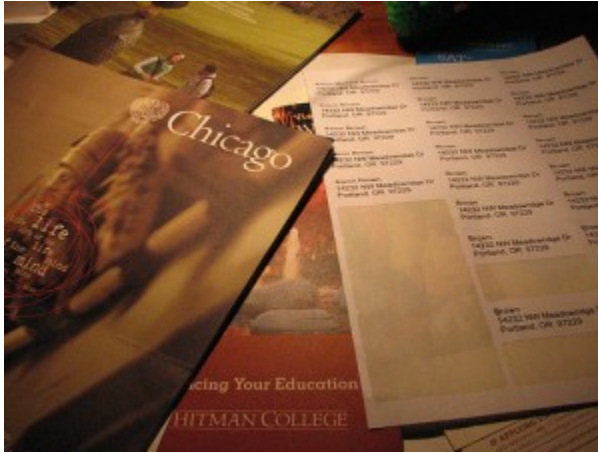


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When starting the college application process some many students wonder how many schools they should apply to. This is a completely personal decision and students can apply to as many or as few schools as they feel appropriate.

No matter how many schools you apply to it is important to have a few different kinds of schools on your list:

Reach Schools: A reach school is a school that is somewhat out of your league. Although you would love to attend your reach school, you are not confident that your skills and academic achievements match what the school is looking for. However, being accepted to a reach school is never out of the question. Ivy League schools often fall into the category of “reach schools” for many students.

Target Schools: A target school is a school that fits your achievements well. Students who attend your target schools probably got similar SAT scores and high school grades to you. With target schools you will most likely be accepted, but there is still a chance you might not be.

Safety Schools: A safety school is a school that you are almost 100% confident you can get into. There is always a very real possibility that you will end up You should apply to at least one safety school that you would feel very comfortable and happy to attending.