Six Factors

School Achievement 89%
Test Scores 85%
Recommendations 48%
Essay 43%
Interview 31%
Activities 30%

*These numbers are based on the College Board’s Annual Survey (2006) and remain relatively consistent each year. The

What Should I Include In a College Application?

- **Transcripts**
  Grades, GPA, Class Rank, Achieved Credits

- **SAT/ACT Results**
  Typically sent to chosen colleges directly from test site

- **Recommendations**
  Brings you “to life” for college admissions

What are Colleges Looking At?

TIPS FOR WHAT TO EXPECT...

Ausable Valley School Counseling Office
1490 Route 8N
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518-834-2811
Where Do I Begin?
Here are a few starting steps to help navigate through all the information out there.

2 Common Mistakes Students Make...

“Why would I want to take hard classes where I can’t get an ‘A’?”
Hard classes demonstrate to colleges that you can do the work required, pass the course, and balance a variety of other responsibilities at the same time. They don’t want to see you taking easy classes just to get an ‘A’.

“Once I get accepted to college, I can slack off my senior year.”
Colleges will continue to look at your grades throughout your senior year. They can, and will revoke your acceptance if grades are low or show a decline.

Things to Keep In Mind...

* Talk to your school counselor about any questions or concerns you may have...they want to help you and they are great resources!

* Visit colleges in order to discover where you will feel comfortable living and your interests in majors, after all, this is where you will be for the next 2-4 years.

* Sports teach discipline, responsibility, reliability, and teamwork.

* Extracurricular activities show a dedication to different interests, hobbies, and activities.

* Don’t be afraid to take risks or chances; this is