

Choosing Restrictive Early Action (REA)

versus

Regular Decision (RD)

Who should apply REA?	Who should apply RD?
College search complete	College search ongoing through fall
#1 choice	Student still researching
Outstanding transcript through 11 th	7 th semester considered in application
Standardized testing complete	Taking standardized tests in fall
Prepared to present application by 11/1 to compete in strong REA pool	Two additional months to complete application thoughtfully
Restricted from applying to other schools' early admission program	Flexibility to apply to another school early

SOMETIMES • Deferred students are not eligible for the waitlist.