

RHS

Junior Year

Information Packet

Requirements for Graduation from High School

Total Credits - 25

English - 4 credits	Practical Art - 1 credit
Science - 3 credits	Physical Education - 1 credit
Math - 3 credits	Health - ½ credit
Social Studies - 3 credits	Personal Finance - ½ credit
Fine Art - 1 credit	Electives - 8 credits

*Some universities/colleges require 4 credits of mathematics.

*Some universities/colleges require 2 credits of the same foreign language.

***Check the universities/colleges that you are interested in to ensure you meet the admission requirements.**

Required Assessments

Algebra I EOC
Biology EOC
English II EOC
Government EOC
Missouri Constitution Test
US Constitution Test
CPR Training
Citizenship Test
Algebra II EOC (if Alg. I taken as 8th grader)

College Visits

Juniors are allowed up to one college visit per semester. If students know they are going on a college visit they should inform the high school office before they have the visit.

A+ Requirements

- Enter into a written agreement with your high school prior to graduation.
- Attend an A+ designated school for two years prior to graduation.
- Graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Maintain at least 95% hourly attendance record for the four year period.
- Perform 50 hours or more of unpaid tutoring or mentoring to other students in the district (Cadet Teaching)
- Students must score proficient or advanced on the Algebra I End of Course Exam OR have achieved a qualifying score on the math component of the ACT test.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol.
- Register with the selective service, if required by law.
- Apply for non-payback scholarships by completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

ACT Test

Visit <https://my.act.org/account/signin?> to register for the ACT. Below are the test dates for this school year.

The screenshot displays the ACT website interface. On the left, there is a 'TEST DATES' section for the year 2021|2022, with a table of test dates and registration deadlines. On the right, there is a sidebar for 'Russellville Cole County R - 1 High School' showing the center code 186750 and a list of test dates.

TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES		
	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	Photo Upload Standby Deadline
September 11, 2021	August 6	August 20	September 3
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1	October 15
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19	December 3
February 12, 2022	January 7	January 21	February 4
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11	March 25
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20	June 3
July 16, 2022*	June 17	June 24	July 8

Center Code
186750

Test Dates
11-SEP-21
23-OCT-21
11-DEC-21
12-FEB-22
02-APR-22

If you are on the Free or Reduced Lunch Program you may be eligible for 2 fee waivers. See the counselor for a fee waiver form.

NCAA & NAIA Eligibility

Visit <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future> to register for the NCAA Clearinghouse. In addition, you can review the academic requirements to participate in college sports. There are several resources available to you at this website.

Visit <https://www.playnaia.org/eligibility-center> to register for the NAIA Clearinghouse.

Transcripts

Transcripts are required for applications to colleges and/or jobs. Online transcript request forms can be submitted here at <https://goo.gl/forms/hC1wiYOpP0cya4Hy2>. At the end of the school year, your final transcript will be sent to your specified location. The final transcripts cannot be sent until after graduation and all grades being final.

College Dual Credit Transcripts: We do not have access to your college transcript. You will have to contact any college you received dual credit from and request a transcript to be sent to where you are attending.

CMU Request: <https://centralmethodist.edu/academics/registrar/transcript-request.php>

State Fair Community College Request:
<https://www.sfccmo.edu/offices-services/academic-records-registrar/request-a-transcript/>

Missouri Connections: Career/College Exploration

Every student has a Missouri Connection account (or can easily create one). Students can log in to do additional career and college exploration using the various assessments. The assessments help match your interests, abilities, etc. with careers. In addition, you can explore colleges based on your possible career, financial needs, school type, etc. You can also create a resumé and do scholarship searches on Missouri Connections. If you need to create a new account use the information below.

www.missouriconnections.org

Username: colehs
Password: 2viewmoc

To create a new portfolio then click on "Create My Portfolio".

ASVAB

If you are considering going into the military we offer an ASVAB test. This test was adapted by the US Military for entrance into the armed forces. Even if you are not considering the military the ASVAB is a great career exploration test. The junior ASVAB test is scheduled for October 21, 2021.

Preparing for College

Junior year is a great time to start making a list of potential colleges you will be applying to your senior year. Think about taking the ACT early and often to give you the best opportunity to raise your scores. Also, remember to continue to take courses that prepare you for college level work and admission requirements.

The top three things that colleges look at are:

- 1) Test scores (ACT & SAT)
 - a) Colleges will take either score
- 2) Class Ranking & Class Choice
 - a) We are a school that ranks based on GPA, many colleges will look at the ranking first before looking at the GPA. Some colleges will look at what is called Core GPA. That means they will look at the GPA for only your English, Math, Science, & Social Studies classes. So make sure you challenge yourself and take core classes all four years in high school.
- 3) Extracurriculars
 - a) This can be athletics, a school club, or a community organization. Colleges like variety and seeing leadership type roles.

Exploring College Options

Use the following questions when evaluating colleges and whether they would be the right fit for you.

Academics

1. What are the emphasized areas of study and do they fit your field of interest or ability?
What is the college strong in and is it related to your field of interest?
2. What courses are expected in a typical freshman schedule? What is the student to teacher ratio? What is the average class size?
3. What is the freshman retention rate?
4. How competitive is the academic atmosphere? (average ACT, GPA, time studying)
5. Is there a center for students to get additional tutoring or help?
6. Is there a study abroad program?
7. Are there specific high school classes students are encouraged to take? How do dual enrollment credits transfer?

Housing

8. Is living on campus required of freshmen?
9. How are roommates assigned?

10. Do the dorms have communal or suite bathrooms?
11. What kind of security is available at the dorms?

Students

12. What special interest groups/clubs, organizations, publications, teams, etc. are active on campus?
13. What is the ethnic, religious, racial makeup of the student body? Where is the location of the place of worship of your choice?
14. What benefits would you receive from membership in a fraternity or sorority? What percent of students belong to one of these organizations?
15. What percent of students are from other states or other countries?
16. How is the advising system organized and who are the advisors?

Campus

17. What method of transportation would you use to get around campus?
18. Is the college rural or urban? What is the nearest town? How do students get there?

Other items to ask about

19. Sports, Activities, Cafeterias, Work Programs, etc.

Contacting Colleges

LOOK AT COLLEGE WEBSITES!!!!

- Obtain general information
- Schedule a campus visit
- Investigate sources of financial aid
- Access online application forms

Many colleges encourage telephone and email inquiries and requests. Be sure to establish a permanent, and PROFESSIONAL email address to use during the college process. You want your first impression to be a good one.

A campus visit is highly recommended. Before you visit the campus, consider some of the options below. It is also important to develop a list of questions and plan specific activities in order to accomplish your goals.

Campus Visit Checklist

- Meet with an admission officer.
- Verify admission requirements.

- Discuss your chances for success in certain programs.
- Find out how to apply.
- Obtain a school calendar and a catalog.
- Determine college costs.
- Ask about financial aid opportunities, as well as deadlines, forms required, etc.
- Meet with faculty in the department of your intended major.
- Ask questions about academic requirements/offerings.
- Attend a class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style, and academic atmosphere.
- Ask about the placement record for graduates in the field you might study.
- Identify career-planning services for undergraduates. Tour the campus, dorms, dining halls, library, etc.
- Talk to students about the general academic environment and the amount and kind of study necessary for success.
- Find out what student activities (clubs, organization, intramurals, etc.) are available.
- Investigate transportation options.

Scholarships

A majority of scholarships come from the institutions you attend. Be sure to work hard on having a good GPA and ACT score to receive automatic scholarships to the place you plan to attend!

Scholarships can be found on the school counselor's website at <https://rhscounselor.weebly.com/scholarships.html>. There are websites like www.fastweb.com and www.missouriconnections.org that can be utilized for scholarship searches.

Scholarship Tips

- Start Early - Start making a list of scholarships to look for senior year
- Contact the schools you are interested in attending and ask for information about their scholarships
- Give people you are asking for letters of recommendation plenty of time to write them

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are often part of the college application, scholarship application, and job application.

- Carefully select individuals to write your letters. A good letter of recommendation can make a huge difference.
- Give your writers a minimum of two weeks to write your letter.
- Provide writers with information about your high school experiences. (Suggestion: Provide a copy of your resumé)
- Give your writers specific instructions on what to do when completed.
- Give a "thank you" to those who write your letters of recommendation.
- Keep copies of the letters for future use.

- Get letters sealed in an envelope with the writer's signature across the seal. These will look more professional and carry more weight to committees.

Junior Year Timeline

September - December (Fall Semester)

- Review graduation requirements & A+ eligibility
- Sign up to take the ACT
- Compile Activity Resumé - awards, clubs, teams, leadership roles, community service
- Research careers, colleges, and majors
- Talk with college representatives when at your school
- Attend a college fair
- Go on a college visit
- Keep attendance and GPA up
- Begin NCAA or NAIA process if necessary

January - May (Spring Semester)

- Continue to research colleges, majors, and careers
- Sign up to take the ACT
- Continue to compile Activity Resumé
- Continue to talk with college/career representatives
- Go on a college visit
- Keep attendance and GPA up
- Begin NCAA or NAIA process if necessary
- Set up a job shadow in career field of interest
- Start an organizational file on the various careers, colleges, admission requirements, etc.
- When registering for classes make choices related to your career field, college admission requirements, college preparatory courses

June - July (Summer Break)

- Narrow down college choices
- Register to take the ACT
- Go on a college visit
- Make a master plan and get ready for your senior year.
 - Finalize resume
 - Look at application deadlines
 - Begin looking at scholarships