

Preparing for Life after High School

JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

ACADEMICS

- Do your best in all classes (Junior year is a VERY important year)
- Choose most challenging curriculum possible (AP level if appropriate)
- Review transcript on Infinite Campus website (see counselor regarding questions or concerns)
- Assess academic status (GPA, rigor of coursework)
- Get to know your teachers; you may ask them for letters of recommendation next year
- Check if you are on track to meet all graduation requirements

ASSESSMENT:

- Prepare for the SAT
 - Consider taking an SAT preparation course to learn testing strategies (early winter at RMHS)
 - Online registration for RMHS SAT prep class starts in January; classes begin in early February
 - Use Khan Academy website as a content study tool to prepare for the SAT
 - All Juniors will take the practice SAT at RMHS during the school day
- All Juniors will take a free SAT with writing (scores can be submitted to colleges) during the school day in April (state graduation requirement)
- Register for additional ACT and/or national SAT test, if desired
 - ACT www.actstudent.org
 - SAT www.collegeboard.com
- Determine if you need to take SAT Subject tests ([click here for a list of schools that accept them](#))

CAREER EXPLORATION

- Set goals relating to your future career
- Use Naviance and the College and Career Room (CCR) to research various careers
- Consider taking a career assessment such as:
 - A career interest inventory using Naviance
 - The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) – see Assessment Center link on RMHS website for signup and test date info
 - Consult with Career Advisor (Mrs. Schmidt) about your career interests
- Attend District 214 Career Nights in fall

POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PLANS

- Use Naviance to explore college options and complete a college search
- Second semester: narrow down the list of schools that interest you
 - Begin to arrange college campus visits. Make campus visit tour/information session reservations well in advance
 - Meet with college representatives in College and Career Room (visits are on the announcements, listed in Naviance and reminders are e-mailed for schools under "colleges I'm thinking about" in Naviance)
- Attend Junior college information session that will be presented during U.S. History classes in February
- Attend District 214 college planning events. Dates and times can be found on the College Resources link on the RMHS website