

7 PRACTICAL STEPS ON THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS



1 Plan ahead and act early.

Applications that are received before the deadline can give you an advantage.

2 Select carefully. There is no need to apply to more than 10 colleges.

Applying to more than that creates extra stress for you when acceptances arrive in April as well as the time taken to complete massive numbers of applications.

3 Focus on the present and future.

Don't worry about your school record from previous years. There is nothing that you can do to change your past record. What you CAN do is to work as hard as possible now and improve (or maintain) your school record. The first semester grades from Grade 12 IS very important as are the courses that you are taking.

4 Find a match.

It is important that you chose a college that matches up with who you are. Do not apply to a college simply because your friends are applying or because you have heard the name before. Before applying to college, make sure you know as much as you can about who you are and where you are likely to be a true fit academically and socially – this will help to guarantee your happiness at college.

5 Meet deadlines.

Missing a deadline is not good. It reflects poorly upon you and it is possible that your application will not be accepted. Plan on at least four to six weeks between the time you start an application and submitting that application.

6 Request your letters of recommendations early.

Most application portals require one or two teacher recommendations and one counsellor recommendation. Be sure to give your teachers and counsellor plenty of time to write your recommendations. Hand in the CLOR and TLOR form as soon as you can.

7 Register for tests in time.

You are responsible for registering for required tests. Registration deadlines are absolute. Ensure the testing agency has your registration before the deadline.

