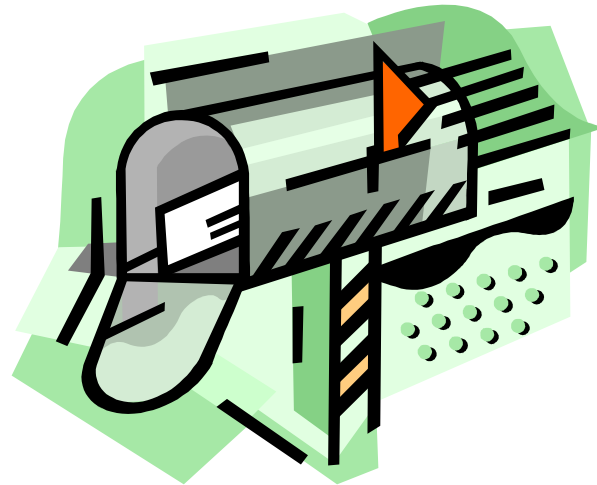


Lunchtime Learning

Accept or Reject?

- Accepted
- Waitlisted
- Denied



Letters of Acceptance

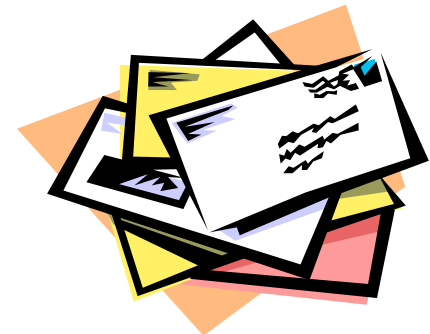
- Research shows that 9 out of 10 students get into their first or second choice college.
- Take your time deciding which college to attend. You are probably not required to make any decision until the May 1 deadline.
- Review college criteria.
- Visit the campus again (spend the night, attend classes, talk to students currently attending).
- Compare financial aid offers.

Waitlisted Letters

- If no longer interested, let them know you no longer want to be considered.
- Schools sometimes rank wait lists. The higher you rank on the list the better your chances of being accepted. Being wait-listed means the school has already determined you have the academic credentials; so nonacademic factors are more likely to sway admission officials.
- Send a compelling letter explaining why you want to attend and schedule a second interview with admission officials.
- Schools will not decide who will be admitted off the wait list until the May 1 decision deadline has passed. So you will need to prepare to attend another school by filling out the paperwork and sending in a deposit. If you are accepted off the wait list, you will forfeit your deposit at the first school and be required to submit a deposit to the second.

Letters of Denial

- Do not treat a denial letter as a personal failure.
- Make sure your application was complete.
- Write a letter of appeal (be very careful with the tone, it should be straightforward and friendly, not angry, outraged, disappointed or whiny).
- Include any additional information (semester grades, new test scores, etc.)
- Consider other options (delayed admission, transferring at semester, etc.)



Making the Final Decision

- There is no one perfect school.
- Statistics show that what you do while in college matters more to future success than the name of the school on your sweatshirt.
- Don't send deposits to more than one school. This is unfair to admission officials and waitlisted students. It can also result in an acceptance being rescinded. Some schools share information and check for double depositing.



Saying Yes or No

- Each college will tell you exactly what steps to follow to confirm your acceptance of their offer of admission and how to prepare for the first term. This information will be included with the letter of admission or in materials that will be sent to you shortly thereafter.
- Once you've made a decision, mail the confirmation letter and deposit before the deadline. The other colleges should get short thank-you notes declining their invitation to attend.