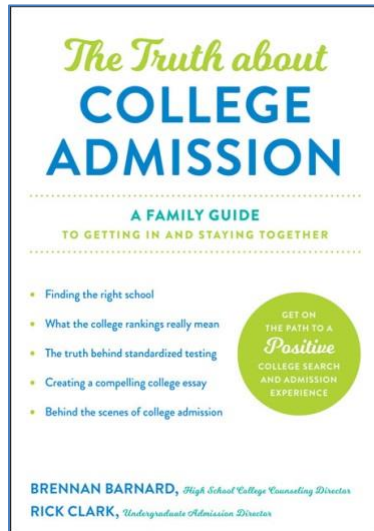


## Reading Guide for Families

### [The Truth About College Admission](#)

By Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark



Is your family just starting to think about visiting colleges? Maybe you are in the throes of the experience, feeling stressed out and overwhelmed. Did we miss a deadline? Should we be looking in-state or out-of-state, big school or small school? And what is a "FAFSA" anyway? *The Truth about College Admission* is the practical and inspiring guidebook your family needs, an essential companion along the path to college acceptance.

“A MUST-read for students applying to college and their parents!”  
-Nancy Beane, Associate Director of College Counseling, Westminster

#### *Discussion Questions:*

- 1- Do you have a solid list of “whys” that can guide you in your search and selection process?
- 2- How can you escape your echo chamber in your school or community to keep perspective for your family?
- 3- Which wedge are you most concerned could divide your family and how will you go about preventing that?
- 4- What is one thing you need to tell your parents or your son/daughter that you have not?
- 5- What is success for your family in the college admission experience?
- 6- How will you celebrate your admittances when they come? / How will you prepare for NO and keep admission decisions in perspective as bumps rather than dead ends?
- 7- Who can you trust to support you and keep you grounded as you apply to schools, receive decisions, and ultimately select a college?
- 8- What are your conditions, limitations, and expectations as it relates to money—and have you openly discussed these?
- 9- How can you grow closer during the college search and selection journey?

10- What are your hopes and fears related to your college admission experience? Have you shared those honestly and openly?

11- How will you go about ensuring that discussion or pressure around college admission does not creep into too much of your relationship or conversations, i.e., protect your time and bigger relationship?

12- What will you do for fun as a family that is unrelated to college admission?

13- How can you express gratitude during the college admission experience?

14- Having read this book, what are you still wondering about college admission? What questions has it raised and how will you get answers?