

Application Toolkit

Application Checklist



Transcript/Academics

- Upload your latest transcript in PDF with your cumulative GPA.
- Enter your current courses on the academic page.
- List all traditional, honors, AP and IB courses.



Essay/Short Answer

- Submit a well-developed, thoughtful essay. We recommend writing several drafts and inviting feedback from others.
- Be sure to proofread for grammar and spelling errors.



Counselor/Teacher Recommendation

- Find a supportive teacher and counselor who can speak to your strengths inside and outside the classroom.
- Provide your recommenders contact information in the Recommendation section of the application.



ACT/SAT Scores

- Submit your standardized test scores if you have taken them.
- If you have not taken them, you may still submit your application.



Video Response

- Be authentic and curious: Share what genuinely interests you about the school instead of trying to sound "perfect."
- Keep it simple and focused: Choose just a few details you like about the school and explain why they matter to you.



Financial Documents

- Provide your parent/guardian's Form 1040, W-2, 1099, or an employment verification letter showing annual income.

What We Consider:

Academics

GPA, course rigor, and class rank.

Extracurriculars

Clubs, programs, sports, family obligations, and volunteer work.

Essay

Including but not limited to your writing ability, identified passions, self-awareness, flow of ideas, and depth of idea development.

Organizational Fit

Receptiveness to feedback, coaching and open to attending a top college.

Ambition & initiative

Ability to contribute to and foster a positive Thrive Community .