

## How StudentPrep Works

### College Fit and Match

Most college admission committees consider more than a student's GPA and SAT/ACT test scores in making their admission decisions. Depending on the school, a decision may be based on as few as 5 to as many as 25 academic and personal variables. Considered together the variables form a holistic admission rating that is based on an admission philosophy used by virtually every admission office. Each variable carries a specific weight established by a school's admission policy.

StudentPrep has built a proprietary admission algorithm on the academic records and personal profiles of the most recently admitted college students at schools throughout the US, collected directly from their colleges and universities.

Entering your student's current high school academic record and personal profile into StudentPrep, it calculates their holistic admission rating and compares it to the admission rating of the freshman class at the schools you have selected. The results indicate your student's chances of being admitted.

Your student's academic record and personal profile includes:

- Grade point average, unweighted (GPA),
- Class rank if used at their high school
- SAT or ACT test scores
- PSAT scores
- SAT Subject Test scores
- Level of academics (regular, college-level, honors, Advancement Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses)
- Strength and level of involvement in activities in and outside of school and/or volunteering. (You rate yourself)
- Talents: dance, debate, visual arts, etc.
- School, regional or national Academic Awards.
- How would your teachers and counselors describe you in letters of recommendation? (You rate yourself)
- Ethnicity
- Responsibilities such as having a job or family responsibilities that may have impacted your academics or limited your participation in activities

While being admitted to any school is never a certainty your student's holistic admission rating ranks your student's chances of admission into five categories. From "Very Good to Excellent" to "Very Difficult" each category indicates how likely they are to be admitted to their selected schools. The accuracy of the five categories has been confirmed through a study that included 27,000 applications from some 4,000 high school students over a two-year period.

### College Costs and Financial Aid

By filling out the financial aid section in StudentPrep you will see the estimated real cost of attendance at each school selected, allowing you to compare costs among the schools. Based on your eligibility for financial aid, your results will include merit scholarship aid from schools and/or federal and state aid.