

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT
SENIORS AND PARENTS
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES PANEL

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Do all pieces of my application need to be submitted by the application deadline? What if I take the SATs after the deadline? Can I update my scores?
2. Is there any advantage in submitting your application and all the materials prior to the deadline?
3. Is it better to declare your college major on your admission application?
4. What are the benefits to applying by the priority/early action/early decision deadline?
5. Do you think applying early action has any implication on financial aid that is offered from the school? What if you apply early decision?
6. When reviewing extra-curricular activities, which ones are seen as the most valuable? What are you looking for under “activities” (jobs, internships, only school-based extra curricular groups, etc.)?
7. If allowed to report either, should I report my un-weighted or weighted GPA on my application?
8. What does it mean to “superscore?” Does your school superscore?

STUDENT ESSAYS

9. What are you looking for in a student essay? When an application says no student essay required, do you recommend sending one regardless?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 10.A) Who should a student ask for a letter of recommendation – a current teacher? Teacher from 11th grade? Core subject teacher? B) Should I request a letter of recommendation from a teacher who is in a subject area from my intended major? For example, if I want to study a type of engineering, should I have my math teacher write a letter?
11. If you ask for 2 letters of recommendation – will you accept more? How does it reflect on my application if I send in additional letters?