

Post-Secondary Planning Checklist

Junior Year

- Meet with your RHS counselor at least once a year
- Continue to take rigorous and challenging courses
- Keep your grades up!
- Join at least one academic club/organization
- You should be academically ready to take the ACT college entrance exam in the spring, register for the test during this school year (www.actstudent.org)
- Consider taking the ACT Review course at RHS this year
- Take the PSAT Test at RHS in October. This exam qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. It will also give you a predicted score on the SAT college entrance exam.
- Consider taking the ASVAB test in November at RHS (this is a vocational aptitude test that gives valuable information on career interests and abilities. It is used by the military to place recruits in careers, but you are not committing to the military by taking the test)
- Talk to your parents and counselor about what colleges interest you and why
- Continue to take “College Day” visits, follow RHS procedures on the yellow form in the office (1 day for juniors)
- Prepare a list of questions to ask on a college/campus visit, talk to college students on the visit
- List and compare colleges, research their websites, take virtual tours, consider private or public, size, location, programs offered, cost, campus life, etc.
- Start an academic resume or consider putting together a portfolio that highlights your special skills and talents
- Start researching the college application process online, can you expect admission fees next year?
- Investigate scholarship opportunities, attend the “Senior Awards Night” to make notes about scholarships you will be eligible for during the next year, become familiar with the scholarship list in the RHS office for seniors
- Volunteer for activities and clubs related to career interests
- Get a part-time job, apprenticeship, internship; or job shadow in a professions that interests you
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you are interested in playing Division 1 or 2 college athletics
- Visit with college admissions counselors who come to RHS for lunch visits
- If possible, plan college visits during the summer months

