



COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS

St. Thomas
High School

Class of 2018



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HOW MANY APPLICATIONS? WHAT KIND?

- It depends! Typically 4-8
- Texas Applications
Apply Texas
www.applytexas.org
- Common Application
www.commonapp.org
- Institutional Applications
LSU, Arkansas, Georgia, etc.

2017 Top Colleges	STH Auto Admit	Admit Rate
Texas A&M	4.39	71.03
U Houston	Holistic	62.99
UT Austin	4.5	39.66



TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- Regular Decision, specific deadline with notification date
- Rolling, Reviewed and notified as received
- Early Decision, Early application to first choice institution with binding decision
- Early Action, Early application with early response, not binding

APPLYING TO COLLEGE – WHAT DO I DO?

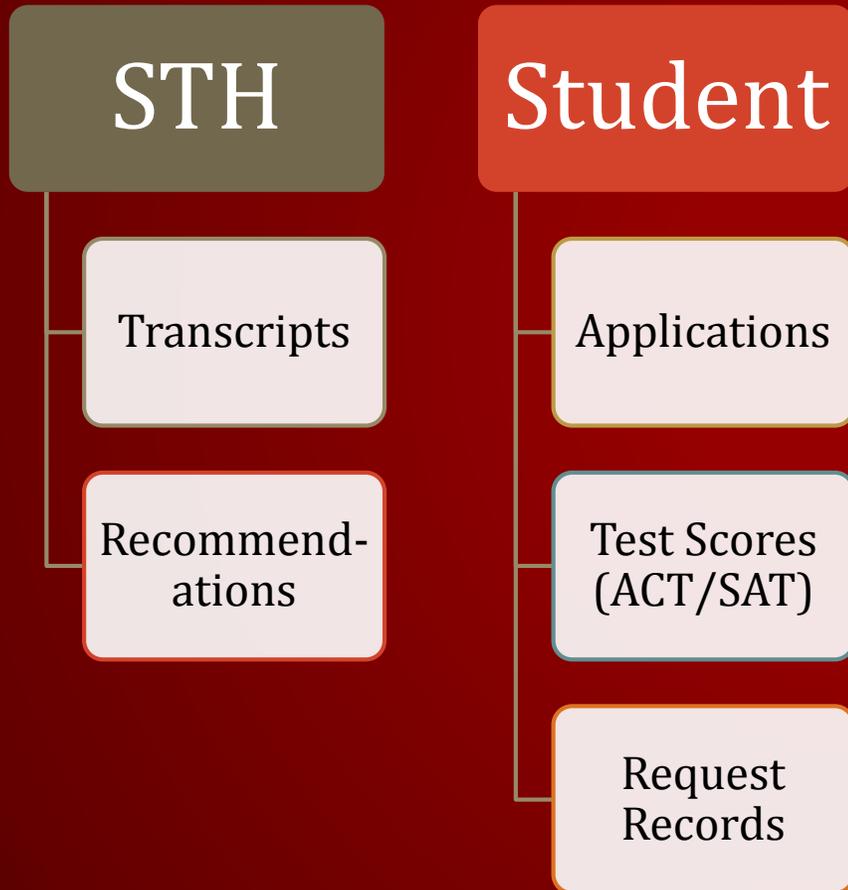
The Application

- Apply Texas – virtually every college in the state
- Common Application – over 600 schools represented
- The ESSAY – very important
 - Your chance to show you
 - Don't be afraid brag
 - All optional essays are not optional
 - Proof read!
 - Have someone else (an adult) read it

Supporting Documents

- Test Scores – almost always required
- Resume – things you have done inside and outside of school
- Recommendations
 - Teacher recommendation – who you are as a *student*
 - Counselor recommendation – who you are as a person
 - If you need to change your Naviance form, see your counselor

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS?



- Your college application process is about your future. It is not about college rankings. It is about fit.
- Your application is *your* opportunity to show colleges who *you* are and what *you* have done.
- Important people at STH – Your counselor and Mrs. Garza
- Mrs. Garza sends all STH records



FOR A SMOOTH APPLICATION PROCESS

- Know application deadlines
- Save copies of all application materials
- Send your ACT/SAT test scores
- Plan to be done by November 1
- See your counselor with questions



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Interviews, Kim Yackel
- University of Texas, Jane Vo
- Texas A&M University, Alex Adams

