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Is this a guarantee of admission?

It is as close to a “guarantee” as we can make it. While no university can guarantee admission until a student has submitted a complete application, we can lay out what you need to do in grades 9 through 12 if you want to give yourself the best chance of being admitted. Our intention is to help students, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors answer the question, “How can students best prepare themselves for admission into the University of Delaware?”

How does the Commitment to Delawareans differ from the University’s published requirements for admission?

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