Creating a Solid High School Portfolio

What are colleges looking for?

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- What exactly are colleges looking for?

- How do I figure out what my dream school is looking for?
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1. Grade Point Average (GPA)
2. Strength of High School Curriculum
3. ACT and/or SAT scores
4. Other factors
1. Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Cumulative GPA 9-11 grade
- Strength of high school
- Grade trends
2. Strength of high school curriculum

- College prep classes:
  - English: 4 units
  - Math (including Alg. 2): 3 units
  - Natural Science (with labs): 2 units
  - Social Science: 3 units
  - Foreign Language: 2 units
  - Academic Electives: 3 Units

- Going above and beyond

- Every high school is different!
### Senior Year Courses:
- Accounting 1
- Pre-Calculus
- Physics
- Business
- Band
- Government
- AP Micro Economics
- AP English

### Attendance
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### Cumulative GPA And Credits
- GPA: 3.582
- Credits Earned: 22.00

### Yes ☑️ No ❌
This student is exempt from passing or has passed all sections of the Ohio Graduation Test.

### MARKS INFORMATION
- **Prior to 2009**
  - A: 92-100%
  - B: 83-91%
  - C: 73-82%
  - D: 64-72%
  - F: Below 63%
- **2009 & Beyond**
  - A: 92-100%
  - B+: 83-91.9%
  - B: 83-89.9%
  - B-: 79.9-82.9%
  - C+: 77.9-79.9%
  - C: 73.76%
  - C-: 70.72%
  - D+: 67.69%
  - D: 64.69%
  - D-: 60.63%
  - F: Below 60%

- S: Satisfactory
- U: Unsatisfactory (<73%)
- WF: Withdraw Failure
- W: Withdraw Unsatisfactory
- WU: Withdraw
What exactly are colleges looking for?

3. ACT and/or SAT scores

- Which one?
- How many times can I take it?
- What do I need to get?
  * Each college is different—do your research!
- College class placement
- Test Optional
4. Other factors

- Extra-curricular involvement (clubs, sports, part time jobs, community service)
- Attendance
- Personal Essay
- Letters of recommendation
- On-campus interview
How do I figure out what my dream school is looking for?

1. Start your research early
   - College visits
2. Web sites have more information than you think!
3. Your Guidance Counselor
4. College Admission Counselors
5. Online search tools
Thank you for your time, and good luck with this fun and exciting process.

Remember, we’re here to help!