



# Beat the Clock! Getting It All Done In Time



# Research Schools



Become familiar with schools' environments and their overall schedules or application deadlines.



# Visits and Interviews



Contact schools for more information, and arrange visits and an interview when possible.

Learn about a school's financial aid policies if you think you will require need-based assistance.



# Test Early



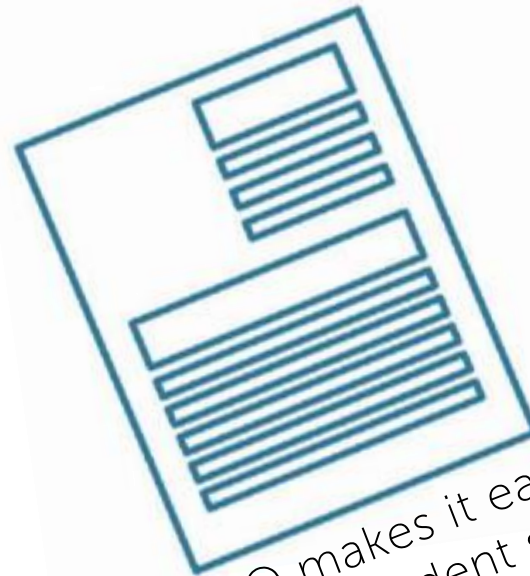
Test early to make sure your scores will be delivered before the application deadline (and in case you want to retake the SSAT!).



# Start Your Application in the Fall



Schools want to know you are interested in them! Apply to schools early, especially if they have rolling applications.



(The SAO makes it easy to apply to independent schools)

# Arrange For Your Recommendations



Ask your current school/teachers to submit your transcript and recommendation forms. Make sure you give them plenty of advance warning so they have enough time to fill them out!



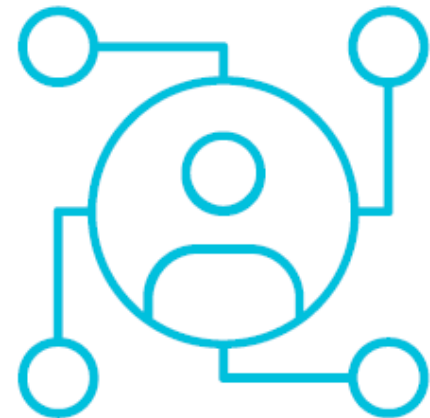
# Decisions, Decisions!



When applying, ask when you can expect to receive admission and financial aid decisions.

(These decisions are usually made around the same time)

**If you're waitlisted...** Depending on how many admitted students accept a school's offer, you may or may not be moved from wait list status to an admitted student.



# Enrollment Revisit Days



Before the enrollment deadline, some schools offer revisit days to students they have accepted, so that they can get another look at the school.

Let the school know if you are accepting their offer!





# Don't Give Up!



If you weren't able to enroll at one of your top choices for whatever reason, DON'T WORRY!

There are many excellent independent schools who accept applications after traditional deadlines have passed.

