



## US Application Agreement Policy

### Class of 2026

If you are considering applying for Early Decision (ED) or Early Action (EA) this form **MUST** be signed and returned to the Counselling Office no later than Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. If you are *remotely* considering applying ED or EA, complete this form in the affirmative.

#### What is Early Decision (ED) and Early Action (EA)?

Early Decision and Early Action are two types of an accelerated university application processes in which students must typically complete, submit, and pay for their applications in November of Year 13, if not earlier.

If the student is accepted by the institution with an ED application, then the student **MUST** attend that university. It is a **BINDING** agreement across nations. Applying ED to a university means that if you are denied, you cannot then apply RD to the same university. If you are accepted by your ED choice all other university applications **MUST** be withdrawn by email and your counsellor cc'd 抄送 in a week. **The final transcript will only be sent to this university.**

The Early Action process is non-binding (except for some universities and colleges who offer Single-Choice Early Action or Restricted Early Action); however, the commitment to the application process is the same as ED.

Indicating your interest is **not automatic approval** that DHSZ will support your application for ED. Applications will need to be approved as application to these universities is extremely rigorous. There is an earlier internal application deadline than what the university posts on their website. Failure to meet DHSZ deadlines for ED/EA will result in the cancellation of an ED/EA application.

#### Are There Benefits to Applying Early Decision or Early Action?

Early Decision and Early Action plans have their benefits but only if a student has a clear preference for one university or college and have done their research. Overall, if applying to a top school, while you are demonstrating a commitment and an undeniable interest, an ED application is considered among a generally more highly qualified, smaller number of sincere and committed students, i.e. it may be more difficult to get accepted as those you are competing against are the best of the best. While students applying ED may have a slight advantage due to smaller applicant pools, they are usually very strong candidates, thus there is more intense competition. While some universities and colleges admit higher percentages of early applications, others do not. If they do, it is because the applicants are more qualified than those who apply Regular Decision. **If you are taking a subject resit exam, your EA/ED application is also significantly affected and consequently, an EA/ED application is not advised.**

#### Can I apply to more than one school Early Decision or Early Action?

Students applying ED may apply EA unless prohibited by a specific university's ED or EA policy. Please see the student/parent handbook for further ED application information and the Code of Conduct. If you apply ED1 and are rejected, you can then apply ED2 to another university if it is already one of the 10 choices on your Final List and it was agreed it was an ED2 choice. Note that not all universities offer ED1 or ED2 options. If an ED2 application is successful, then the applicant will need to withdraw from all other applications in all countries.

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No. By applying ED, you, your parents and counsellor have all signed an agreement that serves as a binding contract stating that your acceptance will result in your matriculation. If there are extenuating circumstances, it is best to contact the university directly to discuss your concerns and refer to your signed contract. Breaking an ED contract can result in the ED school contacting other universities in all countries about your recanting on the agreement and you could be blacklisted.

#### What if I want to apply to the US and to Oxford/Cambridge?

Students with a first-choice university in the US *and* applying ED, **MUST** withdraw the Oxford or Cambridge application immediately if accepted by the ED university – this may be before you know whether you have been accepted to Oxford or Cambridge.

*By signing below, I hereby agree to abide by the above. I also understand that if specified deadlines for university applications are not met, my application materials will be sent to meet Regular Decision deadlines, as the Counselling Office cannot guarantee that my application materials, such as transcripts and recommendations, will reach the university by the application deadline if internal deadlines are not met. I also confirm that if I am successful in any ED application I will withdraw all other applications and only deposit at that university. I also understand my Final Transcript will be sent to my ED university and only one Final Transcript will be sent to the one university I deposit at.*



## 美国大学提前申请协议 2026 届

如果您想要申请 ED, EA 大学, 请务必于 2025 年 2 月 28 日前完成这份表格的填写并签字, 将其交回升学指导办公室。如学生不确定是否勾选提前申请, 建议先勾选。

### 什么是提前决定 (ED) 和提前申请 (EA) ?

提前决定 (ED) 和提前申请 (EA) 是加速大学申请过程的两种申请方式, 这意味着学生通常必须在 11 月份 (13 年级), 就完成对大学的申请。

如果大学接受学生的提早决定 (ED) 申请, 那么该学生将必须就读于该大学。它是一个被国际承认的**绑定协议**, 同时也意味着如果您被该所大学拒绝, 那么您将不能对同一所大学进行常规申请 (RD)。学生一旦得之被 ED 学校录取, 必须在一周内通过发送邮件并**抄送**升学指导撤销其他所有大学的申请。

通过 EA (提早申请) 申请是无绑定约束力的 (除了一些只接受独家申请或者受限申请的大学和学院); 其他的申请过程与提前决定 (ED) 申请过程一致。

我校有早于大学官网的内部申请截止日期。学生如无法按时完成我校的截止日, 学生将不符合提前申请的条件。

### 递交提前决定 (ED) 或者提前申请 (EA) 的优势有哪些?

只有学生对所申请的大学有一个清楚的认知并且提前完成对该学校的研究和调查, 提前决定 (ED) 和提前申请 (EA) 才具有优势。总的来说, 当向顶尖大学递交申请时, ED 申请将被视为小部分对该学校有极大兴趣, 并渴望成为该校学生的高质量申请。虽然 ED 的申请学生数量较少, 申请者将具有轻微的优势 (在申请人数方面), 但是申请者之间的竞争将会非常激烈, 因为所申请的学生都将是来自各个高中的佼佼者。虽然一些大学和学院承认早期申请的比例较高, 但这并不适用于其他所有学校。大学给予提前决定申请较高的录取比例, 是因为提前决定 (ED) 的申请学生比常规申请 (RD) 的学生更具备录取资格。**如果学生有要重考的科目, 我校不建议此类学生申请 EA/ED。**

### 我可以申请多所大学的提前决定吗?

学生在申请 ED 的同时可以申请 EA (除非一些大学对 EA 和 ED 的申请有特别的限制)。具体详情请参阅学生/家长手册, 以获得进一步的 ED 申请信息和行为准则。如果申请者的首次提前决定 (ED1) 申请被大学拒绝, 该申请者可以对其他大学进行第二次提前决定申请 (ED2), ED2 大学必须是包含在学生大学申请列表 10 所大学之内。请注意, 并非所有大学都提供 ED1 或 ED2。如果学生被 ED2 的大学录取, 那么学生必须撤销其他所有大学的申请。

### 提前决定规则

当学生通过 ED 向大学进行申请时, 该学生, 家长以及升学指导老师将共同签署一份绑定协议书。该协议书阐明, 学生一旦向大学进行 ED 申请, 并被该大学录取, 申请者必须接受该大学的录取。如果有特殊情况无法履行协议, 请于大学直接联系。

### 是否可以同时申请美国大学以及英国的牛津、剑桥大学?

如果申请者的第一志愿是美国大学, 那么该申请者必须接受 ED 大学的录取, 并且随即立刻放弃对牛津、剑桥大学的申请。美国大学 ED 的录取结果公布时间有可能会早于牛津、剑桥大学。

在回执上签字表明我同意以上条款, 如果我无法在文中提及的截止日期内提交相应的材料, 我的申请材料将被用于大学的常规申请。(若学生无法在学校内部截止日期前提交相应的材料, 升学指导老师将无法保证在大学截止日期之前将所有材料, 例如: 成绩单、推荐信等送达大学招生办公室。)同时, 我也了解勾选以下选项并不代表直接获取申请 ED、EA 以及英国提前申请大学的申请资格。我确认一旦我被 ED 的大学录取, 我将撤销所有其他的大学申请, 并将只对该大学提交学费保证金。我了解我最终的成绩单只会被送往被 ED 录取的大学。

**\*请在“签名回执表”上签字**