

JUNIOR YEAR

**LET'S GET STARTED
ON PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE**

The Emotional Rollercoaster of Life After RBRHS



Options After RBRHS

- 4-Year College
- 2-Year College
 - Associates Degree
 - Transfer to a 4-Year
- 2-Year Technical School
- Certification/Licensure Program
- Apprenticeship
- Military
- Work

Helping Your Child Choose a Career Path

- Have discussions on their academic interests, extracurricular interests, and work environments.
- Have conversations on different career skills to see what piques their interests.
- Introduce different careers through family members and friends.
- Begin to research careers and compile a list of potential careers.
- Counselors will be working with all juniors to complete Career Surveys to help match strengths and personality types with careers. (You Science in Scoir)

The College Search

- **Consider/Prioritize the most important factors for the student**
 - Location & campus setting
 - Undergraduate enrollment size
 - Major of interest
 - Cost
 - Student success measurements (graduation/retention/job placement)
 - Special program consideration or needs

START RESEARCHING COLLEGES

- [Collegexpress](#)
- Colleges Searches
 - Collegeboard, Princeton Review, and Scoir
- College Representatives at RBR
- College Fairs
- Look on College Websites for when their representatives will be at local events.

FACTORS COLLEGES WILL BE LOOKING AT

- The rigor of the classes you are taking.
- Performance in these classes; 6 semester transcript.
- GPA (recalculated).
- Standardized Test Scores (many test optional schools, Fall 2024 still pending)
- Activities (job, club, sports, leadership role, tutoring, volunteering internships, etc.).
- Personal Essay and some colleges have Supplemental Questions/Essays.
- Recommendations from 2 teachers and School Counselor.
- Some colleges will look at supplemental materials (music, videos, outside recommendations).
- Some colleges look at demonstrated interest.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

- SATs vs ACTs
 - Many Colleges are Test Optional or Test Flexible (www.fairtest.org)
- TOEFL Tests
- AP Tests - optional as
- IB Tests

DEVELOP A TESTING TIMELINE

- Plan to take the test **2-3 times if possible.**
- Consider your math level when developing a testing timeline
- Practice ACT Test at RBR (if enough interest)
- Remember to consider events like AP/IB Tests, Prom, and vacations and where you best test (RBRHS vs. another school).
 - **The earlier you sign up, the more options for testing centers**

ACT Test Dates

COVID IMPACT

ACT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021	December 3, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022	February 4, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022	March 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022	June 3, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022	July 8, 2022
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022	September 1, 2022

If you qualify for accommodations based off an IEP or 504, requests must be made at least 8 weeks in advance. This is a separate process than SATs or School Based Tests. ACTs must approve the accommodations. Must wait to register for test.

SAT Test Dates

COVID IMPACT

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021	November 23, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022	May 25, 2022
August 27, 2022 (Anticipated)			
October 1, 2022 (Anticipated)			

If you qualify for accommodations based off an IEP or 504, requests must be made at least 8 weeks in advance. This is a separate process than ACTs or School Based Tests. Collegeboard must approve the accommodations. Make this request ASAP.

How to Register (not including the dates on the previous slide)

SATs → www.collegeboard.org

ACTs → www.act.org

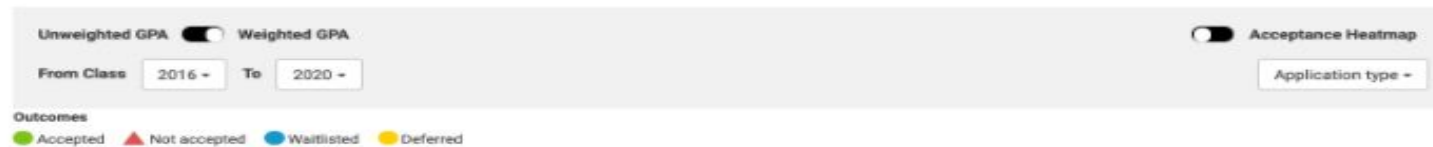
Students WRITE DOWN account information. Parents cannot have an account as email address is linked to child.

You will need it again and again!

SCOIR SCATTERGRAMS (GPA/SAT or ACT)

Understanding Scattergrams

Scattergrams display historic application outcomes for colleges when enough data is available.



Green = Accepted
Red = Not Accepted
Blue = Waitlisted

The Scattergrams will be available for students in December.

This information is for RBRHS only.

College Timeline & Checklist - Junior Year

The Fall (September – November)

- Take the PSAT exam and review your scores
- Organize your testing strategy for the SAT or ACT and register for an exam
 - *Either later this winter or sometime in the spring
- Junior year grades will say a lot about your academic performance; Study Hard!

The Winter (December – March)

- Login to SCOIR and Identify possible college matches by completing a search
- Study for the SAT or ACT and practice (Khan academy, test prep preview)
- Construct a strong senior year schedule with rigorous courses
- Create a “top 10” priority list of your wants and needs in a college
- Create a document or log to organize all of your college information notes.

College Timeline & Checklist - Junior Year

The Spring (March – May)

- Take the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) at least once before the end of the school year. Register at their websites.
- Explore colleges online; take a deeper look by region, size, academic reputation and cost
- Educate yourself on admission requirements to colleges you are considering
- Visit different colleges and demonstrate interest by connecting with admission representatives
- Continue searching for college matches and start creating a list of colleges in Scoir
- Students will begin the common application in the Spring with Guidance, supplemental essays become available on 08/01
- Identify and ask a couple teachers to write letters of recommendation on your behalf

The Summer (June – August)

- Complete the Brag Sheet for your school counselor
- Complete Teacher Recommendation Forms
- Practice makes perfect; begin working on your college application essay. RBRHS offers an essay writing workshop over the summer.
- Continue visiting college campuses and demonstrating interest.
- Continue searching for college matches and adding to your list of colleges in Scoir
- Get a summer job or valuable academic experience to help prepare for college
- Start completing applications and essay(s).



SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- Federal Student Aid
- U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search
- UNT Student Money Management Center
- Accredited Schools Online: Scholarships and Financial Aid for Minority Students
- Adventures in Education
- Affordable Colleges Online: How Colleges Help Visually Impaired Students Succeed
- Affordable Colleges Online: Financial Aid for Minority Students
- College Board
- College Funding for Students with Disabilities – Project Do It
- CollegeNET
- FinAid.org
- Good Call Scholarship Search Engine
- Helping Students With Visual Impairments (Includes a list of scholarships opportunities)
- HighYa - The Money Hunt: Ins & Outs of Scholarship Scams

Feedback Form and Presentation



Questions

