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Acceptance Terms Defined

Early Action (EA)

With Early Action, you can apply to a school early in your senior year (usually between October 30 and January 15), and request an early application review and notification of admission. It usually takes three to four weeks to get a response. If you're accepted, you aren't obligated to attend that school but can "bank" this admission while still applying to other colleges during the regular admission cycle.

Early admission

Some colleges admit certain students who haven't actually completed high school, usually exceptional juniors. They are enrolled full-time and don't complete their senior year of high school. Colleges usually award high school diplomas to these students after they've completed a specified amount of college-level courses.

Early Decision (ED)

Sometimes confused with Early Action, the Early Decision plan allows you to apply to an institution early in your senior year (usually between October 30 and January 15), and to request an early notification of admission. You and your guidance counselor will have to sign a contract with the school at the time you apply to acknowledge that if you're accepted, you're obligated to attend that school. Some colleges and universities offer both ED and EA options, so read the college admission requirements carefully to make sure you know what you're applying for.

Open admission

When a school does not review your academic qualifications as part of its college admissions process, then it has an open admission policy. Many public junior or community colleges will admit you under this guideline as long as you have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Rolling admission

Under a rolling admission policy, there is no deadline for filing a college application. This concept is used most often by state universities. After you apply, you'll receive a response within three to four weeks. If you're accepted, you aren't required to confirm your enrollment until May 1 (in most cases). If you're an out-of-state resident applying to a state university, you should apply as early as possible.