



Junior/Senior 2022

Guide To Post Secondary Planning

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Presentation Objectives

- Post Secondary Planning
 - Military
 - Trade & Technical Schools
 - School to Work
 - Community / Junior College
 - 4 year Colleges/Universities
- College and Career Fair
- Super Test Day Information
- College Application Process
- ACT Information
- A+ Information
- FAFSA - Financial Aid
- Transcript Request
- Senior Weebly / Naviance/ Scholarship Search
- Early Grad Information
- NCAA Information for College Athletes

Planning for your future will save you time and money!

MILITARY

- Get in contact with a recruiter
 - [Recruiter Contact Information](#)
 - Visit the Military Recruiters at local recruiting offices
- ASVAB
 - The Military Placement Exam
 - There is a wealth of information regarding the ASVAB on the internet
 - <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/joining-eligibility/asvab-test>
- Explore Your Options-Which is right for you?
 - Army - <https://www.army.mil/> ROTC info [HERE](#)
 - Marines - <https://www.marines.com/>
 - Navy - <https://www.navy.mil/> More info [HERE](#)
 - Air Force - <https://www.airforce.com/> More info [HERE](#)
 - National Guard - <https://www.moguard.ngb.mil/> More info [HERE](#)

WORKFORCE

School to Work

On the Job Training

- Local Options
 - Sioux Chief, QT, Arm & Hammer, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Honeywell, Peterson Manufacturing - All hire post high school
- Apprenticeships - A program that trains workers to become skilled in a particular trade. Apprenticeships combine hands on work and classroom learning. They are considered full time employment. Click the following links to learn more.
 - www.DOLETA.gov
 - www.GKCLTC.org
 - Training center located in Belton

TRADE & TECHNICAL

There are many high skilled high paying careers that require certification. Visit MCC Gold Collar Jobs to find out more! Here are a few to consider:

- Cosmetology
- Auto Tech, Diesel Mechanics, Machinists
- Surgical Tech, Occupational Therapist
- Dental Assistant, Phlebotomist
- Programming, Information Security Analyst,
- Many training options paid by employer
- <https://www.mcckc.edu/goldcollarjobs>

2 YEARS: COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Accepts A+ in Missouri
- Open Admission - no deadlines
- AccuPlacer or ACT scores accepted
- Degree and Certificate Programs
- Transfer Associate's Degree to 4 year university
- Metropolitan Community College/Longview

APPLICATION STEPS: <https://mcckc.edu/apply-now/>

4 YEARS: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- Most extensive admission requirements
- Bachelor's degree; BA, BFA, BS,
- Potentially most expensive option
- More clubs, activities, Greek opportunities, etc...
- Master's & Doctoral programs begin here

College Search Tools: <http://rpseniors.weebly.com/search-tools.html>

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

- RPHS will be hosting a college and career fair on September 22nd, 2021.
 - Seniors will begin at 9:15 am
 - Treat the event like an interview
 - Prepare questions to ask
 - <https://app.strivescan.com/students>
 - Make Use of the Day
 - Try to narrow your choices down to your top 3
 - What do you want to know?
 - Is the school known for a particular program?
 - Are students enrolled in the college admitted to their program?
 - Are there specialized program requirements once admitted?
 - What learning resources and career counseling are available for students on campus?

College Visits

- Visit the schools you are interested in to get a feel for what life is like on campus
 - Visit a class, meet a professor, eat in the dining hall, meet with someone in financial aid, etc.
- Juniors and Seniors are allowed 2 college visits per semester
 - Must have a 2.5 GPA
- Visit Mrs. Fish in the Senior Office to get a college visit form
- You are still responsible for any work missed in class the days you are gone
- You can also sign up to visit with Admission Reps when they are here at RayPec
 - Sign up through Naviance Student & we will send you a pass!

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

YOU Complete an application

- Most applications are online
- Most applications require a credit card to pay the application fee
- Determine if you qualify for an application fee waiver if you are F/R lunch

Common App vs Applying Directly to Institution

Know Your Dates

- Rolling Admissions
 - You can apply & be accepted on a “rolling” basis throughout the year
- Merit Scholarships
 - Merit scholarships are given automatically but have an application deadline that is before the college admission deadline
 - If you miss the deadline, you miss the money

MORE RESOURCES HERE: <http://rpseniors.weebly.com/college-planning-resources.html>

WHAT CAN THE ACT DO FOR YOU?

- Admission Selection

- Many colleges grant guaranteed admission on a sliding scale
 - (Check for Covid admission changes/exceptions)
 - UCM/NWMSU-21
 - Mizzou/KU/MSU-24
 - Truman State-26

- College Affordability

- Merit Scholarships partially based on ACT

- Course Placement

- Remediation Courses - higher scores to avoid remedial courses.
 - Remedial courses - full college tuition and no credit earned
- Courses for Degree Completion

- NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

- Core Course GPA + ACT score determine eligibility for sports
- *Make sure you list schools you want your scores sent to when you register for the test!*
 - *4 sent free each time you test*

SHOULD I COMPLETE THE A+ PROGRAM?

Yes!

- It's like an educational insurance policy in case life throws you a curveball
- Accessible for 4 years after HS graduation
- Some four year colleges grant an A+ Scholarship
- Even if you start at a University and change plans, you may still utilize A+ funds if you maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Why not? Think Covid! It changed many plans!
- If you are signed up for A+, your parent(s) get a status update at the end of every semester.
- Missouri A+ website. Check for the latest information.

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid Start applying after October 1st

- There are financial aid professionals available to help you and/or your parents fill out the FAFSA application.
- A FAFSA is a financial document that college bound students submit to be eligible for A+ money, student loans, grants, scholarships, etc...
- Don't let income, or lack of knowledge, keep you from reaching your dreams
- YOU need to create a FAFSA ID. DO NOT have your mom or dad create one for you. Fsaidth.gov to create your ID. Your parents need one too. This must be done BEFORE you complete the FAFSA!
- [Financial Aid estimator](#)
- [FSA ID](#) - STEP 1
- [FAFSA application](#) STEP 2

Naviance Student

<https://student.naviance.com/rpsh>

Available resources in Naviance:

- College Rep Visits

<http://rpseniors.weebly.com/college-rep-visits.html>

- Scholarship Listing

<http://rpseniors.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

- Some scholarships are available for only juniors (Ex: KC Scholars)

Naviance Student

<https://student.naviance.com/rpsh>

- Transcript Requests

<http://rpseniors.weebly.com/transcript-request-dual-credit--ap-information.html>

- You must submit a request for each school you want a transcript sent to.
- Request your Final Transcript once you know where you are going.

MAKE SURE TO REQUEST ALL DOCUMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS 2 WEEKS
PRIOR TO DEADLINES

...Additional Transcript Info

- Official transcripts are sent from the Senior Office. See instructions below:
<http://rpseniors.weebly.com/transcript-request-dual-credit--ap-information.html>
- Unofficial transcripts are for your personal use will *not* be accepted when applying to college.
- Official Dual Credit/AP transcripts must be requested from UCM/UMKC/MCC/MSU or the College Board
- Request your final RPHS transcript to be sent to your chosen school AGAIN after graduation & to NCAA/NAIA if you are an athlete
- ACT scores are typically only official if they come from ACT and you must be the one to request them. *(some colleges allow them to be attached to an official transcript. ASK your college!)*

Senior Information: Senior Transcript Review & Early Grad

Senior Transcript Review:

- Review transcript
- Plan for any missing graduation requirement(s)
 - Course requirements, required tests, etc.
- Any student is welcome to make an appointment with their counselor to discuss post-secondary plans

Early Graduation:

- Make an appointment with your counselor to see if you qualify
- **DUE October 1st, 2021 for School Board Approval**
- [Application Form](#)

NCAA

Are you interested in playing sports in college?

Please review the Handbook for eligibility

[NCAA Guide for College Bound Athletes](#)



Questions?

Please contact your counselor for additional questions.