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## 2 Important Tips from the InSchoolbus Team in the Wake of Recent Events

**1) Don't Procrastinate!** In order for students to really build the skills and abilities within themselves that are needed to be accepted into top schools, it takes months and even years of training and preparation. To do it right, our InSchoolbus experts estimate that for college and graduate school applications alone it takes a minimum of 12 months of preparation, high school a minimum of 9 months of preparation, and transfer students a minimum of 3 months of preparation. This counseling includes comprehensive strategizing, planning, and time management training with students to help them pick the best target schools for them, help them build the needed skills and individual strengths and abilities to be best positioned for these schools, and provide insight and advice from a team of individuals that have both gone through this process themselves as well as coached others through the process. This training and counseling is in addition to traditional test prep training (SAT, TOEFL, SSAT, etc) which students should be taking as well.

The exposure of the recent horrific college admissions scam in the US should show parents that there are no tricks or short-cuts to getting into US schools. Getting into top schools takes years of good, old-fashioned hard work and self-motivation and passion on behalf of the student! This is why you should not procrastinate- the earlier the appropriate training and preparation is started, the more effective it will be!

**2) Being Accepted is Not the End Game- It is Just the Beginning of the Journey!** Scams like this recent US admissions scandal are disgraceful on many levels. When done correctly, the college preparation (and high school preparation) period is a very special time in a student's life- a time when students learn a lot about themselves, have the opportunity to receive training that will help them throughout their lives, and results in the students maturing into stronger and more confident individuals. The students who were caught up in this US admissions scam were sadly stripped of this opportunity for personal growth. Many students, no matter how strong their parents' desire, are not a fit for top schools going into freshman year of high school or college undergrad. However, that is not a failure. There are hundreds of other amazing high schools, colleges, and universities throughout the US that if a student can really thrive and excel at, can be fabulous stepping stones for Ivy League and other leading colleges, graduate schools, masters programs, as well as for top jobs at global companies around the world.

The InSchoolbus team is passionate about our work because we know that the training we provide students will help them throughout the entire course of their lives. Our focus is on helping students actually develop the skills and building blocks that will provide them with the opportunity to not only be the strongest candidates as possible for their targeted best fit schools, but also to thrive once they are admitted into schools and throughout the future legs of their journeys (graduate schools, careers, etc). The services InSchoolbus provides are valuable and important not only to help students in the admissions process. Being admitted is not the end-goal it is the starting line! Once admitted into a high school, college, or graduate school, this is when the student's work really begins. So, although we found that many of our international parents do not fully appreciate why it is so valuable and important for students to receive the type of training and counseling InSchoolbus offers throughout their years at these schools (not just to help them in the admissions process), the students themselves who live through the challenges and stresses of studying at this level in the US do understand and appreciate the need for this help as do the schools here in the US who see the struggles of their international students.