

COLLEGE: How to Get There From Here



Tips for Juniors

We know you are ready for college... Here are some tips on how to get started during your Junior year.



TIP #1:
Start now.



Tip #2
**Take your SAT/ACT before the start
of your Senior Year.**



SAT test dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
MARCH 10, 2018 (No Subject Tests)	FEBRUARY 9, 2018
MAY 5, 2018 (Subject Tests Available)	APRIL 6, 2018
JUNE 2, 2018 (Subject Tests Available)	MAY 3, 2018

ACT test dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
APRIL 14, 2018	MARCH 9, 2018
JUNE 9, 2018 (NOT at RCHS)	MAY 4, 2018
JULY 14, 2018 (NOT at RCHS)	JUNE 15, 2018

* Fee Waivers Available!

How to Sign Up

Students sign up directly on the test company's website (not through the Counseling Office)

SAT: www.CollegeBoard.org

ACT: www.ACT.org



TIP #3:
Do your research!



When looking at colleges, consider the following:

Academics (Safety, Good Fits, Reach)

Graduation Rates (Retention)

Where are Graduates going?

Majors, other opportunities

Location, Size

Campus life

Academic Resources

Great Resources:

- BIG FUTURE (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>)
- COLLEGE SCORECARD (<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>)
 - CAPPEX (<https://www.cappex.com/>)
- RCHS COUNSELING (<http://rchscounseling.weebly.com/>)

VISIT COLLEGES!

- Pre-arranged absence form
 - Check college websites
- Set up your own visit (see admissions, alumni office, career services, financial aid, and departments your interested in)
 - Get a school newspaper
 - Talk to students, alumni

TIP #4:
**Don't rule out any options because you
think college is too expensive**



**Estimated Average GRANT aid for
4-year colleges in 2016-17:**

Public - \$4,700

Private - \$18,600

SALES price vs. STICKER price

TIP #5:
Talk to your School Counselor.



TIP #6:
Think about TALENT SEARCH, if you are eligible.



TIP #7:

Chat with Mr. Rapoza if you are thinking about playing sports in college - NCAA Clearinghouse.



TIP #8:
Traditional 4-Year College may not be your path.

