

Seniors

Welcome to Senior Year! It's an exciting time! Make an appointment and meet with your counselor. Complete your college applications in a timely manner. Senior year will be more enjoyable if you complete applications early. Grades are still important.. Many colleges will ask to see your first quarter and/or your semester grades before deciding on your acceptance for their institution.. If you have not performed as well academically as you would have liked in prior to this school year - it's not too late! Colleges like to see improvement and maturity.

****Many colleges still require SAT's. Other colleges are Test Optional. Check with the college/university where you are applying to be sure of the specific requirements.**

Fall:

- Register for SAT/ACT if needed.
- Begin applying to college. Please turn in your Transcript Request Form to the Guidance office for every college you are applying.
- Prepare applications. Be conscious of requirements, qualifications and deadlines for each school. [College Application Steps](#)
- Check with the Guidance Office that recommendation letters have been submitted through Naviance.
- Make an appointment with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and are taking the appropriate courses in preparation for college
- Finalize your college essay(s).
- Start a scholarship search [Scholarship Websites/Apps](#)
- Be aware of deadlines: Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision and Rolling Admission.
- Attend the College Information and Financial Aid Night in September at ARHS
- Complete the FAFSA Form after October 1.

Winter:

- Continue to apply to college and communicate with your counselor by turning in the Transcript Request Form and Naviance Request in a timely manner.
- Be aware of scholarship deadlines.
- Inform your counselor if you need mid-term grades sent to colleges.
- Inform your counselor of admissions decisions as you receive them. Bring acceptance letters to the Guidance office.

Spring:

- Continue to apply to college and communicate with your counselor by turning in the Transcript Request Form and Naviance Request in a timely manner.
- Be aware of scholarship deadlines.
- May 1 is usually the reply date by which students must notify the colleges of their decision to attend.
- Inform the Guidance Office of college decisions as you receive them. Bring acceptance letters to the Guidance office.
- Inform the Guidance Office of any scholarships you have received. Bring scholarship award letters to the Guidance office.