

What To Do When The Admission Decisions Come In

Inform your counselor of any action by colleges on your applications.

Most students will receive some rejections. Try not to take a rejection personally. Admissions decisions are made based on the needs of the school and the composition of the applicant pool that year. Sometimes students are rejected by schools they would have been admitted to in a previous year. You are not a failure if you did not get into a particular school. If you have been careful in your research and investigation of colleges and have followed the rule about applying only to schools you would gladly attend, you will be fine. If you hear negatively from a school that you had considered a safety, see your counselor immediately. Each spring counselors receive a list of colleges across the country that still have openings.

Seniors should hear from all their schools by **April 15** and have until **May 1**, the Candidate's Reply Date, to let the colleges of your choice know you plan to attend.

When you are sorting out acceptances and trying to decide the school you will attend, it will be helpful to 1) talk to several people - counselors, friends, current students, 2) visit the campuses again, 3) compare the courses, activities and other opportunities among the schools and compare expenses and/or financial aid packages. Be sure to attend the Spring Award Packaging Seminar sponsored by the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation on April 8, 2004, at 6:30 pm in the Berlin High Library.

Once the decision is made, you need to send in a deposit by May 1, the Candidate's Reply Date. Courtesy dictates that you inform other colleges that you will not attend.

You may be notified that you are on a Waiting List, which means that the college has many more qualified applicants than they can accept. Waiting List status dictates that the admissions officers feel that you can do the work but that there is simply not enough room in the freshman class. There are specific strategies that help when you are wait listed at your first choice school, therefore you should seek the help of your counselor.