

**HOW TO PREPARE FOR
COLLEGE**

Making it **Work** for High
School Students and Families

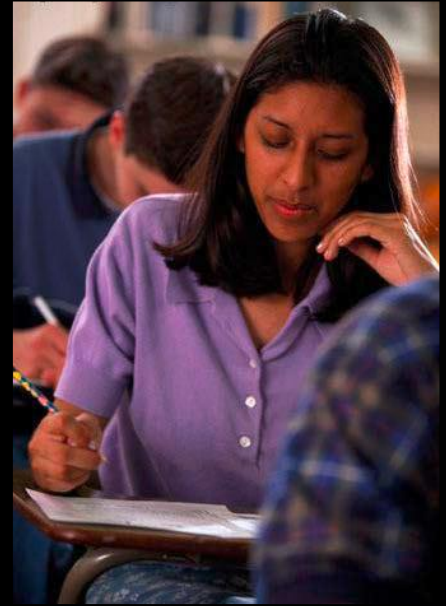
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Academics Matter Most

“A student’s high school record continues to be the most important factor in college admission decisions for prospective first-time freshmen...”

-Shanda Ivory, reporting on NACAC survey, 2016



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Curriculum and GPA

Core classes

Advanced classes

Nothing less than a B

Standardized Tests

SAT

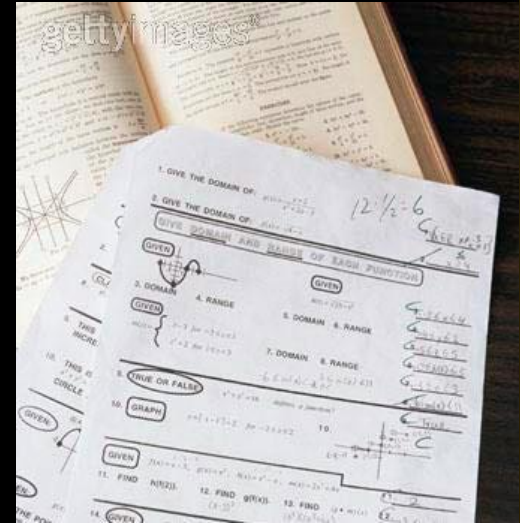
SAT II: Subject Tests

PSAT

ACT

AP

Regents



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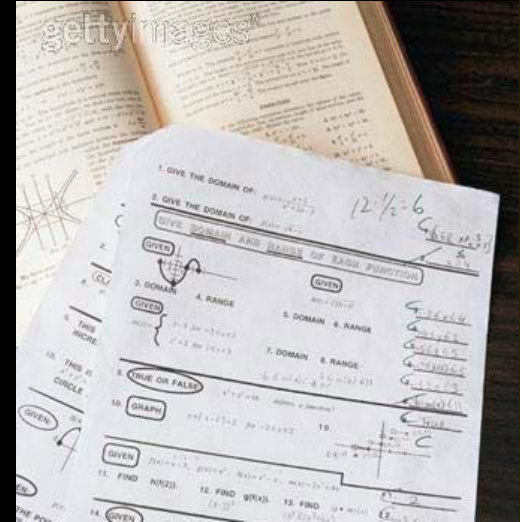
Develop your Personal Profile

“What’s important to me?”

Which **academic programs or majors** interest me?
(what am I good at or drawn to?)

How can I **spend my time** in a way that leaves a
lasting, positive impression?

Which **extracurricular activities or sports** interest me?



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Making the most of *your* visit

Would I prefer a campus that is located in an **urban**, **rural**, or **suburban area**?

Am I interested in attending a **large research university** or a **small liberal arts college**?

Attend college **close to home** or go to a school that is **far away or out-of-state**?



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