

# COLLEGE ADMISSION POLICIES

**EARLY DECISION:** A binding agreement in which a student applies in October or November, learns if they are accepted in December or January, and is obligated to matriculate to that college. This is suggested only for students who are academically very strong, know positively which college they want to attend, regardless of the cost to attend.

**EARLY ACTION:** This differs from early decision in that students are not required to accept admission or withdraw other applications if accepted by the college early. Students may apply to more than one college early action.\*

**PRIORITY or Early Notification:** A program in which a student files his application before the regular decision deadline, usually by November 1, in order to receive an admission decision by early February. Students have until May 1 to decide whether or not they will attend the college.\*

**ROLLING ADMISSION:** A program in which applications are evaluated upon receipt and applicants are notified quickly of the admission decision (usually within 3-4 weeks). Applications are considered until spaces are filled. Submitting your college application early is encouraged.

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** A program used by most schools. Typically, January 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applications and the student is notified before the first week of April.

**OPEN ADMISSION:** Most community colleges offer open admission. All students who apply are accepted, but must take a placement test prior to scheduling classes. The test scores are used for college course placement purposes.

*\*Many colleges accept the majority of their applicants by the early action, priority or early notification deadlines. Early action or priority deadlines are encouraged for students who hope to be considered for merit scholarships awarded by colleges. Be sure to check with each college to determine if there are separate applications to be completed for scholarship consideration.*

**ADHERE TO ALL DEADLINES!**