



# RMHS Sophomore

## College & Career Planning Calendar Checklist

### FALL

- Meet with your counselor to update your career and academic plan (usually in your Language Arts and/or Social Studies class). Take challenging classes and explore areas of interest.
- Register for and take the optional PSAT (practice SAT Test) at school in October (register at the fee window)
- Create a testing pathway that makes sense for your sophomore/junior years here at RMHS. ACT and/or SAT are necessary for admission to most colleges. ASVAB is necessary for the military.
  - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - <https://www.march2success.com/>
- Considering the military? Register for the ASVAB at school—test is usually October/November. Sign up in the College & Career Center.
- Attend College Fairs and Events. Go to website for more information.
- Start your search: don't forget colleges web sites.
  - Career Cruising quick link on the RMHS website
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - [www.knowhowtogo.com](http://www.knowhowtogo.com)
  - [www.ctcl.org](http://www.ctcl.org)
  - [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org)
- Start attending college fairs in your area (where the colleges come in and give information about their schools).
- Come to college visits in the College and Career Center.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities inside and outside of school.
- Study hard and do well in school. Remember, your grades will count toward college and will show up on your permanent record.
- Get to know your high school counselor (and the College Counselor) and let them get to know you and your goals, career aspirations, schools you are considering, etc.

### SPRING

- Attend RMHS College Planning Night at RMHS in January. Get information there about choosing colleges, test taking, financial aid, scholarships, military options, and much more!
- Thinking about playing sports in college? Check out NCAA eligibility requirements. Meet with your counselor to make sure you are on track. Attend the College Planning Night session with a representative from a college athletic department.
  - [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  - [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- Start a college savings account and regularly deposit into it (in addition to what your parents have for you).
- Check out the Front Range Community College Career Pathway programs where you can take courses in Automotive Technology & Service, Welding & Metal Fabrication, (programs subject to change) and the PSD Futures Lab options: Audio Production, Aviation, Business Incubator, Coding, Culinary and Hospitality, Design Thinking, Education, Multimedia and Graphic Design, Networking and Cybersecurity. Be sure to apply in February for the following school year.

- Talk to your friends about what they plan to do after college. Talk to your parents and your friends' parents about what they do.
- Learn about field trip opportunities for career exploration or colleges through RMHS.
- Explore options and apply for a summer job, taking a course in summer school, and/or an activity, camp, etc. that relates to your plans after high school.
- Consider visiting colleges when you travel/during school breaks.