

The Big 10 Of College Admissions

Grade Point Average: The most important predictor; trend matters; level qualifier

Class Rank: Levels competitiveness of high school; qualifier for UAA Scholars

Course Selection: Rigor is important; appropriate to major; don't forget foreign language and fine arts; Service AP Capstone

ACT/SAT Scores: Most require one square; take both at least once; do test prep

Recommendations: Variety of sources; use a brag sheet; thank them

Essays: Show what impact you have made; demonstrate curiosity; relate to school

Activities/Involvement: Depth not breadth; show leadership; display passion; display a unique interest; match possible majors

Demonstrated Interest: Classes match majors; summer programs; Gifted Mentorship

Special Talents: Fine arts; athletics; STEM programs

Unique Awards: Community; PAWS...