

Tier 2 schools are a little bit of a reach for you right now but with a little adjustment you have a good chance of making it into a Tier 2 school. However, you have very good odds of making it into a Tier 3 school.

What we're going to do is break down the exact steps you need to take to get into a Tier 2 school then follow it up with what you need to do to get into a Tier 3 school. If you aim for a Tier 2 school, you will be more than qualified to attend a Tier 3 school. But, if your goal is a Tier 3 school, we'll also go over what you need to do in that case so that you don't miss out on attending that type of school.

Here is what you need to know and do to get into a Tier 2 school:

Tier 2 School Strategy

Own your free copy of our Elite Institution Secrets Ebook

YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS!

We have a free, short ebook that has all the tactics and strategy you need to know for any point in your journey to a Tier 1 school

Many students make the mistake of jumping right into their applications and college journey without knowing the tips, tricks, and secrets that will help them stand out from the crowd. Even though you have a relatively high chance of getting into the school of your dreams, if you make these common mistakes your odds of making it into your dream school will fall dramatically.

Make sure you don't make these common mistakes and are sure to use these special tricks to maximize your chances. One mistake could cost you your chance at your dream school, and we want to make sure that nothing will get in your way.

Own your free copy [here](#).

Do You Have These Resume Items?

1) Is your SAT [superscore](#) above a 1480 or is your ACT Score above a 33?

This is number 1. As we explain in our Elite Institution Secrets Ebook, the SAT is critical for determining your chances of getting into the school of your dreams. While a higher score above a 1480 doesn't necessarily mean a higher chance of getting in, any score below 1480 will definitely hurt your chances substantially.

If you're having trouble getting your SAT score above a 1480, [consider getting a tutor](#).

In a similar vein, a person's ACT score is critical in deciding whether or not they get into the school of their dreams. The cutoff number (as it stands now) is a score of a 33. To get into a tier 2 school, the schools expect a score of a 33 or higher. If your score is a 33 or higher it doesn't necessarily help your chances of getting into the school, but the further below a 33 your score is, the less likely you will get into this type of school.

If you're having trouble getting your ACT score above a 33, [consider getting a tutor](#).

2) Have you taken at least two SAT Subject tests?

As with the SAT, IB, and AP tests, these tests are critical in helping a college determine whether or not you can take classes at the college level and how prepared you are to do it.

Taking at least two of these tests (preferably one in the STEM field and one in the Humanities) and doing well on them shows that you are capable of doing very well in a college course and setting. Additionally, having done well in those two different fields shows a flexibility in academic aptitude which colleges love to see from applicants.

If you have not taken an SAT subject test, we recommend that you try to do that as soon as possible. Preferably taking one in the STEM field and another in a humanities or social science field.

3) Have you taken, or do you plan to take, at least 3 Ap tests or the IB exam?

These courses are designed to emulate a college course and if a student does well on these tests it is a clear indication that they are prepared for college at a Tier 2 school. A student taking 3 AP tests in a number of different courses with an average AP score from the different tests of a 4.0 or better shows colleges that the student in question can handle the challenging course load that will come with being accepted into a Tier 2 school.

4) Do you have at least 20 hours of volunteering experience?

This one is perhaps the one which can change your odds of getting into your dream college the quickest.

We've found that a very simple way to stand out from other applications is to have diverse volunteering experiences. The tipping point where volunteering starts to truly help a student's odds of getting into a Tier 2 school is about 18 hours and every hour past 18 hours helps a student's odds of getting into a Tier 2 school significantly. It helps colleges see that the student creates an impact in their community wherever they go and also gives students phenomenal stories that they use when writing about who they are and what they hope to give and receive from the college they'd like to attend.

This one is critical. We always recommend that all students try to find at least 20 hours of volunteering wherever possible to give themselves the best chance of getting into a Tier 2 school like NYU, UC Berkeley, Northeastern, U Michigan, Boston University.

Emulate Successful Students

Read through the stories of some of the students we interviewed who have made it into the Ivy League and see what advice you can learn from them

We have compiled a list of well over a hundred different interviews of students who applied to and were accepted into the Ivy league and have compiled their advice to future students. You can access these interviews in written format [here](#).

Here you can find all their best advice and the things they've done to get into some of the most exclusive schools in the country like Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, and Yale. If you'd like an idea of what the typical applicant who makes it into your dream school looks like and how you match up, head here and find out.

This is a great way of modeling what these students did to ensure their success so that you can attain similar levels of success in your own college journey as well.

Get A Customized College Plan

Book a 15 minute call with us.

While steps 1, 2, and 3 are a good starting point, it cannot be customized for each and every student. For this reason, we have a coaching program where, in only 15 minutes, you tell us where you are in your journey to your dream school and what you're struggling with and we tell you the exact steps you need to take moving forward to maximize your odds of achieving that dream.

It's quick, simple, and gives you direction and results immediately.

In the call we will work to understand your goals and what you're looking for out of the application experience and process. Once that is complete we will work with you on an as needed basis to do things like resume building, essay writing, and interview prep to ensure that you're in a phenomenal position to get into the school of your dreams.

[Click here](#) to book your call today.

Take The Quiz Again In One Month

Mark the next time you're going to take this quiz on your calendar.

It's best practice to take this quiz once every once a month to make sure that you're moving in the right direction and that your odds of making it into your dream school are increasing with each passing month.

This way, you can keep track of your score over time and make sure that at the end of your journey, you have the score you need to give you the best chance of getting into your dream school.

We created a table for the next 12 months below. Download this document and cut out the table, or create your own, and add today's date along with your score after taking the quiz.

Once you go through all these tips and execute the game plan as we've stated here, you'll have incredible odds of getting into a Tier 2 school; and even better than that, the school of your dreams.

Tier 3 School Strategy

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In a similar vein, a person's ACT score is critical in deciding whether or not they get into the school of their dreams. The cutoff number (as it stands now) is a score of a 28. To get into a tier 3 school, the schools expect a score of a 28 or higher. If your score is a 28 or higher it doesn't necessarily help your chances of getting into the school, but the further below a 28 your score is, the less likely you will get into this type of school.

If you're having trouble getting your ACT score above a 28, consider [getting a tutor](#).

2) Have you taken at least two SAT Subject tests?

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These courses are designed to emulate a college course and if a student does well on these tests it is a clear indication that they are prepared for college at a Tier 3 school. A student taking 3 AP tests in a number of different courses with an average AP score from the different tests of a 3.67 or better shows colleges that the student in question can handle the challenging course load that will come with being accepted into a Tier 3 school.

4) Do you have at least 15 hours of volunteering experience?

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We've found that a very simple way to stand out from other applications is to have diverse volunteering experiences. The tipping point where volunteering starts to truly help a student's odds of getting into a Tier 3 school is about 10 hours and every hour past 10 hours helps a student's odds of getting into a Tier 3 school significantly. It helps colleges see that the student creates an impact in their community wherever they go and also gives students phenomenal stories that they use when writing about who they are and what they hope to give and receive from the college they'd like to attend.

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