

COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP PLANNING GUIDE

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Concentrate on taking honors or solid academic courses in Math, Science, Social Studies English, and Foreign Languages. The grade point average used for college selection and scholarships includes the ninth grade.
- Complete interest inventory, college, and career activities with your counselor using the Utah Futures program.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Take the Pre-ACT in November.
- Take the PSAT in October. (Note: this test is primarily for juniors; however, it is available for interested sophomores.)
- Sophomores may want to take advantage of colleges who visit the high school throughout the school year.
- Obtain the specific admissions requirements of out-of-state schools you may want to attend by obtaining profiles from the College Admissions Handbook.
- Participate in a group CCR throughout the school year.

JUNIOR YEAR

- Individual PCCR meeting with your counselor and parent in early spring.
- Take the optional Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) in October. Sign up is required.
- Attend the College tour in fall. Representatives from many colleges and universities are available to answer questions, provide applications, and discuss financial aid. Contact your school counselor for details.
- Take ACT prep course reviews offered after school courses. Check with your counselor for the availability of course offerings.
- Obtain information on possible college choices by using the Utah Futures program available in the school's career center.
- Take the ACT and SAT for the first time in either April or June of the junior year. In addition, you may need to take the SAT II: Subject Tests in June, after your courses are completed. (For admissions to selective, out-of-state schools.) All juniors will take the ACT in February paid for by the district.
- Research and request information of colleges that interest you.
- Consider scheduling college visits you are interested in attending.

SENIOR YEAR

- Individual PCCR meeting with you counselor and parent in fall.
- Retake the ACT and/or SAT for a high score, if necessary. Tests are administered in fall.
- Take any SAT II: Subject Tests the colleges to which you are applying may require. Attend presentations of college representatives who visit the high schools during October, November, and December.
- Attend Scholarship and Financial Aid Seminars held in the evenings in late October or early November.
- Complete the FAFSA. Online form available October 1st.
- Send for application forms, scholarship and financial aid packets from the colleges of your choice by September, October, or at the very latest, November.
- Participate in Utah College Application Week (UCAW).
- Check with RHS Scholarship Coordinator regularly for the scholarships and awards that are currently available.
- Provide teachers and counselors with the appropriate college recommendation forms with advance notice. **TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS MUST BE GIVEN A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS PREPARATION TIME TO COMPLETE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.**
- Complete all college applications and essays to meet admission deadlines.
- Make your final decision in May about your college choice if you have been accepted to more than one school. Notify colleges and your counselor of your decision.
- Make certain that you accept the scholarship and/or financial aid award from the college you decide to attend and decline all others so the funds can be made available to other students.

CONGRATULATIONS!