



# Planning for High School Success

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# High School is

- ▶ The next step of your child's journey
- ▶ I hope that this presentation will shed some light on the potential pitfalls and peaks of this journey
- ▶ The future seems far away, masked by more immediate concerns
- ▶ So how does one go about having a “successful” high school experience?



# My Challenge to you

- ▶ Is simple really
- ▶ Begin this journey as a parent and as a family with the end in mind
- ▶ The ultimate aim is to avoid getting to senior year and saying “I wish we had...”



# My Perspective

- ▶ I bring a unique perspective to the college process
- ▶ Graduate of Dartmouth College
- ▶ Teacher in IB and AP (14 years)
- ▶ Test Prep provider at Ace It Test Prep, LLC (10 years)
- ▶ College Consultant (5 years)
- ▶ Alumni Interviewer for Dartmouth College
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# So what would

- ▶ It look like to you if your daughter was successful in high school?
- ▶ Good grades? High test scores? College acceptances? Athletic victories? Exemplary performances?
- ▶ Self Confidence? Poise? Strong friendships? A service ethic? Happiness? Motivation?



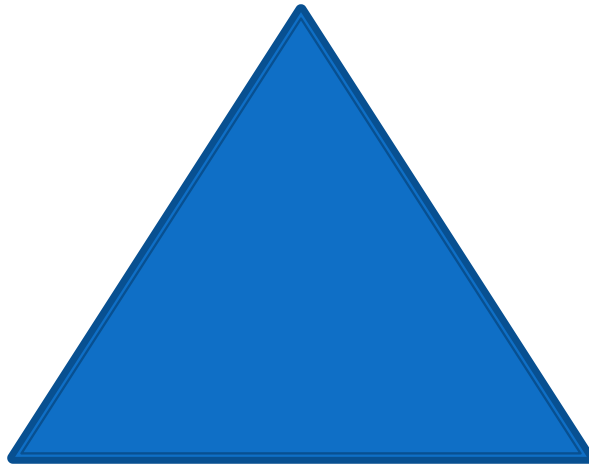
# What if

- ▶ Success was really easy to broadly define?
  
- ▶ Success is opening as many doors for yourself as possible and then being the one to decide which one you walk through.



# Keys to Success

**Find a Passion and  
Invest Yourself  
Deeply in it**



**Learn to Perform  
well on  
Standardized Tests**

**Take Rigorous  
classes and do well  
in them**



# 3 Keys to Success

Recruiting, Retaining and Rewarding Top Tier Teachers



1. High School is about challenging yourself intellectually, learning how to think critically and becoming a life long learner.
2. Standardized tests aren't everything, but life involves tests and getting comfortable with them is important. Beware of talk of test-optional schools and paths.
3. Finding your passion is a lifelong quest. Start early, get involved with your school or community and see where it leads you.







“As for the future, your task  
is not to foresee it, but to  
enable it.”

–Antoine de Saint Exupery





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