

Early Decision and Early Action Calendar

Are you prepared to apply early to college? If you are even considering the option of early decision or early action, here are the steps you need to take right now:

Junior Year	
January–May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the SAT® and/or ACT • Visit colleges during spring break
May–June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take SAT Subject Tests if required • Work hard and keep up good grades (Note: Colleges only have your transcript through junior year)
Senior Year	
September–October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on and complete applications • Get teachers to fill out recommendation forms • File early decision or early action applications according to school deadlines and procedures • Take SAT or ACT if necessary (Note: October is the last test date that will make scores available in time for early decision and early action programs) • If necessary, register for CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® online or by using a form
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue filing early decision or early action applications according to specific school deadlines • Follow up with teacher recommendations • Work on regular-decision applications as a backup if you don't get in early decision or early action • File the PROFILE form and any other college-based financial aid forms that may be required of early decision candidates