

ED vs EA vs RD Admissions Calendar

Month-by-month plan + an 8-week ED/EA sprint checklist.

Window	Focus
Mar–Apr (junior year)	Diagnostics; pick SAT/ACT; map ED/EA/RD deadlines.
May–Jun	Brainstorm essays; start recommenders list; schedule first official test if ready.
Jul–Aug	Draft personal statement + 1–2 supplements; test; finalize activity list.
Sep	Finalize ED/EA essays; retake test if needed; confirm recs + transcripts.
Oct–Nov (ED/EA window)	Submit ED/EA; track portals; prep RD supplements in parallel.
Dec	Review ED/EA results; adjust strategy; polish RD.
Jan–Feb (RD window)	Submit RD; maintain grades; prep interviews + scholarship steps.

8-week ED/EA sprint (quick checklist)

- Week 1–2: lock plan; outline personal statement + key supplement.
- Week 3–4: draft/revise personal statement; full draft of ED/EA supplement.
- Week 5–6: second pass on supplements; finalize testing decision/retake logic.
- Week 7–8: final proof; portal checks; submit; shift to RD backups.