



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Palestine High School Crash Course

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STEPS TO FOLLOW

- ❖ Select your colleges
- ❖ Contact those colleges
- ❖ Check entrance requirements
- ❖ Narrow your selections to 2 or 3
- ❖ Return the completed applications and fees
- ❖ Take any tests you have not yet taken
- ❖ Verify receipt of applications



REGULAR ADMISSION

- ❖ Application
- ❖ Essays
- ❖ Resume
- ❖ Recommendation Letters
- ❖ Test Scores
- ❖ High School Transcript
- ❖ Financial Aid Information



APPLICATION

- ❖ Complete application early
- ❖ ApplyTexas
- ❖ Apply for admission to any Texas public university & participating community and private colleges
- ❖ Submit your application essays online
- ❖ Apply for scholarships from participating colleges
- ❖ Apply for housing to participating colleges

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APPLICATION FEES

❖ Average fee is \$35 - \$50

❖ Non-refundable

❖ Fee Waivers



ESSAYS & RESUMES

- ❖ Each college has its own requirements
- ❖ Follow instructions & prompts
- ❖ Grammar and spell check
- ❖ Have someone proofread them



RECOMMENDATION LETTER

- ❖ What is it?
- ❖ Who should write it?
- ❖ When should you ask for it?
- ❖ Brag Sheet



TEST SCORES

- ❖ SAT
- ❖ ACT
- ❖ THEA or ACCUPLACER
- ❖ TAKS
- ❖ Vocational or Technical Aptitude Tests



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

- ❖ High School Courses Taken
- ❖ Overall GPA
- ❖ Class Rank
- ❖ Graduation Plan



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

- ❖ Grants
- ❖ Loans
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Free Application for Federal Student Aid

EARLY ADMISSION

- ❖ According to Steven Cohen, education columnist for Newsweek magazine, “the single biggest advantage students can easily give themselves for getting into a top university: Apply early decision.”
- ❖ Each college has its own early admission deadline – usually around November 1
- ❖ Important for the college’s financial aid and scholarships
- ❖ If the college admits the student, the decision is binding
- ❖ Should not apply early unless student is 100% sure that the college is the best choice



COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

- ❖ The College Board's College Handbook
- ❖ Barron's Profiles of American Colleges
- ❖ The Piper Foundation's Compendium of Texas Colleges
- ❖ College Catalogs
- ❖ Internet Websites



QUESTIONS?