

SENIOR YEAR CHECK-IN & CHECKLIST



RESEARCH. PLAN. APPLY.

IMPORTANT ADMISSION TERMS

Apply by the
priority deadline.

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EARLY DECISION

- Apply early
- One top choice college
- Binding if accepted

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EARLY ACTION

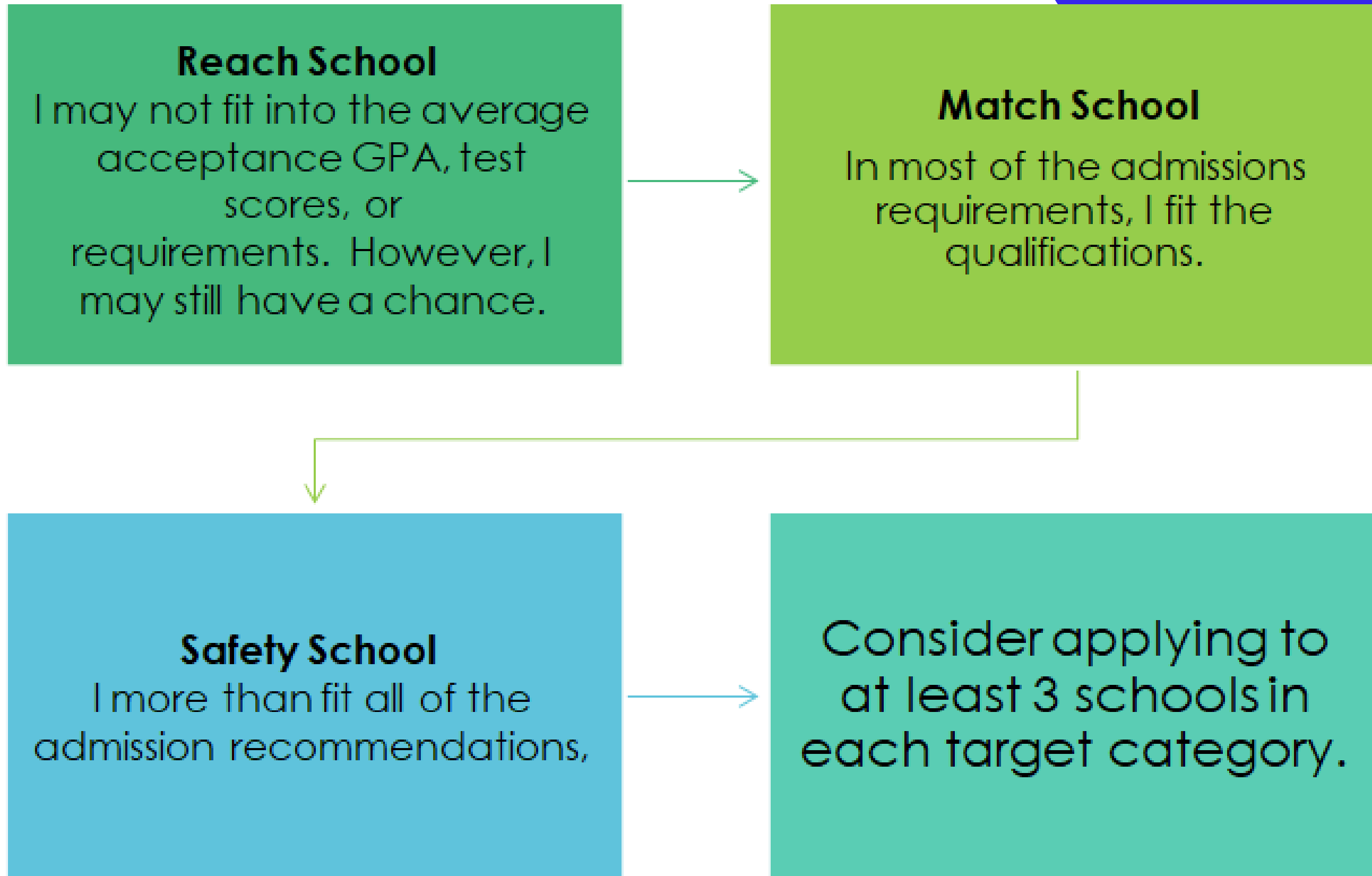
- Apply early
- Apply to several colleges
- Not binding if accepted

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ROLLING ADMISSION

- Not a set deadline to apply
- Continues to accept applications throughout the year

PLAN. TARGET COLLEGES





My College Search Checklist

Priority Deadlines:

Oct. 15-Nov. 1: Applications Due
December 15: FAFSA

Student: _____

College/University	Application Fee	Admission Requirements	Application Deadline	Documents Deadline	Required GPA	Required Test Scores	Tuition/Fees
College:	Fee:	Test Scores _____ Test-optional _____ Essay _____ Resume _____	Early Action: Early Decision:	Priority FAFSA: Scholarships:	Weighted:	SAT:	In-State:
Degree/Major:	APPLY ON: Website _____ Common App _____	Recommendations _____ Transcripts _____	Regular Application: Test Scores:	Transcripts (SSAR/SPARK):	Unweighted:	ACT:	Out-of-State:



ACADEMICS ADMISSIONS RESEARCH LOCATIONS **STUDENT LIFE**

Apply to UCF

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS 

GRADUATE APPLICATIONS 

common app



PLAN.

MAP OUT THE PROCESS

Semester 1: Complete

- Applications
- Financial Aid

Semester 2: Review

- Review acceptances
- Review financial aid offers
- Make adjustments



APPLY. The Process

APPLICATION

- Common App
OR
- Direct Application
- Demographics
- Academics
- Personal essay
- Resume

TEST SCORES

- Test-optional
- Deadline
- Official scores
 - College Board
 - ACT

TRANSCRIPTS

- High School
- Self-reporting
- SSAR
- SPARK (UCF Only)

Priority Checklist: Doing My Job

STRATEGIZE YOUR COLLEGE LIST

- Safety, match, reach colleges
- Which application cycles are you applying in?
- Register for any SAT/ACT/CLT.
- Send your test scores
- Track the major deadlines.
 - Application deadline
 - Test score deadline
 - SSAR, SPARK, SRAR deadlines (self-reporting grades)

GET YOUR DOCUMENTS

- Update your **resume** and complete a **brag sheet**
- Do your **personal college essay**
- Complete a **brag sheet**
- Give to your **3 references**
- **Unofficial transcripts** are in Xello for self-reporting & scholarships
- Applying directly to colleges: request transcripts in Xello.
- Request **recommendations** through Xello if using Common App.



Priority Checklist: Doing My Job

COMMON APP

- Create Common App account
- Add colleges & complete the Common App tab
- Complete Recommenders & FERPA section
- Connect Common App to Xello
- Request required teacher evaluations (recommendation letters)
- Answer application questions
- Do your personal essay

SELF-REPORTING TRANSCRIPTS

- Check if your colleges require a SSAR, SRAR, or SPARK
- Create your account.
- Add all high school, AP, and DE courses.
- Your unofficial transcript is in Xello



FAFSA WEDNESDAYS

October 2, 16, 30

10:00 - 11:30 AM | 5th Period | Guidance 2-114

The FAFSA opens December 2024!

Get help creating your FSA ID accounts

Learn about the FAFSA requirements

Receive support with the FAFSA process

YOU MUST REGISTER TO
ATTEND TO RECEIVE A
PASS.



Scan to register &
know what to bring!
tinyurl.com/fsaidforfafsa

Pick up a FAFSA
student packet
from Ms. DaSilva.



Hosted by Educational Opportunity Center, SDOC District Vendor

Priority Checklist: Doing My Job

SCHOLARSHIPS



01

- Apply for free/reduced lunch
- Know scholarship deadlines for colleges
 - Scholarships in Xello
 - College-based scholarships
 - thescholarshipplug.com
 - IG: scholarship.junkie
 - Bright Futures Scholarships (Oct)
 - Education Foundation Scholarships (Nov)

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FAFSA Opens December 2024

- Create student FSA ID
- Create parent(s) FSA ID
- Know your full legal name, SSN, birth date, mailing address.
- Know your parents' full legal name, SSN, date of birth, mailing address.
- Tax information 2023

QUESTIONS?



SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Homelessness
- Does not live with biological parents
- Lives with friends or relatives
- Foster youth
- Ward of the state
- Immigrant
- Asylum
- Financial hardship

Ask your questions. Advocate for yourself.

