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Admissions Process (Pre 2018)

- Applicants submitted transcripts, GRE scores, statements, letters
- Spreadsheets organized applicant materials and a large (10+) committee reviewed applicants
- Soft cut-offs for GRE were used

Michigan banned Affirmative Action programs by ballot initiative in 2006.

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