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Parent Conversation Starter: College Search Guide

Admission Requirements

As admission requirements can quickly rule out—or in—your student’s options, talk through this topic early on in your student’s search. Talk realistically together, and encourage your student in their interests. As they start weighing all their options, your student may doubt their own abilities or invest all their hopes in one school. Remind them to pursue schools with a range of admissions requirements, including aspirational schools and schools they safely meet all requirements for—all of which should offer a program that fits their interests.

When comparing multiple schools’ admission requirements, consider using and adapting this worksheet to your student’s needs. Additional fields might include merit-based scholarship requirements, honors program requirements, and early application deadlines.* This worksheet can help your student fully understand their choices and build excitement around their realistic options.

* [How to Apply to UA](#)

See the next page for the worksheet.

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