

Welcome!
College Planning Night
Rosemount High School

APRIL 4, 2019





How do I decide where I want to go to college?



Types of Colleges

Public vs. Private vs. For-Profit

Four year vs. Two year

Liberal Arts vs. University

Community College vs. Technical or Career College

Colleges with Special Focus

- Arts colleges-art, dance, theater, fashion design

- Single Gender colleges – St. Catherine’s , Ben’s, John’s

- Religiously affiliated colleges – may be historic or current

- Specialized-mission colleges – HBCU and HIS

College Admissions categories



Open – 2-year Community or Technical Colleges (e.g. Inver Hills, Normandale, DCTC)

Traditional– Some state and private colleges like Bemidji State, St. Cloud State, U of M Crookston, Augsburg College

Selective – Some state and private colleges like U of M-Duluth, St. Ben/ St. John, UW-Eau Claire,

Highly Selective– U of M-Twin Cities, Carleton, St. Olaf, UW-Madison, Macalester, Service Academies, Ivies



The College Search

Some students want to find the perfect college. The truth is, there's no such thing. You can find many colleges at which you'll be happy and get a great education.

Narrow down the possibilities into a manageable list.



The College Search, cont.

Decide What You Want in a College

Size

Location

Distance from home

Available majors and classes

Housing options

Makeup of the student body

Available extracurricular activities

Campus atmosphere

Which aspects are a “must-have” at a college? Where can you be flexible?



The College Search, Con't.

Do Your Homework

Talk to your school counselor or teachers

Check out colleges' student blogs,
Facebook, if available

Visit college admission officials at RHS

******Visit college campuses, if possible

Where do RHS Students apply?

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Minnesota State University, Mankato

University of Minnesota, Duluth Inver Hills Community College

Winona State University University of St. Thomas

University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire Iowa State University

University of Wisconsin, Madison North Dakota State University

University of North Dakota St. Cloud State University

Gustavus Adolphus College Dakota County Technical College

University of Wisconsin, La Crosse Normandale Community College

University of Wisconsin, River Falls Hamline University

St. Olaf College Bemidji State University

Cost Savings

1. Reciprocity with SD, ND and Wisconsin public colleges (MN students pay roughly the same as in-state tuition).
2. MSE – Tuition and a half in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, others
3. Consider Community College for 1 – 2 years

College Fairs



- **Colleges that Change Lives**
August 17 10 a.m. Hyatt Regency MPLS
www.ctcl.org
- **Minnesota Performing and Visual Arts Fair**: MN Inst of Art Tuesday, October 1
7 - 9 p.m.
- **National College Fair** Minneapolis
Convention Center Oct. 2-3

Attend College Events – see postings on Naviance



MN Private College Week: June 24 - 28

www.mnprivatecolleges.org/mpcw

WI Private College Week: July 8 – 13

<http://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/private-college-week>

University of MN Twin Cities – visit

www.admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit

University of MN Duluth – visit www.d.unm.edu/visit

State Colleges in MN – visit

www.mnstate.edu/admissions/campusvisits

UW Madison – visit www.admissions.wisc.edu/visitbucky/events

RHS College BootCamp – August

University of Minnesota/ State University Minimum Entrance Requirements – always check with the college if you have questions!



4 years of English

3-4 years of mathematics (algebra, geometry
and advanced algebra) 4 years at UM campuses

2 consecutive years of a single second
language (much variation by college)

3 years of science

3 years of social studies

1 year of visual/performing arts

College Entrance Exams



Required for admission to most four year colleges

Usually taken in spring of Jr year (fall of Sr year)

Colleges will accept either ACT or SAT test

Register online: ACT= www.actstudent.org

SAT=www.collegeboard.org

Fee waivers for students who meet free/reduced lunch criteria, see counselor

Test results can be sent to 4 colleges/NCAA for the price of registration and most colleges require official scores to be sent directly from ACT/SAT

RHS juniors took a paid ACT+Writing on April 2

ACT and SAT COMPARISON



ACT

More commonly used by colleges in the Midwest

Final spring testing date is June 8, 2019. Registration deadline is May 3.

4 parts: English, math, science and reading, & optional writing

\$46 ACT only

\$62.50 ACT Plus Writing

SAT

More commonly used by east/west coast colleges

Final spring testing dates are May 4 & June 1, 2019

3 parts: 2 Verbal, 2 math reasoning and optional Essay

\$47,50 SAT only

\$64.50 SAT + Essay

SAT Subject Tests



Required by some highly selective colleges in addition to the SAT or ACT

Subject tests -- 5 general subject areas (Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language)

Measures knowledge and skills in a particular subject, take immediately after completing the class for best success

Consult individual colleges about which subject tests they require or prefer and how many you need to take

How can I prepare for the ACT or SAT?



Work hard in your academic classes!

RHS ACT Prep Course- offered after school various times throughout the year (see RHS Counseling website)

Free Online ACT Practice – Naviance Test Prep, Schoology group, www.number2.com, ACT/SAT web sites

Practice books

Optional PSAT in 10th, 11th grade (practice SAT)

Pre-ACT in 10th grade

Help for Under-Represented Students



Under-represented students - EL students, first-generation college students (neither parent completed a bachelors degree), or students with financial hardships may qualify for college student-success programs.

Examples include:

- AVID – high school program
- TRIO/Student Support Services at most state and some private colleges, UW Eau Claire, etc.
- For a full list of MN colleges with the Trio program, visit www.mntrio.org

What will my college major be?



Choosing your major is a big decision that influences your career path and may influence which college is the best fit for you.

It is helpful to have career “clusters” in mind (e.g. engineering, education, business, etc) explored in Counseling Presentations using Naviance, Career Cruising, ACT Interest Inventory

Many students are still undecided when entering college and many change their minds during college!

Job shadow this summer!

When should I meet with my counselor?



You are always welcome to make an appointment with your counselor.

***Class of 2020 Juniors met with their counselor last month regarding future planning

Class of 2020 seniors will meet with their counselor the first week of school for group senior meetings***

+graduation

+college application process

Potential NCAA DI or DII athletes need to register on the NCAA Clearinghouse website and meet with counselor

RHS College Boot Camp



Unique 2 ½ day college counseling summer experience in August

Intended for students who will be seniors

Admissions Reps from across the state present

Topics include essay writing, application completion, Common Application, Financial Aid, deadlines, using technology, etc.

College Boot Camp is affordable (\$40) and intended for students

Register in Naviance

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CAMP**

I decided where I want to apply...Now what?



Students should apply in the Fall of their senior year. Pay attention to deadlines – Early Decision/Early Action at highly selective colleges? 3 step process: for most applications

1. Complete college application online
2. ACT/SAT scores – send test scores directly through website
3. Send transcript - Enter college(s) on Naviance Student and submit RHS Transcript request form **after** the start of the school year

- Common Application is used by small group of highly selective colleges-go to www.commonapp.org

***Few colleges require teacher and/or counselor letters of recommendation. Check college websites.