

WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

- Quality of Academic Program
- Grade point average
- SAT or ACT scores
- Extra curricular activities
- Special talents and skills
- Volunteer/community service
- Recommendations

HOW SHOULD STUDENTS PREPARE FOR COLLEGE?

The best predictor of success in college is success in high school. Montgomery County Public Schools are recognized for the quality of their educational programs. GHS students are accepted at colleges and universities nationwide.

The Maryland high school diploma requires much of the class work that colleges want student to take. To be prepared for college, students need to:

- Take the most rigorous program possible, students should select honors and AP courses, internships and college courses in high school.
- Take a full schedule with a majority of academic classes every year.
- Make the very best grades in all classes for all four years.
- Take a minimum of two years of the same foreign language. Colleges like to see strength in academic areas.
- Score well on national college testing. Take a prep course and prepare for the SAT & ACT.
- Pursue volunteer and extra curricular activities that require commitment and leadership rather than a large number of activities.
- Read, read, read.
- Maintain awareness of current events.

To be considered for admission to:

- The University of Maryland, students need a 3.75 unweighted G.P.A., 1800 SAT or 25 ACT, rigorous college prep curriculum, and minimum 2 years of a foreign language.
- St. Marys College of Maryland, students need a 3.4 unweighted G.P.A. and 1700 SAT.
- Towson, UMBC, and Salisbury students need a 3.2 unweighted G.P.A. and 1650 SAT.