

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TERMINOLOGY

Rolling Admission - Applications are processed as they are received and students are notified of admission status within 2-3 weeks.

Regular Decision (Traditional Admissions) - Applications are to be filed by a set deadline with decisions mailed to applicants by a set date from early to mid April. Students must respond back to the college by May 1.

Early Decision - Only one such application may be pending. If accepted, a student must attend that school. This is a binding contract. A conference must be held with student, parent, counselor & principal prior to applying.

Early Action - Students may apply to several schools and receive an admission decision well in advance (usually in December) of the usual spring notification. Unlike Early Decision, this process is not binding.

Restricted Early Action - This is the same as Early Action except that the student may apply to only one Early Action school (sort of like Early Decision except that this process is not binding). Very few schools use this. At the time of this printing, Yale and Stanford are the only schools.

	Apply By	Receive Decision	You must reply
Rolling Admission	Open	2-3 Weeks	5/1
Early Decision	11/1 to 12/1	12/15	
Early Action	11/1 to 12/1	12/15	5/1
Restricted Early Action	11/1 to 12/1	12/15	5/1
Regular Decision	1/1 to 2/15	4/1	5/1