

Creating the Three Tiered List:

REACH: This is a school that will be tough for the student to get into – a *reach*, but not completely out of the picture based on the student’s desires, transcript, scores, personal statement, extra curriculars, and recommendation letters.

PROBABLE: This is a school at which the student has a strong chance of acceptance – it’s a good match based on the student’s desires, transcript, scores, personal statement, extra curriculars, and recommendation letters.

LIKELY: This is a school at which the student should have no problem getting into based on the student’s desires, transcript, scores, personal statement, extra curriculars, and recommendation letters. These used to be called “fall-back” schools but there are really no such things lately. In the increasingly tough game of college admissions, there are no guarantees.

Before creating the three tiers, let’s talk about your “heart-stoppers.” These are the schools that take your breath away, that you REALLY want to go to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now for the list...

REACH

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

PROBABLE

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

LIKELY

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.