

# College Information/Terminology

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## Types of Colleges

- Public/Private 4-year colleges
- 2-year community colleges
- Career, technical vocational, or trade schools

## Finding the Right Fit – Things to Evaluate

- Major
- Location
- Size
- Campus List
- Cost
- Admission Requirements

## Types of Admission

- **Open Admission** – College admits most or all students who apply. Typically must have a HS diploma or GED
- **Rolling Admission** – Admissions decisions are ongoing following a complete application being submitted.
- **Regular Decision** – Student applies by a specific date, and received a decision within a reasonable period of time. Student is free to apply to other schools as well.
- **Early Decision** – An option that allows you to apply early (by a specific date) to your definite “first choice college.” You pledge to attend if accepted. You can only apply to one college as Early Decision. If you are accepted, you have to withdraw all your other applications to other colleges
- **Early Action** – Similar to Early Decision in timing, but non-binding. You can apply and gain admission to one of more colleges earlier than regular applicants. You do NOT have to enroll if you are accepted.

## Admission Process

- Application
  - College website
  - Common Application
  - Coalition Application
- Application Fee (Fee waivers available. Check with Ms. Cowin to see if you qualify.)
- Test Scores (Check admission requirements as many colleges have gone test optional. Fee waivers available. Check with Ms. Cowin to see if you qualify.)
- High School Transcript
- College Transcript (Submit if you earned college credit through Running Start or Dual Credit)
- Review Process
  - Holistic Process v.s. GPA/Course/Test Score Review Process