Most Commonly Applied to Colleges/Universities at BTHS

Below are some sample admissions statistics comparing nation-wide and BTHS local acceptance rates at popular colleges and universities. As you will see, some colleges are overrepresented with BTHS applicants (i.e. they receive disproportionately high numbers of BTHS applicants) and therefore have lower 'local' acceptance rates than national average – e.g. Barnard College.

Other colleges are underrepresented with BTHS applicants (i.e. they receive disproportionately low numbers of BTHS applicants) and therefore have higher 'local' acceptance rates than national average – e.g. Mount Holyoke College.

Colleges that disproportionately waitlist BTHS applicants are marked with an asterisk. As colleges and universities try to increase their yield numbers (i.e. the number of accepted students who actually enroll), some strategically waitlist students who meet their academic criteria but are deemed unlikely to attend. It would be advisable to visit these colleges in person or otherwise show demonstrated interest (e.g. alumni interviews) – or both!

College/University	National Acceptance Rate (2018)	BTHS Reported Acceptance Rate (2018)
Tufts University	15	9
Northeastern University	19	13
Boston College*	27	22
Boston University	22	25
Brandeis University	34	45
Emerson College	49	63 (2017 and 2018)
University of Pennsylvania	8	2
Villanova University*	29	17
Drexel University	74	79
Georgetown University	15	20
American University	29	30
George Washington University	42	34
Howard University	49	58
Barnard College*	14	5
Wellesley College*	19	11
Bryn Mawr College	38	33
Mount Holyoke College	50	66 (2017 and 2018)
Smith College	32	33

Vassar College	24	32
Skidmore College*	25	25
Hamilton College*	24	30
Bard College*	56	56 (2017 and 2018)
Union College*	37	33 (2017 and 2018)
Hobart and William Smith College	58	75
Cornell University	12	12
University of Rochester	29	22
Lehigh University*	22	21
Syracuse University	47	45
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*	48	35
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	42	46
Rochester Institute of Technology	57	71
Columbia University	6	2
New York University*	19 (27 – 2017)	18 (22 – 2017)
Fordham University	46	61
Lafeyette College*	31	26
Oberlin College	34	50
Kenyon College*	34	66
Muhlenberg College	48	60
Wesleyan University*	16	10
Trinity College*	33	20 (2017 and 2018)
Connecticut College	38	38
Duke University	6	3
Vanderbilt University	7	10
Emory University*	18	15 (2017 and 2018)
Wake Forest University*	27.6	29
University of Chicago*	7	6
Northwestern University	8	2
Washington University in St. Louis*	15	7
Rice University	11	5