

RHS

Senior Year

Information Packet

Requirements for Graduation from High School

Total Credits - 25

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| 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

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| 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

Seniors are allowed up to two college visits per semester. If students know they are going on a college visit they should inform the 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).

Early Graduation

Students wanting to graduate early must submit an application for early graduation. You must see your school counselor for a copy of the application.

Missouri Connections: ICAPs & 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".

ACT Test

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

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline | Estimated Score Release |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| July 16, 2022* | June 17, 2022 | June 24, 2022 | July 26-Sept 9, 2022 |
| September 10, 2022 | August 5, 2022 | August 19, 2022 | September 20-October 4, 2022 |
| October 22, 2022 | September 16, 2022 | September 30, 2022 | November 1-15, 2022 |
| December 10, 2022 | November 4, 2022 | November 11, 2022 | December 20, 2022-January 3, 2023 |
| February 11, 2023 | January 6, 2023 | January 20, 2023 | February 21-March 7, 2023 |
| April 15, 2023 | March 10, 2023 | March 24, 2023 | April 25-May 10, 2023 |
| June 10, 2023 | May 5, 2023 | May 19, 2023 | June 20-July 4, 2023 |
| July 15, 2023* | June 16, 2023 | June 23, 2023 | July 25-August 8, 2023 |

*The test is not available in New York for the July test dates.

Note: The dates provided in these charts are based on information released by the ACT and previous ACT test dates. In some cases, the information provided has not yet been confirmed by the ACT. Visit www.act.org for the most up-to-date published information.

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://play.mynaia.org/> to register for the NAIA Clearinghouse.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid - FAFSA

The FAFSA application is required for students to be considered for financial aid. You need to complete the FAFSA even if you think you will not qualify because colleges typically will not award their own need-based aid without a FAFSA report. The FAFSA form is **free** and it is used by most state agencies and colleges. The FAFSA form may be completed online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> starting in October of your senior year. You will have to fill this out every year you attend college.

College Deadline: Check with the college(s) you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline - whether it is the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA is processed.

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>. Unofficial transcripts may be requested anytime. The final transcripts cannot be sent until after graduation and all grades are final. At the end of the school year, your final transcript will be sent to your specified location.

College Dual Credit Transcripts: 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/>

Scholarships

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
- Contact the schools you are interested in attending and ask for information about their scholarships
- Apply for local scholarships
- Pay attention to deadlines
- Follow the instructions of the scholarship precisely
- Make sure you complete all parts of the application and have all the required documents
- Give people you are asking for letters of recommendation plenty of time to write them
- Have your essays proofed
- Submit a clean application
- 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!

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.

Senior Year Timeline

September

- Start the school year out strong to prepare for college and a career.
- Compile Activity Resumé - awards, clubs, teams, leadership roles, community service
- Request admission information from your top college choices - requirements, deadlines, etc.
- Talk with college representatives and think about a college visit
- Register for/take the ACT if need to take it again
- Begin NCAA or NAIA process if necessary
- Review A+ status
- Create your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov to get ready for the FAFSA
- Familiarize yourself with the scholarship website or scholarship search sites

October

- If you haven't done so apply to all colleges of interest
- Be aware of application and financial aid deadlines
- Start applying for scholarships
- Ask people (school staff, coaches, employers, etc) for letters of recommendation - Give them a copy of your resumé
- Talk with college representatives
- Work on and finalize essays
- **Complete the FAFSA**

November

- Finish applying to colleges of interest
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Continue to talk to your college representatives
- Register for the ACT again if needed
- Complete the FAFSA if not already completed

December

- Compare college programs and costs
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Make sure you have met application and financial aid deadlines

January

- Continue applying for scholarships
- Register for the ACT if needed
- Follow-up with NCAA/NAIA
- Complete FAFSA if previously not completed
- Review A+ status
- Make sure you have met application and financial aid deadlines

February

- Continue applying for scholarships
- If planning on entering employment, develop a resumé for applying
- Make sure you have met application and financial aid deadlines
- Review financial aid award letters

March

- Continue applying for scholarships
- Register for the ACT if needed
- If you haven't already done so, submit your FAFSA before April 1 to meet the final Access Missouri Grant deadline
- Be aware of college registration and housing deadlines
- Develop a plan to pay for college, by reviewing and comparing college financial aid packages

April

- Continue applying for scholarships
- Review, compare, sign, and return admissions and financial aid forms
- Make deposits if required
- If you know your college choice - notify the schools you will not be attending

May

- Continue applying for scholarships
- Complete information on where to send finalized high school transcripts
- Request college transcripts from the college if you took dual credit
- CONGRATULATIONS! You made it!



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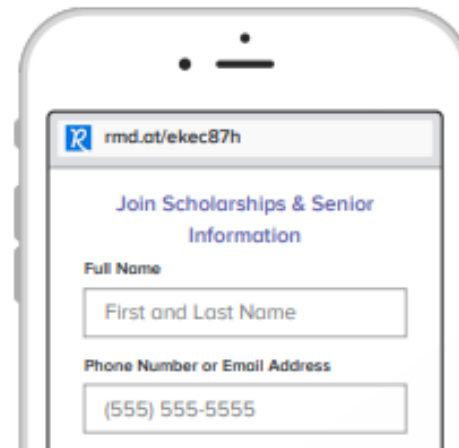
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