



## DECISION WEEK GUIDELINES

Decision Week is the week between the admissions notification and the enrollment contract deadline. The Bay Area Directors of Admissions (BADA) member schools agree to a set of guidelines during Decision Week to both recognize the time, effort, and challenges families face while making their decision, and also to put families and their decision-making processes above all else. We encourage families to reach out to the schools if they have questions during Decision Week, and once you have made your final decision, we thank you for your transparency and for contacting the schools to which you were accepted to let them know of your decision to attend a different school. This will allow them to provide opportunities to families on waiting lists.

### Decision Week Etiquette

During Decision Week families may want more information from a school or schools when making their decision. BADA schools absolutely welcome your calls and emails.

### Transparent Communication

Once you have made your school decision, we cannot stress enough how helpful it is to be in **rapid** contact with the other school(s) that admitted your child, letting the school(s) know that you have decided to enroll at another school and therefore are declining their offer of admission. Your rapid communication (meaning you are in touch with the school(s) that offered you admission immediately after you have accepted an offer of admission at your top choice school) allows admission offices to manage their enrollment and in many cases, be in touch with a family that is in the wait pool and/or a family receiving financial assistance.

*BADA schools appreciate the time and dedication you have spent in the independent school admissions process. We wish your family well as the admission season concludes.*