

*Behind the Verification Curtain:
What Admissions Officers Check and What Counselors Can Do to Support
Students*

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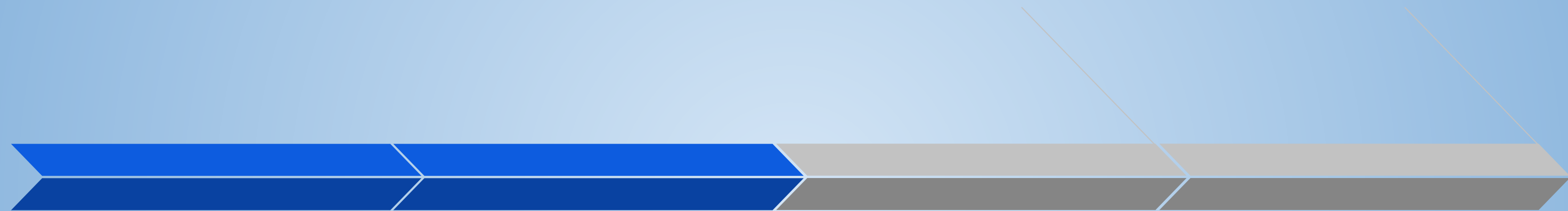


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Understanding the Application Timeline



Fall

Application Season

- Self-reported coursework completed by the student

Winter

Reading Season

- Information taken at face value but verify using application information

Spring

Admission Decisions

- Conditional Admission Release
- Appeals Review

Summer

Verification Process

- Transcripts
- Test Scores



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What gets verified and why?



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The Counselors Role

How can counselors help students and recommenders provide information that is authentic and well-supported?



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Case Study: Unreported Coursework/Test Scores

You find out that a student has forgotten to include some coursework, test scores or other information on their application and have since been admitted.

What would you advise the student to do?



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Case Study: Academic Changes

The student is aware that they will no longer be able to complete certain exams listed on the application. They have already submitted their application and shared that they do not plan to disclose this information to the institution at this time. Instead, they would like to understand whether admission may still be possible under the circumstances and what options may be available to remediate after being admitted.

What would you recommend as the student's immediate next step?



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Case Study: AI Functions

You learn that a student plans to use/has used AI to write their application essays.

What guidance would you provide to help them use AI responsibly while maintaining the authenticity and integrity expected in the admissions process?



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Important Insights

- A student's self-reported academic history should match their official records
 - grades, courses, units
- All test scores should be reported accurately, whether favorable or unfavorable
- Any significant changes after submitting an application should be communicated to the institution, as they may require further review and could impact admission status
- Be authentic



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Q & A



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