



Ridgewood High School State of College Admissions

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Agenda



- **Education & Communication**
- **Review of recent college admission trends & data**
- **RHS enhancements in the college admissions process**
- **Highlight student centered individualized counseling/planning**
- **A look to the future**



College Admission Trends



- **Application Increase**
- **Test Optional**
- **Early Action / Early Decision**
- **Institutional Priorities & Enrollment Management**
- **ROI on the college degree in 2023**
- **Highly Rejective Schools**
- **The vast majority of colleges admit the vast majority of applicants.**



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES OF CLASS PROFILES

Class	Students	Avg. GPA	Avg. SAT 1600	Avg. ACT	Submitted Apps	Apps per student	% Accepted
2003	343	3.178	1168	n/a	1667	4.9	59%
2013	406	3.255	1219	26	2865	7.1	53%
2023	442	3.475	1303	26	3811	8.6	55%

RHS Class Profiles 2018-2023

Class	Students	Avg. GPA	Avg. SAT	Avg. ACT	Submitted Apps	Apps Per Student	% Accepted
2018	432	3.370	1290	27	3784	8.8	53%
2019	431	3.480	1312	27	3359	7.8	55%
2020	432	3.504	1311	28	3690	8.5	49%
2021	432	3.485	1305	27	3669	8.5	52%
2022	467	3.521	1304	28	4659	10	43%
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Yale University



1995:	Total Applicants: 12,620	Admitted: 2,051 (16%)	Enrolled: 1,369
2015:	Total Applicants: 30,236	Admitted: 2,034 (6.7%)	Enrolled: 1,364
2022:	Total Applicants: 52,250	Admitted: 2,275 (4.4%)*	Enrolled: 1,647

***Lowest admission % in the history of Yale**



2009: Total Applicants: **20,932**

Admitted: **13,041** (62%)

Enrolled: **6,153**

2015: Total Applicants: **40,240**

Admitted: **19,872** (49%)

Enrolled: **7,023**

2022: Total Applicants: **58,180**

Admitted: **33,269** (57%)

Enrolled: **8,398**



2008: Total Applicants: **8,024**

Admitted: **2,395**(30%)

Enrolled: **957**

2015: Total Applicants: **10,967**

Admitted: **2,718**(25%)

Enrolled: **938**

2022: Total Applicants: **11,707**

Admitted: **3,811**(32.5%)

Enrolled: **1,034**



Did you know?

**81.2% of RHS seniors
were admitted to one
of their top 3 college
choices!**



Remaining 18.8% of students

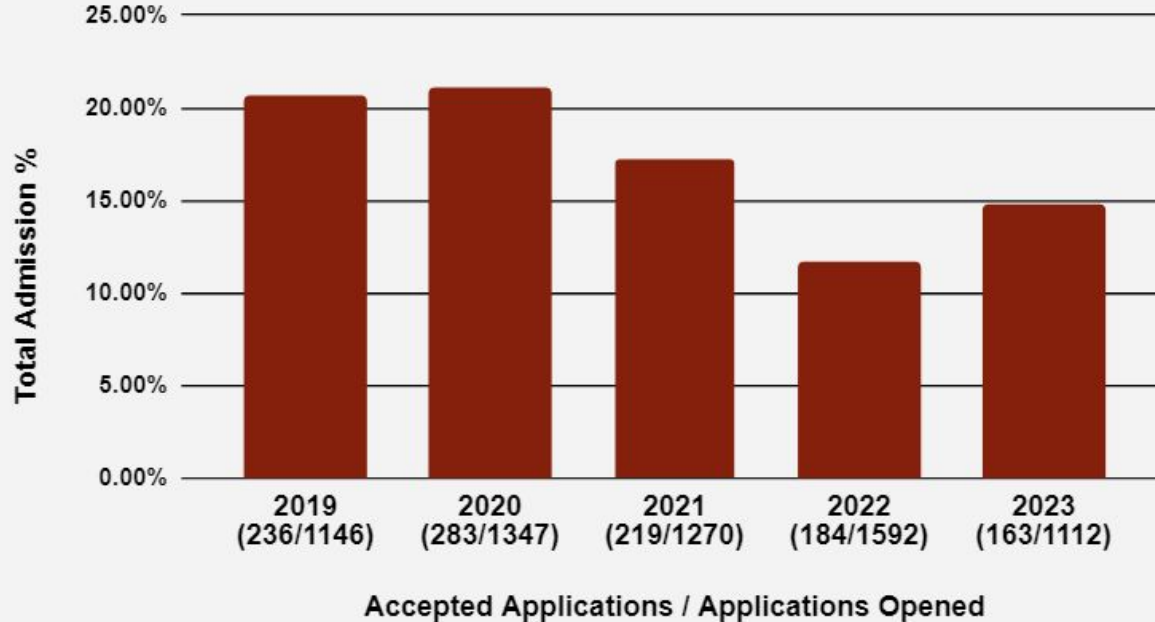
American University (2)	McGill University	Syracuse University (7)
Binghamton University	Miami University, Oxford	The College of New Jersey
Bowdoin College	Michigan State University (2)	University of Scranton
Case Western Reserve University	Montclair State University (2)	University of New Hampshire
Clemson University	Northeastern University (4)	University Connecticut
CUNY Manhattan Community College	Ohio State University	University of Maryland - College Park
Drew University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Rochester
Florida Institute of Technology	Princeton University	University of South Carolina (2)
Fordham University (2)	Providence College	University of Washington
Georgetown	Purdue	University of Wisconsin – Madison
Indiana University - Bloomington (2)	Rutgers (9)	University of Mississippi
Kennesaw State University	Sacred Heart (3)	University Pittsburgh
Marist College	Stevens Institute of Technology (3)	William & Mary

Colleges with an Admission Rate < 20%

Amherst	Claremont McKenna	Florida	Middlebury	Stanford	USC
Babson	Colby	Georgetown	MIT	Swarthmore	UVA
Barnard	Colgate	Georgia Tech	Northeastern	Tufts	Vanderbilt
Bates	Colorado College	Grinnell	Northwestern	Tulane	Vassar
Boston College	Columbia	Hamilton	Notre Dame	U. of Chicago	Villanova
Boston University	Cornell	Harvard	NYU	UC - Berkeley	Wake Forest
Bowdoin	Dartmouth	Harvey Mudd	Pomona	UC - San Diego	Washington & Lee
Brown	Davidson	Haverford	Princeton	UC-Irvine	Washington U. (St. Louis)
Cal Tech	Denison	Johns Hopkins	Rice	UCLA	Wellesley
Carleton	Duke	Miami	Richmond	UNC-Chapel Hill	Wesleyan
Carnegie Mellon	Emory	Michigan	Smith	UPenn	Williams
					Yale

Highly Rejective Schools

RHS Admission Rates for Highly Rejective Colleges



Class of 23' Applications to all other Colleges

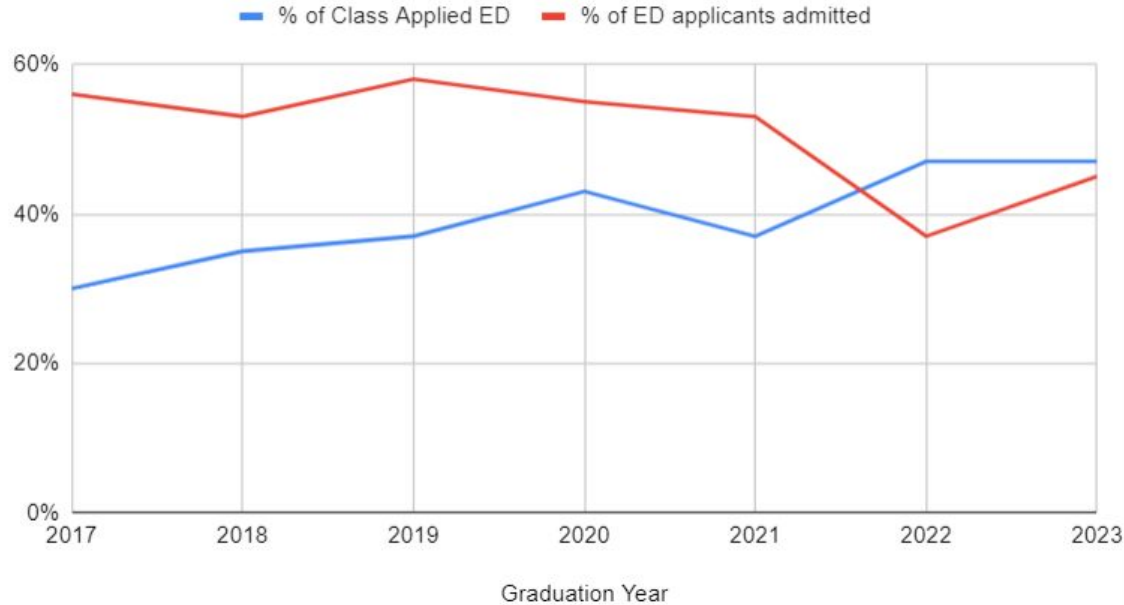
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Admission Rate

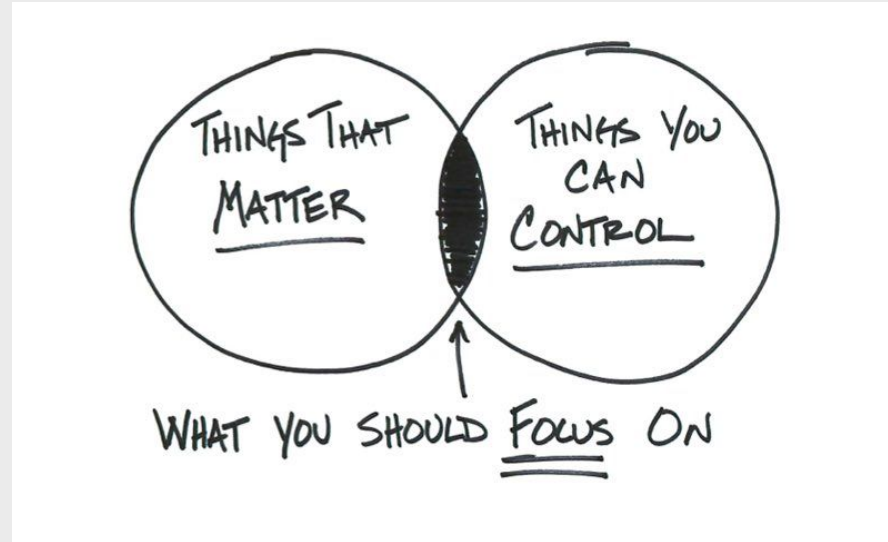


Early Decision Trends

RHS Early Decision Trends & Outcomes (2017-2023)



The message we communicate to students



In Students' Control

- **High School Academic Record**
- **Level of Engagement (Quality > Quantity)**
 - **Extracurriculars**
 - **Community Involvement**
 - **Leadership**
- **Essays & Supplementals**
 - **Your application is your story**
- **Demonstrated Interest**
 - **Measurements/Algorithms**
- **Balanced list of schools**



Beyond Students' Control

- **Enrollment Management / Institutional Priorities**
 - **First Generation Students**
 - **Pell Grant Recipients**
 - **Point of Origin**
 - **International Students**
 - **Money (Full Pay)**
 - **State Legislation (UVA & UNC)**
 - **Family Legacy**
 - **Athletes / Special Talents**



“The Fit”



RHS Enhancements

- **The Class of 2023 Senior Survey**
- **Current RHS School Profile**
- **Revised Transcript**
- **Monthly RHS Guidance Newsletter**
- **College Speaker Series Podcast**
- **Full transition to Scoir**
- **Students with IEPs**
 - Are included in 5 year Graduation Rate
 - Collaborate with CST, Guidance, & Transition Coordinator
 - Review Transition to Adulthood Needs & Supports



The future of college admissions

- **Direct Admission**
- **Alternative Campuses**
- **ACT/SAT**
- **AI in the application process on both sides**
- **ROI on the bachelor's degree**
- **Alternative Post Graduation Pathways**
- **The vast majority of colleges accept the vast majority of applications**
 - **This will only increase with less students projected to attend college in the next decade**



Next Steps

- **Counselor initiative to visit colleges, attend conferences, seminars, etc.**
- **Peer high school communication/visitations**
- **Education programming for the community**
 - **Online Forums/Q&As**
 - **Experts from the field**
- **Alumni Panels**
- **Senior Field Experience Pilot**



Thank You

