “college” is the most misspelled word!



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Tips for Essays (Continued)

- Be sure to send the correct essay to the correct college.
- Do not use poor grammar, vulgar language (email address included), or plagiarize your work.
- Miami University reviewed over 27,000 essays last year; reviewed by just 12 people!



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Tips for Recommendation Letters

- Many applications ask for recommendation letters in addition to your current grades and transcripts.
- It is wise to ask for a recommendation from more than one individuals and supply each with facts about yourself (datasheet).
- Please, please, please give that at least two weeks notice!



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Tips for Interviewing

- The interview is an opportunity for the college to truly know who you are!
- Practice possible interview questions. A good interviewer may ask you to give an example of time you demonstrated leadership.
- Be prepared to explain your strengths or weaknesses in your schedule.
- Remember to be yourself!



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Tips for the ACT/ SAT

- What is the difference between ACT/ SAT? Do I need to take both tests? Which should I take?
- The ACT is offered at Talawanda in September, October, December, February, April, and June. The writing portion of the test is offered during these dates.
- Students can register online at www.actstudent.org. If your family receives free or reduced lunches, your guidance counselor can provide a fee waiver.



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Tips for the ACT/ SAT (Continued)

- The most popular test dates for Junior is in April/ June. Seniors can test again in the fall. Most take the ACT twice, but you can take the test as many times as you would like.
- Talawanda typically hosts workshop to help student prepare in the fall, winter, and spring. LEAP
- Some schools super-score your ACT; this could be an advantage to you!

