

Early Action (EA)

EA applications typically are due November 1st-15th, but students are not required to commit to attend until May 1st.

ADVANTAGES: when students apply to or are accepted by a school under EA, they remain free to apply to other schools using EA, Regular, and Rolling or Late admission. *The exception to this is if a school has EA Single Choice.* Typically schools accept a higher percentage of applicants during EA. **HOWEVER, the EA process should only be used by highly qualified students that match the profile of the college/university (those with superior grades, SAT/ACT scores and extracurricular activities).**

Students typically get a decision by Christmas so this can relieve some stress and help them move forward with their college planning.

DISADVANTAGES: students will have a busy fall semester because all paperwork is usually due the first of November. They will need to have their essay, resume, student questionnaire and parent response form completed by the first of October. They have to have asked any/all teachers to write their letters of recommendation and be able to give them a copy of their resume by the first of October.

One of the possible decisions made during EA rounds is “denied” and if that is the case the student is done with the application process at that school. Another possible choice is to defer the candidate until Regular Admissions and review them again.

Single Choice

Early Action

Under Single Choice Early Action, students are allowed to apply early to ONE college/university and are forbidden to apply to any other school using Early Applications or Early Decision applications. Typically, Single Choice Early Action applications have due dates between November 1-15.

ADVANTAGES: same as under Early Action.

DISADVANTAGES: same as under Early Action.