

Preparing for Admission Decisions and the Next Steps



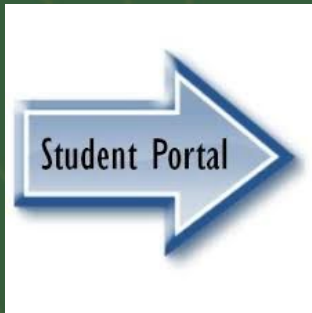
A collaboration between the
CCC, Family Engagement, and Social Work Team

Agenda

- When do decision get released? How will I know?
- Considerations on opening that news
- Possible outcomes and what does that mean?
- Processing news
- Next steps
- Resources

When do decision get released? How are students notified?

- Many early action and early decision notifications are released around the week of Dec 8th or 15th.
- An email is sent stating when the release will be.
- Students log into their college portal they created with the school to see the decision (decisions are not in Common App).



What are the outcomes and what do they mean?

- **Admit** - Accepted and the college will share the next steps (unless applied ED, you have time to decide).
- **Defer** - Application will be moved into the next admission plan. Some schools defer HEAVY, other schools defer very lightly (just a few students). In most cases, colleges will then require your 7th Semester/Mid-Year Grades.
- **Waitlist** - Rarely used during EA rounds, all spots have been given out, colleges will review the waitlist applicants if they do not fill the class.
- **Deny/ "Rejected"** - Student is no longer in consideration for this freshman application cycle (and cannot re-apply until next calendar year admission cycle).

Considerations on opening that news

- When college decisions are delivered
- Things to remember...
 - Where will you be?
 - Who is around you?
 - Who is your team of people?
 - The excitement or disappointment around you
 - What role does your family want in learning about the decision



Processing news

EXPECT:

- A range of student emotions
- A range of parent/guardian emotions
- That students are also worried about parent/guardian emotions

THINK ABOUT:

- Parent/Guardians
 - How can your response be one of support and reassurance?
 - If your student didn't get into the school you hoped, what support do you need to process the news to then help your student. Where can you go for support if you need it?
- Students
 - How do you want to be supported by your parent if it is “no”

Family Processing Time

Take a few minutes and talk about the following:



- Students

- Who do you want around when you receive the news, where do you want to be?
- What support do you want to have around you (no matter the decision)?
- How will you support a friend who didn't get great news, how do you want to be supported by friends if you don't?

- As a family

- What are your expectations about receiving admission decisions? What role does the parent/guardian have in the process?
- Who gets to share the news? Does parent/guardian or student tell family/friends? Does social media get figured into your plan?
- How do you want family/community gatherings handled with college discussions?

Next Steps



- If admitted, the college will share the next steps
- If deferred, schools may allow for an update (best-timed in late January/early February) - often done in the portal
 - Look for school's guidance on a continued letter of interest: 1-2 small paragraphs, if allowed
 - Simply states student's interest, any new senior year information, and why they like the school (do not repeat from your application)
 - Mid-year grades/7th semester - Counselor uploads transcripts automatically to Common App. Students will need to check if/how schools want grades (also check they want self-reported).
- If deferred, waitlisted, or denied - reevaluate your list, focus on other options you have.

Resources



Students

- For individual support, please reach out to any member of your Student Support Team (Counselor, Social Worker, Psychologist, Dean, Post Secondary Counselor)

Families

- You have been on this journey together for a long time. You may be the best support for each other. Think about how you would like to come together through this process.

Thank you for attending. Questions?



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