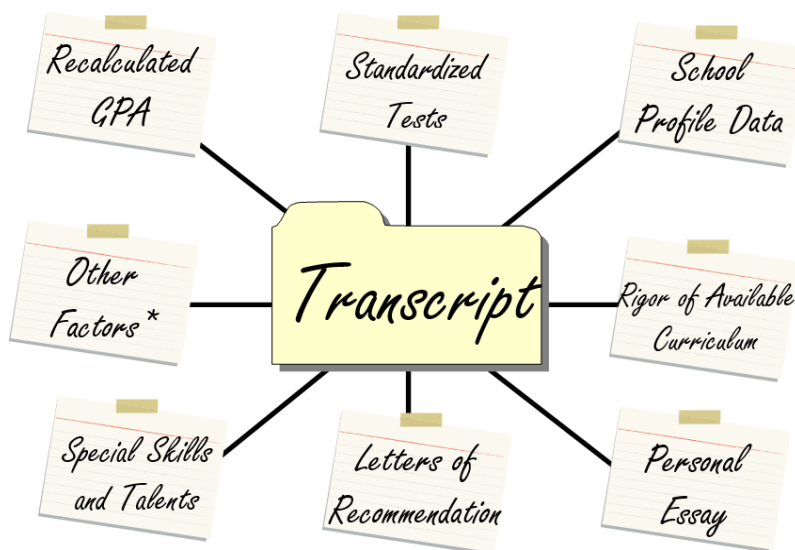


How Colleges Evaluate the Application

The type and competitiveness of your academic program and the quality of work you do during your four years in high school will serve as your résumé for college acceptance. Your scholastic record, submitted to a college or university on your high school transcript, is considered the **most important factor** in determining your chances for admission.



* Examples include: demonstrated interest, interviews, athletics, legacy...

The following areas of the student's academic record and extracurricular activities receive careful consideration:

Curriculum	Academic Achievement	Non-Academic Considerations	Interests of the College
The scope, sequence, and level of difficulty of each course taken (CP, honors, AP)	Academic performance Grade patterns over four years	Recommendations: teachers, counselors, outside employers, coaches, etc.	Admissions officers also consider the needs of their institution when they evaluate a candidate for admission
The relevance of the courses to the applicant's intended undergraduate major	Commended Students, National Merit Semi-Finalists, Finalists, and scores on standardized tests	Self-Presentation: essay, personal attributes, interview Activities: in school, in the community, summer experiences, leadership, special talents, volunteerism	Colleges want a diversified student body; therefore, a student's gender, geographical origin, race, and academic interests can be considerations