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The College Application Process: Simplified

All of us here at Temple have applied to colleges. However most of us probably have not enjoyed the process because it is very complicated. My goal below will be to streamline the process. Factors that affect the decision are GPA, SAT Scores, activities, community service, etc.

The college application process begins in the summer before your senior year of high school when you start visiting colleges that you’re interested in and that you think fit your credentials (HS GPA, SAT Scores). If the colleges are close to where you live (in 8 hour driving radius), you can drive down to visit them. However, if the colleges are farther than the driving distance (>8 hours driving distance) you need to fly to see them. After visiting the colleges, you can decide to keep them on your “interested list” if you meet their credentials and if they have what you are looking for – good program, good location, good ranking, etc. If they don’t you remove them from your list and then research and/or add another one on your list.

Now that you have finalized your list of colleges, meet with your guidance counselor to discuss about college application. You can also take the opinion of your counselor on the schools which you have decided to apply to. Next create a common application to send to colleges. After you have applied to a school, you have to ask your guidance counselor to send your official transcript to that school before application deadline. It is a good rule of thumb to send it at least two weeks in advance so the admissions officers get it in time. You also have to contact College-board /ACT to let them know to send your SAT/ACT scores to the schools. The transcripts and test scores should be received by the school before the deadline has passed for the application. Also you need to ask your teachers to write you letters of recommendation. If the teacher knows you well and you had him for an AP class, it is a good idea to ask him. Also you should have a good relationship and impression with the teacher so that it comes through in the letter. If the teacher does not know you well, ask a different teacher for a letter. Ask the teacher to mail the letter to the admissions office of the institution.

You need to create a common application account or an account with the university in order to submit your application. You need to complete basic information and upload your resume to the Common Application account. You should submit the application before the deadline. The counselor and the teachers upload the transcript and recommendation letters link to this common application. The college board directly sends the scores to the college. Once all required information is received by the college the application process ends.

**Swim-lane Diagram**



**Entity Relationship Diagram**

