Are you on the right track... for college?
The Four Basic College Categories

1. Most Competitive (most difficult)
2. Very Competitive (very difficult)
3. Competitive (difficult)
4. Less Competitive/Non-Competitive (not difficult)
Most Competitive Schools

Includes such distinguished schools as:

- Amherst College
- Brown University
- College of William & Mary
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Williams College
- M.I.T.
- Yale University
Most Competitive Schools

Some Statistics:

The schools listed in this category…

- Only admit between 9-25% of applicants
- 79-100% of the middle 50% of students were in the top 10\textsuperscript{th} of their graduating class
- 96-100% of the middle 50% of students had a 3.0 or better
- The middle 50% of students scored between a 1480-2370 on the SAT
- Admissions Requirements include an essay, SAT I and SAT II tests, and two schools (Harvard & Georgetown) require an interview
Most Competitive Schools
Admissions Factors (Stanford)

Very Important Admissions Factors:
- Character/Personal Qualities
- Class Rank
- Application Essay
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendations
- Rigor of secondary school record
- Standardized Test Scores
- Talent/Ability
- Academic GPA

Considered:
- Alumni Relation
- Geographical Residence
- Racial/Ethnic Status
- Volunteer Work
- Work Experience
- First Generation college student
A high school diploma is required and a GED is not accepted.

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Very Competitive Schools

Includes:

- Brandeis University
- Colgate University
- Dickinson College
- Elon University
- George Washington University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New York University (NYU)
- Northwestern University
- Sarah Lawrence University
- University Of California-Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- University of Virginia
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- West Chester University
Very Competitive Schools

Some Statistics:

The schools listed in this category…

- Only admit between 25-50% of applicants
- 79-99% of the middle 50% of students had a 3.0 or better
- The middle 50% of students scored between a 1440-2220 on the SAT
- Admission Requirements include an essay, SAT I, and some require SAT II tests
Very Competitive Schools

Admissions Factors (UD)

Very Important Admissions Factors:
- Rigor of secondary school record
- Academic GPA
- State Residency

Important Admissions Factors:
- Character/Personal Qualities
- Application Essay
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendations
- Standardized Test Scores
- Talent/Ability
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## Competitive Schools

**Includes:**

- Drew University
- Hood College
- Frostburg State University
- George Mason University
- Bloomsburg University
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Boston University
- Clemson University
- Elizabethtown College
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Florida State University
- James Madison University
- Michigan State University
- Ohio State University
- Penn State University
- St. Joseph’s University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- University of Mary Washington
- Widener University
Competitive Schools

Some Statistics:

The schools listed in this category…

- Admit between 50-75% of applicants
- 50-98% of the middle 50% of students had a 3.0 or better
- The middle 50% of students scored between a 1360-2090 (920-1390 on old 1600 scale) on the SAT
- Admissions Requirements for some of the schools in this category include an essay and the SAT I.
Competitive Schools
Admissions Factors (James Madison)

Very Important Admissions Factors:
- Rigor of secondary school record
- Academic GPA

Important Admissions Factors:
- Standardized Test Scores

Considered:
- Alumni Relation
- Character/Personal Qualities
- Class Rank
- Application Essay
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Less or Non-Competitive Schools

Include:

- Arcadia University
- Cabrini College
- Delaware State University
- Delaware Technical & Community College
- Drexel University
- Goldey-Beacom College
- Immaculata College
- West Virginia University
- Wilmington College
Less or Non-Competitive Schools

Some Statistics:

The schools listed in this category…

- Admit between 75-100% of applicants
- 60-100% of the middle 50% of students had a 3.0 or better
- The middle 50% of students scored between a 1470-1810 (740-1300 on old 1600 scale) on the SAT
- Admissions Requirements for some of these schools may include an essay and the SAT I.
Less or Non-Competitive Schools

Admissions Factors (DSU)

Very Important Admissions Factors:
- Standardized Test Scores
- Academic GPA

Considered:
- Character/Personal Qualities
- Class Rank
- Extracurricular Activities
- Interview
- Rigor of Secondary School Record
- Talent/Ability
Less or Non-Competitive Schools
High School Preparation

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- English: 4 credits required for college readiness.
- Math: 3 credits required for college readiness.
- Science: 3 credits required for college readiness.
- History/Social Sciences: 3 credits required for college readiness.
- Foreign Language: 1 credit required for college readiness.
- Electives: 5 credits required for college readiness.
- Meets Admission Requirements of a Competitive College: ✗ indicates not met.
## Follow the Tracks that Lead to College Success

### The Typical College Prep Track

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