



COLLEGE ADMISSION TIPS

If you feel confused about admissions and financial aid, don't worry! Your teachers and school counselor can give you tons of help during this process. Here are a few tips to help you along the way.

- It's OK to apply to colleges before you've made a final choice. You need several options to choose from when selecting a college, and applying early helps ensure the school you choose is a good fit.
- It's wise to apply to more than one school. Make sure at least one is a school where you know you'll be admitted, can pay for it, and feels like you'd be comfortable there. Most students apply to between two and five colleges.
- You want to represent yourself in the best manner possible, so be sure that your online profiles (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) show the positive decisions you make.
- Talk to your teachers and counselor about your plans for college. They can help you through the application process and ensure that you have everything you need to complete admission to the colleges you choose.
- Visiting a college campus is the single best way to determine if a college is right for you. Use college visit days or school breaks to visit different campuses. When you're there, ask lots of questions! If you're unable to physically visit a school, consider taking a virtual tour. Many colleges now offer the option to tour their school virtually, be it live or prerecorded. For more helpful hints, check out our resource on [Campus Visits](#).
- Don't let finances keep you from applying. You may be eligible for scholarships or other financial aid that may help you afford college. If you have questions, talk with your parents or counselor. You can also use our [OKCS Financial Aid Planning](#) resource to learn the basics about paying for college.