Out-of-State College Admissions - General Requirements

Meeting LHS's minimum high school diploma requirements may NOT be adequate preparation for college admissions or academic success in college. Admissions standards vary widely among colleges and are related to the purposes of the college, particular fields of study, and the degree of selectivity of the admissions process. General guidelines for college academic preparations include the following:

TYPE OF COLLEGE:	Community & Junior College	4-year Colleges	Universities	Selective College or Competitive Majors
BASIC ACADEMIC		English – 4 yrs.	English – 4 yrs.	English – 4 yrs.
COURSES TO MEET COLLEGE	High School Graduation	Social St. – 3-4 yrs.	Social St. – 3-4 yrs.	Social St. – 4 yrs.
REQUIREMENTS	Graduation	,	•	Math – 4 yrs.
		Math – 3-4 yrs.	Math – 4 yrs.	Science – 4 yrs.
		Science –	Science – 3-4 yrs.	,
		3-4 yrs.	Foreign Lang. –	Foreign Lang. – 3-5 yrs.
		Foreign Lang. – 2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs. for some majors	3-3 yis.
CLASS RANK	Only requirement is graduation from high school or GED	Upper 2/3 – 1/2 of senior class; approx. LHS GPA: 2.4 to 2.6	Upper 1/2 to 1/4 of senior class; approx. LHS GPA: 2.7 to 3.6; higher for certain majors	Upper 1/10 of senior class; approx. LHS GPA: 4.20 or higher
COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST	ACT used for placement only	SAT or ACT	SAT or ACT – 50th percentile or higher expected	SAT, SAT Subject and/or ACT with writing – 75th percentile or higher expected
HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, AND IB CURRICULUM	Not necessary for admission	Recommended	Recommended	Necessary
ACTIVITIES (extra-curricular sports, clubs, & community service, including leadership experience)	Not necessary for admission	Recommended	Recommended	Very important
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (core-subject 11 th or 12 th grade teachers and/or counselor)	Not necessary for admissions	Recommended	Recommended	Necessary