

### ***Activity directions:***

Ask for volunteers to be each student, and ask them to line up in order of GPA (from highest to lowest). They should hold up the card with the GPA side facing the audience. Then, read the following instructions:

**“There are several factors other than students’ GPA that are considered in the admission process. Notice how these “students” move closer toward admission or denial. Students, when I tell you to move up, you will move to your left, and when I tell you to move down, move to your right and so on.”**

- 1. IF YOU HAVE TAKEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG ACADEMIC PROGRAM, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (3.7; 3.1)**
- 2. IF YOU DIRECT THE GOSPEL CHOIR AT YOUR CHURCH, MOVE UP ONE SPACE. (2.9)**
- 3. IF YOU CLEARLY STATED THAT THIS COLLEGE IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE BY MAKING AN EARLY DECISION APPLICATION AND COMMITMENT, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (3.3)**
- 4. IF YOUR INTENDED MAJOR IS PSYCHOLOGY, MOVE DOWN ONE SPACE. (3.3)**
- 5. IF YOUR INTENDED MAJOR IS GREEK, MOVE UP ONE SPACE. (3.5)**
- 6. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW ANY OF YOUR TEACHERS WELL ENOUGH TO FEEL COMFORTABLE ASKING FOR A RECOMMENDATION, MOVE DOWN ONE SPACE. (2.9)**

7. IF, WHEN YOU TYPED YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY, YOU FORGOT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE YOU WERE APPLYING TO, MOVE DOWN THREE SPACES. (4.1)
8. IF YOU ARE A LEGACY AT THE COLLEGE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (2.8)
9. IF YOU DID NOT WRITE THE OPTIONAL ESSAY FOR YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION, MOVE DOWN ONE SPACE. (2.8)
10. IF THE TOPIC OF YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY WAS SPORTS AS A METAPHOR FOR LIFE, MOVE DOWN ONE SPACE. (3.7)
11. IF YOU WROTE THE "ESSAY OF THE YEAR, THE ONE EVERYONE PASSED AROUND IN THE OFFICE, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (3.1)
12. IF YOU PLAGERIZED YOUR COLLEGE ADMISSION ESSAY AND GOT CAUGHT, SIT DOWN, YOU'RE OUT OF THE COMPETITION ENTIRELY. (3.3)
13. IF YOU WILL BE THE FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (3.5)
14. IF YOU ATTENDED AN ENRICHING SUMMER PROGRAM BETWEEN YOUR JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (3.1)
15. IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NO SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITES, MOVE DOWN TWO SPACES. (3.7)
16. IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, MOVE UP ONE SPACE. (4.1)

17. IF YOU ARE AN EAGLE SCOUT, MOVE UP TWO SPACES. (3.7)
18. IF YOU ARE A VARSITY ATHLETE AND IF YOU'RE "ALL-REGION" IN A SPORT, MOVE UP ONE SPACE. (4.0)
19. IF YOU GOT A "D" IN AN ACADEMIC COURSE AT THE END OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR, MOVE DOWN THREE SPACES. (3.1)
20. IF YOU WROTE A LETTER TO THE COLLEGE ADMISSION OFFICER AND EXPLAINED THE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING A GRADE OF "D", MOVE UP ONE SPACE. (3.1)
21. IF YOU DECIDED TO PROTECT YOUR GPA BY NOT TAKING AP CLASSES OFFERED AT YOUR SCHOOL, MOVE DOWN TWO SPACES. (4.0)
22. IF YOUR LAST NAME IS KENNEDY, AND THE NAME ON THE COLLEGE LIBRARY IS KENNEDY, AND IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE, MOVE ALL THE WAY TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE AND STAY THERE. (2.8)