

Elements of College Admissions

What will you need to complete your applications?

Manage your applications:

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- **Transcript: What's your GPA?** Check your transcript for accuracy and completion of admission requirements. **Official transcripts may be required when you apply, as well as mid-year, and after graduation.**
- **Testing: Always check a school's testing requirements!** Most four year colleges require the SAT, or the ACT with Writing. Some want SAT Subject Tests. **Send your official score report from College Board and/or ACT when you apply.**
- **Personal Information:** Colleges want to know what you do outside of the classroom. A **resume** of your high school activities, honors and awards, and employment helps. **Be thorough and be sure to describe each activity!**
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Most private colleges will require a school report from your counselor and a letter of recommendation from at least one teacher. **Ask teachers early!**
- **Essays:** Your opportunity to tell more about yourself than appears on the transcript or brag sheet. The essay(s) is your chance to show what is wonderful about you, or to explain what is not so wonderful. **Start early; the essay is a significant part of the application.**
- **College Visits:** Remember you are looking for a school and a place to live. Always visit the campus before you make the decision to attend. **Attend the college rep visit in the C&CC.**
- **Naviance:** Manage your list, request recommendations, sign up for visits at: <http://connection.naviance.com/acalanes>