How Admissions Decisions Are Made

When colleges make admissions decisions, they usually evaluate three general areas:

1. **Academic Achievement: Courses taken and grades obtained. (GPA and Class Rank). Teacher recommendations.**

2. **Standardized Test Scores: SAT-I, SAT-II, ACT**

3. **Personal Profile: The application, essay(s), interview, letters of recommendation, activities, special talents, and community service.**

****Public Universities are less likely to use the personal profile, and are more likely to rely on academic achievement and standardized test scores.**

****You must be realistic when choosing the colleges to which your children will apply.**