Holistic Review Factors 2018

The admission application is available at umcrookston.edu/apply. The Admission Committee carefully reviews the overall assessment of each student's academic preparation and performance, as well as the additional information provided in the applicant's essay response. Primary and secondary factors may apply.

Because academic preparation is key to student success in college, the strongest consideration in the decision is given to student’s academic preparation.

1. **Primary review factors:**
   - Successful completion of high school or GED
   - Grade point average; grades in core academic coursework
   - ACT or SAT scores
   - Strength of the student’s curriculum through high school graduation, including courses that exceed the core subject requirements and any advanced courses (honors, AP, IB, college level).
   - Evidence of exceptional achievement, aptitude, or personal accomplishment not reflected in the student’s academic records or standardized test scores
   - A pattern of steady improvement in academic performance
   - Participation in extracurricular college preparatory programs (MEP, PSEO, CIHS, Talent Search, Upward Bound, College Possible, AVID, TRIO, and others)

2. **Secondary review factors** are also considered as part of the overall assessment of each application.
   - Outstanding talent, achievement, or aptitude in a particular area
   - An exceptionally rigorous academic curriculum (enrollment in honors, AP, IB, or college-level courses)
   - Strong commitment to community service and leadership
   - Military service or ROTC
   - First-generation college student
   - Personal or extenuating circumstances