

# EDUCATION



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## Criteria for MIT admission

**Q:** My son is in the 9th grade. He is fascinated by space and aeroplanes and has decided to study aerospace engineering. I made some enquiries and found out that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) offers aerospace engineering. He is a bright student. What is the prospect of getting an admission in MIT? Is it possible to get some preparative training?—*Sajna, Abu Dhabi*

**A:** Engineering programmes at MIT are regarded as one of the best in terms of the research and experts it has produced.

Admission into MIT would require overcoming tremendous amount of competition, excellent high school track record as well as test scores in

SAT and TOEFL. While transcripts and test scores show academic potential, extracurricular activities portraying leadership combined with the passion and drive to succeed also plays a huge role in gaining admission.

Recommendation letters, testimonials of participation in volunteer and leadership programmes plus an excellent application combined with recommendations that show outstanding achievements are needed. Most students participate in extensive counselling to prepare for such schools.

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