



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

How do Chadwick students fare in college admissions?

The chart below shows those colleges and universities Chadwick students most often attended over the past several years. The chart displays Chadwick's acceptance percentage over the past four years and each college's overall acceptance percentage for 2013 (indicated by*) or 2014.

College or University	Chadwick Grads admitted from Classes of 2010-14	Chadwick Grads attending from Classes of 2010-14	Published admit % 2014 (or * = 2013)	Chadwick admit % 2010-2014
Amherst	8	6	13%	29%
Brown	6	2	9%	10%
Bucknell	18	9	28%	58%
Carnegie Mellon	13	3	28%*	42%
Chapman	36	8	45%	88%
Claremont McKenna	9	6	10%	19%
Columbia	6	3	7%	13%
Cornell	8	5	14%	23%
Dartmouth	6	3	11%	13%
Duke	9	8	11%	19%
Emerson	7	3	48%*	78%
Emory	19	6	26%	44%
George Washington	18	5	43%	60%
Georgetown	15	8	18%	30%
Harvard	5	2	6%	10%
Johns Hopkins	15	6	15%	55%
LMU	23	7	50%	80%
Middlebury	10	4	17%	33%
NYU	37	16	32%	62%
Northwestern	9	3	13%	20%
Oberlin	8	3	32%	72%
Princeton	5	1	7%	14%
Rensselaer	7	4	40%	78%
SMU	39	13	50%	83%
Stanford	18	10	5%	17%
Santa Clara	45	15	49%*	70%
Tufts	17	6	21%	35%
Tulane	39	5	25%	69%
U Arizona	24	3	75%	92%
U Chicago	9	7	8%	33%
U Michigan	22	6	37%	46%
U North Carolina	9	4	34%	50%
U Pennsylvania	6	3	10%	13%
UC Berkeley	44	9	22%*	34%
UC San Diego	46	1	39%*	42%
UCLA	43	3	27%*	32%
USC	75	33	18%	48%
Vanderbilt	4	3	12%	15%
Washington U-St. Louis	29	8	17%	39%
Wesleyan (CT)	18	8	23%	37%
Williams	3	3	18%	23%
Yale	10	8	6%	16%

Would my child be more likely to do better in college admissions at Chadwick or coming from a public school?

The job of a college admission officer is to assess an applicant's transcript in the context of the school he or she attends and the life lived. A high school profile, provided with transcripts, shows the curriculum, including AP and Honors or special courses the school offers, as well as the number of students receiving National Merit recognition, the schools' grade distribution and the relationship between the school's grade distribution and performances of the students SAT and SAT Subject Tests or ACT tests and the percentage of graduates attending a four year college. **Admission officers do not regard grades from all schools equally.**

The underlying questions are "Does Chadwick grade "harder" than public school? Will that affect admission?"

Grades in themselves are always assessed in light of the school where they were earned. All evidence with regard to our grades shows Chadwick students fare unusually well as our grades are taken quite seriously and in context of our rigor.

Note that students in private secondary schools constitute approximately five percent of the 2 million students applying to college. The chart that follows shows the proportion of students at some of the nation's leading colleges who come from private schools. *Source: colleges' web sites.*

College	Private School graduates %	Freshman Class year
Amherst	40%	2016
Bucknell	37%	2017
Colgate	47%	2017
Dartmouth	45%	2017
Duke	35%	2017
Emory	38%	2016
Harvard	38%	2017
Pomona	32%	2017
Princeton	41%	2017
Stanford	32%	2016
Tufts	42%	2017
USC	46%	2017
Yale	42%	2017

The big question is, "How will my child learn and what skills will she or he carry to college?"

Small classes, deeply committed teachers and teaching methods encouraging mastery of content and analytical skills combined with rich co-curricular possibilities have proven to prepare engaged students who do exceptionally well from the beginnings of their collegiate experiences. They engage both faculty and opportunities earlier than many peers because of the competencies and habits cultivated at Chadwick.



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College Counseling Program Four-Year Overview

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
September	Orientation and College Information Program for Parents	Orientation and College Information Program for Parents	Orientation and College Information Program for Parents	Senior College Workshop College Program for Parents ACT Test Individual meetings with college counselor
October		PSAT Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test	PSAT / NMSQT Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test & National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test	SAT Reasoning Test SAT Subject Test Financial Aid Workshop (Part I)
November	Group meeting with college counselors	Group meeting with college counselors	Individual meetings with college counselors Juniors introduced to Naviance Family Connection	Early Decision/Action applications due SAT Tests (to repeat if necessary) UC and CSU apps due Nov. 30 Finalize college list
December	All Year: Academic advisors and college counselors talk with students about the importance of grades, challenging programs, extracurricular involvement, reading and summer activity	PLAN (Pre-ACT)	PLAN (Pre-ACT)	Financial Aid Workshop (Part II) ACT TEST Complete all college applications
January		All Year: Academic advisors and college counselors talk with students about the importance of grades, challenging programs, extracurricular involvement, reading and summer activity	College Information Program for Parents and Students Family Meetings with College Counselors Begin	Regular decision applications due (January - March) Financial Aid forms due
February		Students meet with member of the college counseling team to review transcript, and appropriate extra-curricular involvement including summer	Family Meetings with College Counselors Continue	
March			March/April: SAT Reasoning Test and / or ACT Family college meetings begin	March/April: Notification from colleges Senior/Parent Transition Night
April				April - June: Second individual college counseling meetings begin
May		Advancement Placement Exams If appropriate Student/Parent individual meeting with member of the college counseling team	Advanced Placement Exams May & June: SAT Subject Tests: Math IIC, Foreign Language, U.S. History, Biology, Literature	College deposit deadline (May 1) Advanced Placement Exams
June		SAT Subject Tests - Chemistry and/or Math IIC if appropriate		
July-August	Take advantage of academic and non-academic programs Read, read, read	Take advantage of academic and non-academic programs Read, read, read	Academic / non-academic program / job Write colleges for information Visit / interview Work on college applications and essays SAT Review Class (if necessary)	