

A black and white photograph of a graduation ceremony. Numerous graduates in gowns are visible, with many of them throwing their mortarboards into the air. The caps are scattered across the upper half of the frame against a light sky. The graduates in the lower half have their arms raised in celebration.

POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

Redefining Ready

Students are **College Ready** if they meet either the academic indicators **OR** standardized testing benchmarks listed below.

Academic Indicators

GPA 2.8 out of 4.0 and **one** or more of the following academic indicators:

- ❑ Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- ❑ Advanced Placement Course (A, B or C)
- ❑ Dual Credit College English and/or Math (A, B or C)
- ❑ College Developmental/Remedial English and/or Math (A, B or C)
- ❑ Algebra II (A, B or C)
- ❑ International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)

Standardized Testing Benchmarks (minimum score)

- ❑ SAT Exam: Math (530) Reading and Writing (480)
- ❑ ACT Exam: English (18) Reading (22) Science (23) Math (22)
- ❑ College Readiness Placement Assessment (determined by post-secondary institution)

Additional Factors that Contribute to College Success

Earning As, Bs, Cs; FAFSA Completion; Enrollment in career pathway course sequence; College Academic Advising; Participation in College Bound Bridge Programs; Senior year math class; Completion of a math class after Algebra II

Harper Promise

- Deadline to apply was December 15 of freshman year
- Meet requirements each year:
 - Attendance
 - Rigor
 - Persistence
 - Document/submit community service
- More information:
 - RMHS College Resources webpage
 - Harper Promise webpage

What Colleges Look For



- High School Courses
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities

High School Courses: Recommended Curriculum

- 4 Years of English
- 4 Years of Math
- 3-4 Years of Science
- 3-4 Years of Social Science
- 2-4 Years of World Language
- 1 Year of Art, Technology or other Academic Courses

Honors & AP & Dual Credit

- Rigor
- Transfer Credits

Grade Point Average

Non-Weighted	Weighted: Honors	Weighted: AP
A = 4	A = 4.5	A = 5
B = 3	B = 3.5	B = 4
C = 2	C = 2.5	C = 3
D = 1	D = 1.5	D = 2

Improve your grades:

- Take notes
- Participate in class
- Keep up with assignments
- Develop good study habits
- Ask for help when needed

Test Scores

Required Tests:

- 8th Grade: PSAT 8/9
- 9th Grade: PSAT 8/9
- 10th Grade: PSAT 10
- 11th Grade: SAT

Optional Tests:

- PSAT/NMSQT (October of Junior Year)
- Additional ACT or SAT
- AP Exams
- SAT Subject Tests
 - Most students DO NOT have to take these
 - 85 selective schools require subject tests (look online)

Test Prep Available through Assessment Center & Khan Academy

Extracurricular Activities

- School & Community Activities
 - Clubs/Sports/Activities
 - Internships
 - Community Service
- College Enrichment Programs
- Part-time employment
- Interesting Travel
- Quality over quantity (Leadership!)
- Optional tracking: Naviance Resume

College & Career Exploration

Career Exploration:

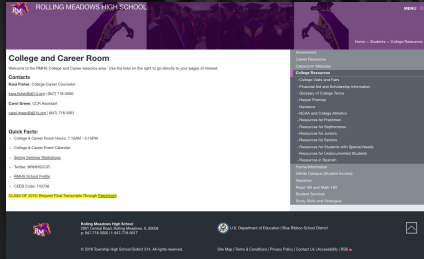
- Interest Inventories
- D214 Career Nights
- Trades Fair
- Internships
- Career Treks
- Elective Courses
- Career Advisor: Kathy Schmidt

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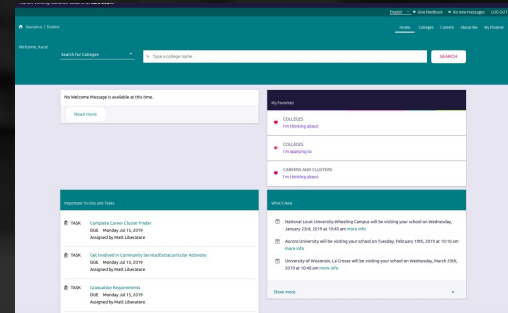
- Ask Family/friends
- College Visits
- Admissions Rep Visits
- D214 Events
 - Career Nights
 - Student Athlete Night
 - Ask The College Night

Resources

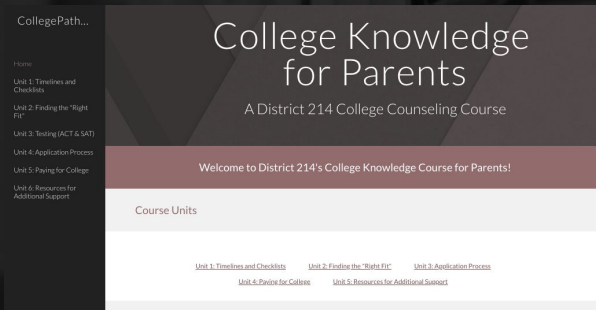
- Website



- Naviance



- Parent Course



What Can I Do Right Now?

- Work hard to get good grades
- Take the most challenging courses that are manageable for YOU
- Pursue your interests
- Start college exploration & conversations

Future Programming & Support

Junior Year

- Counseling Core Curriculum
 - College Searches, Narrow Down List
- College/Career Events
- College Admissions Rep Visits

Senior Year

- Counseling Core Curriculum
 - College Application Process
 - Financial Aid & Scholarships
- College/Career Events
- College Admissions Rep Visits



QUESTIONS?
