

# BEGIN TO ADAPT TO COLLEGE LINGO

## ACADEMICS

**AP (Advanced Placement):** A program offered by the College Board, that allows students to take college-level courses while in high school. Those with qualifying scores (typically a 3 or higher) can earn college credit.

**Dual Enrollment:** Students being enrolled—concurrently—in two distinct academic programs or educational institutions. Typically used in reference to high school students taking college courses before high school graduation.

## ADMISSION

**Rolling Admission:** Colleges respond to applicants as the applications are submitted instead of setting a specific deadline.

**Superscore:** Process by which colleges consider your highest section scores across all dates you took the SAT, forming the highest possible composite score.

## FINANCES

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):** Application used by U.S. citizens and permanent residents to apply for financial aid from U.S. federal and state governments.

**Financial aid:** All types of money offered to a student to help pay tuition, fees and other educational expenses. This includes loans, grants, scholarships and work-study jobs.

**Merit-Based:** A type of financial aid awarded by a college or university to students who have demonstrated special academic ability or talents.

**Subsidized Loans:** A type of federal student loan that does not accrue interest while you are in school at least half-time.

## RESOURCES

**Registrar's Office:** College or university office who is responsible for registering students and keeping their academic records, such as transcripts.

**Bursar's Office:** College or university office who is responsible for student financial accounts.



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# APPLYING FOR COLLEGE



## Register for the SATs.

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## Get application papers.

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## Send SATs & transcript.

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## Research financial aid.

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## Evaluate and decide.

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