

Application Toolkit

Application Checklist

Our Recommendations



Transcript/Academics

- Upload your latest transcript in PDF with your cumulative GPA.
- Enter your current courses on the academic page.
- List all traditional, honors, AP and IB courses.



Essay

- Submit a well-developed, thoughtful essay. We recommend writing several drafts and inviting feedback from others.
- Be sure to proofread for grammar and spelling errors.
- We suggest using a range of 350 - 500 words.



Counselor/Teacher Recommendation

- Find a supportive teacher and counselor who can speak to your strengths inside and outside the classroom.
- Provide your recommenders contact information in the Recommendation section of the application.



ACT/SAT Scores

- Submit your standardized test scores if you have taken them.
- If you have not taken them, you may still submit your application.

What We Consider:

Academics

GPA, course rigor, and class rank.

Extracurriculars

Clubs, programs, sports, family obligations, and volunteer work.

Essay

Including but not limited to your writing ability, identified passions, self-awareness, flow of ideas, and depth of idea development.

Organizational Fit

Receptiveness to feedback, coaching and open to attending a top college.

Ambition & initiative

Ability to contribute to and foster a positive Thrive Community .