College 102:
Jump-Start the College Process

Everything You Need to Do NOW to Get into College Next Year

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Review of College 101:
Introduction to the College Process

* **Testing**
  * Prepare for and take SAT and ACT at least once each before end of junior year

* **Campus Visits**
  * What to do, what to ask, and when to go

* **To Do List**
  * Turn in 3 required forms
  * Keep grades up!

* **Next Steps**
  * Set up College Guidance Conference

College 102: Agenda

* What colleges look for among applicants

* What applicants look for among colleges

* Exploring colleges and building your list

* College Guidance conference

* Recommendations

* Summer

* What's next

Factors Colleges Consider

* Grades
* Rigor
* Testing
* Rank
* Writing
* Recommendations
* Activities
* Leadership
* Tip factors

Factors Applicants Consider

* Jewish life
* Kosher food
* Location
* Campus type
* College type

* Majors
* Size
* Residential life
* Selectivity
* Cost

Be an Explorer!

* Online resources
* Guide books
* College fairs
* Visiting admissions officers
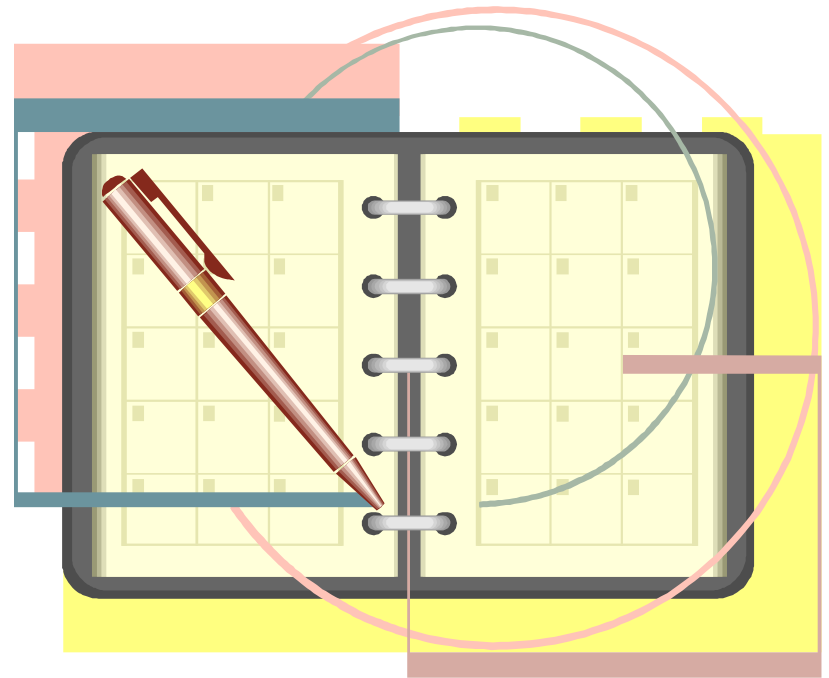* People you respect
* Virtual tours
* Campus tours
* Request information

Build Your List

* Be introspective
* Engage in self-discovery
* Do your research
* Academic challenge
* Religious inspiration
* Personal fulfillment
* Talk to your parents
* See your counselor
* Be optimistic and realistic

Let's Meet!

* Setting up your personal College Guidance Conference
* Turn in required forms
* Consult parents and respective calendars
* When and how to schedule

Letters of Recommendation

* Who requires them
* Recs vs. references
* Whom to ask
* How to ask
* When to ask
* Blue forms
* Show your gratitude

Summertime!

What's Next

* College Essay Workshops
* College 201
* Application Workshops
* Financial Aid Workshop

* Grades!
* Testing!
* Forms!
* Meeting!
* Grades, again!

Questions???

*Thank you for coming!