



What does a balanced college list look like?

A balanced college list typically contains 10-12 schools

- 2+ Dream/ Reach
- 3-5 Target
- 3-5 Likely
- Make sure you have several schools you really like in EACH category!

Selectivity Levels

DREAM/ UNLIKELY: Student stats are at low end or below school's stats AND/OR **acceptance rate below 15%** for all students

REACH: Student close to reaching median school stats AND competitive for activities or with other factors like legacy, athletic recruitment, special skills, early decision

TARGET/ POSSIBLE: Student at or above the median for scores and grades; school **not more selective than 30% acceptance rate for the most competitive students; higher acceptance rate for less competitive students**

LIKELY/ MATCH: Student well above the median for scores and grades; acceptance rate is **above 50-80% depending on student stats**