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ADMISSIONS

# HOW AND WHEN?

## A QUICK GUIDE TO APPLICATION ACRONYMS

### RD

REGULAR DECISION Phew. Regular is regular. Don't miss the deadline.

**EARLY DECISION** The student, parent, and counselor

each need to sign a contract when submitting this type of application. Highly selective schools are quite keen on ED, and if you can afford this option, it can significantly increase your chances of admission.

### ED

**EARLY DECISION 1** Deadlines typically fall on November 1, and a student usually receives a decision in early December. If one is denied or deferred (your app has been slid to the RD pile), then you can opt to apply ED2 to your next top choice.

### ED1

**EARLY DECISION 2** If you were deferred or denied during ED1 and your 2nd favorite school offers ED2, this is a strong strategy. Deadlines for ED2 typically mirror those for RD: commonly, they are January 1 and January 15th.

### ED2

### RG

**ROLLING** Applications are evaluated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

**EARLY ACTION** With this, you get an answer sooner but you are not obligated to attend. These applications are typically due on November 1.

### EA

### SEA

**SINGLE-CHOICE EARLY ACTION (AKA Restricted EA)** Shows a big commitment without the obligation of ED.

**WAITLISTED** There is still a chance (albeit slim) for acceptance. If your student is interested, they will need to express their enthusiasm within a day or two.

### WL

### ZLIST

**ZLIST** A student is accepted but they have to take a Gap Year to attend. Most used by hyper-selective schools.

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