

WELCOME PARENTS CLASS OF 2019

RHS Curriculum Night
September 28, 2017

THE IMPORTANCE OF JUNIOR YEAR

- ▶ Classes and Grades
- ▶ Standardized tests
 - ▶ PSAT/SAT/ACT/AP
 - ▶ Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science
 - ▶ District accountability measure NOT required for graduation
 - ▶ Smarter Balanced ELA & Math (unless they've previously met standard)
- ▶ College Planning
- ▶ Portfolio Development





- ▶ Start developing an activities resume
Typically includes a record of students' accomplishments, activities, and work experience

If the student has not yet participated in any activities outside of class, now is the time!

Things to consider:

- ▶ School clubs
- ▶ Team sports
- ▶ Leadership roles
- ▶ Involvement in a religious or civic community group

Factors to consider?
What makes a good 'fit?'

College

*Is a match to be made
not a prize to be won*



- ▶ National College Fair @Washington State Convention Center
Friday, October 27 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday, October 28 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Register for Free www.nacacfairs.org/ncf

- ▶ Seattle Black College Fair @ Garfield High School Gym
Sunday, October 29 12:30 - 4 p.m.

Register at www.uncf.org/blackcollegefair.com

- ▶ Performing & Visual Arts College Fair @Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center
Sunday, October 15 1 p.m. - 3p.m.

Register for Free www.nacacfairs.org/pva

RHS College Visits

- ▶ Over 100 colleges are scheduled to visit RHS this Fall. Students are welcomed to attend any of the sessions.
- ▶ An updated list of scheduled visits is maintained on the RHS website counseling page

The visits offer students a great opportunity to get a feel for different colleges, meet college admissions officers, and identify what they do and don't want in a college.



Testing Considerations

- ▶ Most four-year colleges use test scores in their admission decisions
- ▶ Test scores are not the most important factor
- ▶ Most colleges publish average student test-score information
 - ▶ Think of these scores as a guide, not a cutoff. Most colleges admit students with a wide range of scores.
- ▶ Test scores may determine placement in college courses

KEY DIFFERENCES

SAT	ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed by testing professionals• More time per question• Emphasis on Algebra, word problems, and data analysis• No-calculator Math section• Provides formulas for the Math section• Total time• Khan Academy interfaces with students College Board accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed by teachers• Faster paced• Greater emphasis on Geometry• Tough science section• Allows calculator for all Math sections• Does not provide formulas for reference• Might not need subject tests due to subject differentiation

What's Next?



What? The PSAT will be offered on Wednesday, October 11th

Who? 10th and 11th graders at RHS

When? Begins at 9:00 AM

Where? At RHS

Why?

- ▶ To understand the structure, content, and process of taking the SAT
- ▶ Consideration for the National Merit Scholarship and other scholarship opportunities
- ▶ Receive free tools and resources with your score report
- ▶ Measures what a student has learned in high school
- ▶ Demonstrates what a student needs to be successful in college

What's Next?



SAT

- ▶ Offered to RHS 11th Graders on Wednesday, March 7, 2018
- ▶ Not required: If a student does not feel ready they can register for the SAT at another time
- ▶ May consider waiting if they have not yet taken Algebra 2

SAT Subject Tests

- ▶ Only encouraged by selective colleges
- ▶ Students taking AP courses might consider taking the subject tests in those areas
- ▶ Most common tests: Math, English, and an area of interest or strength
- ▶ Offered on weekends - visit www.collegeboard.org to learn more

Advanced Placement (AP)

- ▶ Will be taken at RHS during the first two weeks in May
- ▶ Potential to earn college credit - usually a score of three or higher

Resources

- ▶ Many private companies offer SAT/ACT prep at a wide range of costs
- ▶ Khan Academy: Offers practice tests, instant feedback, and more
- ▶ Collegeboard.org
- ▶ You can find links to resources on our RHS Counseling Website



Thank you!

