



Tips from the College Board for Wait Listed Students

- **Take control and maximize your chance of acceptance**
Contact the admissions office to find out if it ranks wait listed students or if it has a priority list. (*Parents should not be doing the calling*)
- **Write a letter to the admissions office**
Being wait-listed means the school has already determined you have the academic credentials so nonacademic factors are more likely to sway admissions officials. Offer achievements that you may not have mentioned in your application and send in new supplemental information (*e.g. any new honors or awards, teacher's, coach's or advisor's special letter of recommendation, higher recent quarter's grade, etc.*).
- **Study hard and stay involved**
This is no time to slack off. If you are waitlisted you may be re-evaluated based on your 3rd and 4th Q grades and your commitment to sports, clubs and other activities.
- **Request another or first interview**
Try to establish a personal contact—someone who can check on the status of your application.
- **Reconsider the colleges that accepted you**
If you will be just as happy at one of your second choices, send in that deposit and plan to attend there. You will be surprised how much better you feel after the decision has been made. (*Many students attend their second choice college and surprise themselves by falling in love with campuses they once sneered at*).

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