

Types of Admissions

Regular Decision

This is the most common option for colleges and universities. All students must submit their applications by a specific date, usually between November and January. The admissions board then reviews all the applications and sends out acceptances and rejection letters on the same date.

Rolling Admission

This type of admission is common at large state universities, schools that provide this preference are allowing students to apply at any time during their admission period. The school then evaluates each college application as it's received and sends acceptance letters to students who meet their requirements usually within 4-8 weeks. With schools like this, it is best to apply early, as they accept on a first-come, first-serve basis. All of Arizona's state schools use Rolling Admissions.

Open Admission

Typically, community colleges, some technical/trade schools programs offer this type of enrollment. Open admission means that nearly all high school graduates are admitted, provided they have a diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate.

Early Decision

If accepted through Early Decision, you agree to attend this school if accepted. If you receive an acceptance letter, you must withdraw any other applications to other schools. This option is **binding**.

Early Action

Like early decision, you are applying only to your top-choice school. However, unlike early decision, you are not bound to attend if accepted and you can apply early action to more than one university. You can accept an offer as soon as you receive it or wait to make your final selection in the spring after you've found out where else you've been accepted.

Be aware, as sometimes schools will use Early Action and Early Decision interchangeably; make sure you read the fine print!

Deferred Admission

This option means students have been accepted to a particular college or university but want to defer their enrollment for a year.