College Prep Factsheet

-When to Apply to College-

In general, there are **3** application timelines: Regular, Rolling, & Early

Regular Admission

In the past, this type was the norm

- **Applications sent to colleges:** typically by mid-winter deadlines.
- **Applicant notified of acceptance or rejection:** Early April
- **Applicant Notifies colleges of decision**: May 1st

Note: (May 1st is also the "Universal Candidate Reply Date")

Rolling Admission

This is the most widely used timeline

- **Applications sent to colleges:** Year round
- ****It is best to apply early when applying to these schools
- **Applicant notified of acceptance or rejection:** Within 4-6 weeks
- **Applicant Notifies colleges of decision**: No later than May 1st

Early Applications (2 types)

*See "Early Decision vs. Early Action" factsheet for a more detailed explanation

1) Early Decision (ED) (Binding plan)

- **Applications sent to colleges:** November 1 or November 15
- **Applicant notified of acceptance or rejection:** Between Mid-December and early January
- **If accepted, you must withdraw all applications elsewhere**

2) Early Action (EA) (Non-binding plan)

- **Applications sent to colleges:** November 1 or November 15
- **Applicant notified of acceptance or rejection:** Early January
- **Applicant Notifies colleges of decision:** May 1st