

Junior College Planning



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College Process Timeline

Winter 2024

- **Prepare and register for standardized tests (SAT and/or ACT)**
- Research and begin visiting colleges

Spring 2024

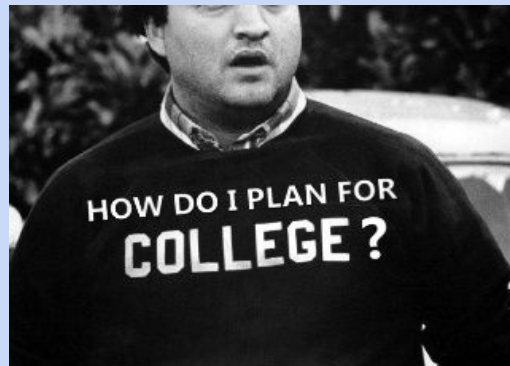
- Continue visiting colleges
- Attend college fairs
- Start building your list
- Standardized tests
- Letters of recommendation

Summer 2024

- Continue Spring Timeline
- Start your college essays
- Register for Common Application - Opens August 1st

Fall 2024

- Meet with your counselor
- Begin to apply to colleges
- Standardized tests
- College essays
- Letters of recommendation
- Scholarships and financial aid (FAFSA)



Planning & Research

Where to begin . . .

[RHS College Planning Handbook](#)

Class of 2025 School Counseling Classroom Code

nb4utag

Testing

SAT

- Register at www.collegeboard.org
- Next test date March 9, 2024

ACT

- Register at www.act.org
- Next test date February 10, 2024

Make sure to check these websites for testing dates!

Things to Note:

- Tutor.com offers **FREE** test prep
 - **Begin preparing now!**
- **Applying to a test optional school?- Test scores will still strengthen your application & allow you to be eligible for various scholarships!**



We encourage students to end junior year with a score they are happy submitting with their applications!

Visiting Colleges

- Planning a Visit
 - Information Sessions & Open Houses
 - Juniors & Seniors get **3 State-Excused absences to visit colleges!**
- During a Visit:
 - [Campus visit checklist](#)
 - Ask Questions & Visit Admissions
- After a Visit:
 - Emails



Attend College Fairs

- **College Fair at RHS**

- Monday, March 4, 2024 from 10am-12pm
- 55+ colleges
- Admission reps who review your applications



- **Northern New Jersey National College Fair**

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 9am - 12pm & 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center in Edison
- 300+ reps from two-year and four-year colleges, nursing schools, business schools, and trade schools
- Register [here](#)

Building Your College List

- Stay organized!!!!
- Start building your list on Major Clarity.
 - Use the “Postsecondary Exploration” tab to filter through schools.
- Your list should contain schools that are:
 - Safety (*Admission & Financial*)
 - Target
 - Reach

The screenshot displays the 'Postsecondary Exploration' section of the Major Clarity website. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Postsecondary Exploration' highlighted. The main area features a search bar and several filter dropdowns: 'State' (New Jersey), 'Degree/Certificate Offered' (4-year), 'Institution Type' (Public, Private), and 'Programs' (Education). Below the filters, it indicates '18 postsecondary institutions filtered by' with tags for 'State: New Jersey', 'Degree/Certificate Offered: 4-year', 'Institution Type: Public', 'Institution Type: Private', and 'Programs: Education'. A 'Comparison tool' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

- Your list should be YOUR list, which fits YOUR needs
- Look at school’s data:
 - GPA, Test Scores, Difficulty of Program, Graduation Rate, Acceptance Rate
 - *Even if metrics match those of average accepted student, if the admit rate is low, it is a reach!*

Special Needs College Planning

- Know your disability
- Become a Self-Advocate
- Questions to ask
- Types of college accommodations/services available
- Keep in touch with your school counselor, case manager, and transition coordinator!
- Meet Mrs. McGinley!



NCAA

- If you participate in athletics at a NCAA Division I or Division II school you will need to register and be declared eligible by the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Registration must be completed online at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- You should complete the eligibility form in spring of your junior year.
- You will also need to submit SAT and/or ACT scores to the Eligibility Center directly from the testing website.

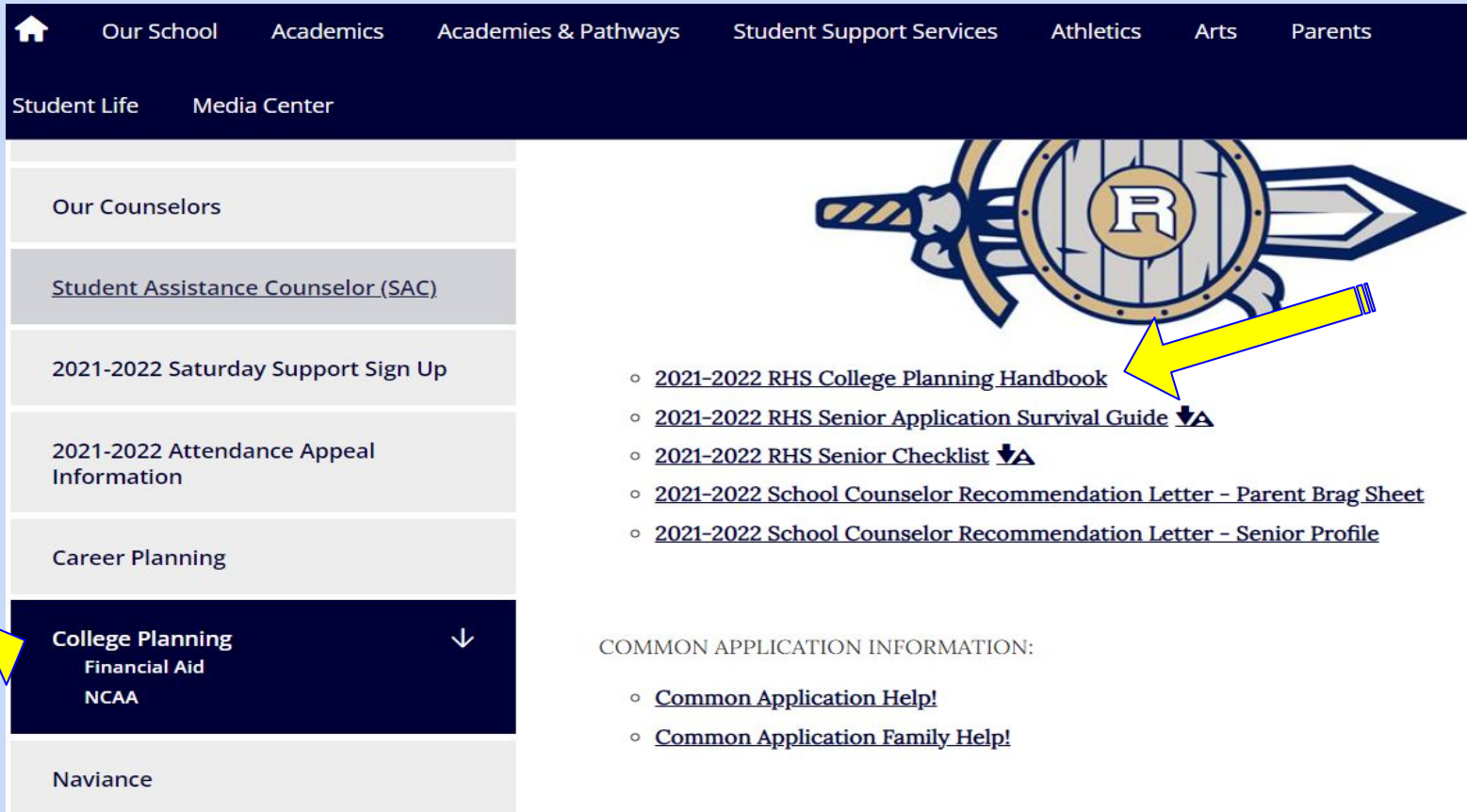


Junior Year Focus

- School work and strong grades!
- Participate in meaningful activities
- Build relationships with teachers (preparing for letters of recommendation & teacher ratings on Common App.)
- Build a relationship with your counselor
- Create a testing plan
- Create a resume
- Utilize **Major Clarity!**



RHS School Counseling Website



The screenshot shows the RHS School Counseling Website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Our School, Academics, Academies & Pathways, Student Support Services, Athletics, Arts, and Parents. Below this, there are links for Student Life and Media Center. The left sidebar menu contains: Our Counselors, Student Assistance Counselor (SAC), 2021-2022 Saturday Support Sign Up, 2021-2022 Attendance Appeal Information, Career Planning, College Planning (with sub-links for Financial Aid and NCAA), and Naviance. The main content area features the RHS logo (a hand holding a pencil with an 'R' on the eraser) and a list of resources. A yellow arrow points from the 'College Planning' menu item to the '2021-2022 RHS College Planning Handbook' link. Another yellow arrow points from the logo to the same link. Below the list is a section for 'COMMON APPLICATION INFORMATION:' with links for 'Common Application Help!' and 'Common Application Family Help!'.

Our School Academics Academies & Pathways Student Support Services Athletics Arts Parents

Student Life Media Center

Our Counselors

[Student Assistance Counselor \(SAC\)](#)


2021-2022 Saturday Support Sign Up

2021-2022 Attendance Appeal Information

Career Planning

College Planning ↓
Financial Aid
NCAA

Naviance



- [2021-2022 RHS College Planning Handbook](#)
- [2021-2022 RHS Senior Application Survival Guide](#) ↓▲
- [2021-2022 RHS Senior Checklist](#) ↓▲
- [2021-2022 School Counselor Recommendation Letter - Parent Brag Sheet](#)
- [2021-2022 School Counselor Recommendation Letter - Senior Profile](#)

COMMON APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- [Common Application Help!](#)
- [Common Application Family Help!](#)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

The best way to be informed and stay “in the loop” is to frequently check the [RHS SCHOOL COUNSELING WEBSITE!!!](#)

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