PTCNET SURVEY RESULTS - 2021

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University Application Policies

1	We don't have a policy on application limits. We strongly encourage students to apply to a maximum of 10 universities. We do not limit the number of regions a student can apply to, but we often remind students of how time consuming applications can be if they apply to multiple regions. Currently, predicted grades are collected in late September and mid-October depending on whether a student is an early or regular decision applicant.
2	Always a fun question... we limit to 10 applications per student. This is based on the rationale that students produce higher quality applications, is best for student wellbeing and academics, universities in the US consider them more seriously (knowing they are one of ten applications, not one of twenty-five), and was similar to peer schools. After doing a study involving DP schools and universities, neither think we can accurately predict grades in the fall of senior year. Our predicted grades are data driven, not aspirational. We now don't send Predicted Grades unless directly requested, and message that our semester grades are the same as a predicted grade - how the student is performing (based on data and official IB style assessments).
3	We allow up to eight applications with the following additional parameters: • An application to up to five universities in the UK through UCAS counts as one choice • An application to the University of California system counts as one choice • An application to Dutch universities through Studielink counts as one choice Our school profile also states that we limit the number of applications to eight. For predicted grades, our system is as follows: • An initial set of predicted grades is given at the end of DP1 (Year 12, Grade 11) • Predicted grades are updated in October of DP2 and these grades are added to initial transcripts/UCAS to go with most university applications

	• An updated set of predicted grades is given in February. These go on mid-year transcripts for US universities
4	We allow up to 10 applications for universities for our Seniors (with some caveats). A UCAS application only counts as 1 application. An application to the UC system in California also counts as just one application. We give a little more flexibility for Thai nationals applying to Thai universities on top of the 10 overseas apps. If a student/parent thinks that they have a special circumstance that requires an additional application, they need to lodge a formal written request with the HS Principal and Head of College Counseling for consideration. We usually grant two or three of these each year out of a graduating class of 140-150 students. Hope this helps - I would be interested to see your collated results.
5	We limit university applications to 10 in total per student. UCAS counts as one application as it is a composite form. For any student exceeding the 'rule of 10', we charge an administrative fee of $100 for each application beyond the ten allowed. Parents agree on the terms at the start of the cycle and we enforce them.
6	We do not limit the number of applications. However, we do have a clear algorithm for IB predicted grades as they pertain to university applications.
7	We put an upper limit of 10 applications (UCAS counting as 1).