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Chris or Christopher, Kassandra or Kassi – Names Matter

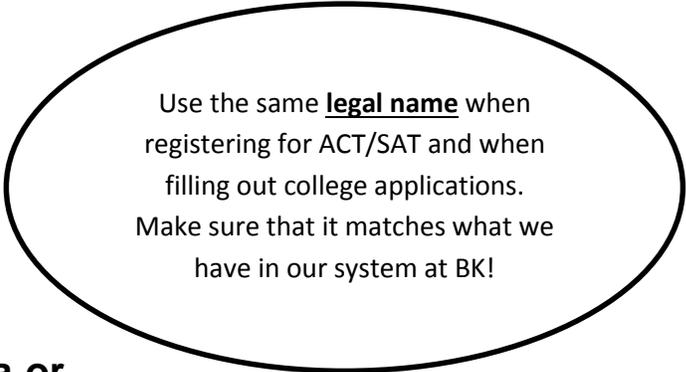
When processing applications, our staff match student materials from multiple sources – transcripts from e-transcript services or high schools; test scores from testing agencies; online applications from students. Our goal is to match all required material with the student's application as quickly as possible so that we can expedite the review.

However, when students use different versions or spellings of their first name during their college preparation and application process, matching incoming materials can be delayed. Although the volume of material Purdue receives compounds this issue for us, *even* small schools deal with trying to figure out whether Chris Smith from Chicago is Christine Smith, Christopher Smith, Christina Smith, etc.

In worst-case scenarios we are unable to determine which applicant "belongs" to a particular piece of material and the item may sit in a holding pattern until a student, parent, or counselor calls to ask why their application isn't complete.

Therefore, we're asking you to help us get the word out. When students are registering for the SAT or ACT or completing their admission application, they should use the same name that appears on their high school record. Typically, this is the formal version of their name, but if they're in doubt they can easily check from previous grade reports or other correspondence your school may have sent them or their parents.

It's also helpful if students maintain the same email address throughout their college search and application process. We sometimes use email to determine whether we're matching a student to the correct material.



Use the same **legal name** when registering for ACT/SAT and when filling out college applications. Make sure that it matches what we have in our system at BK!