



CLASS OF 2024 TOOLKIT

ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL, MN



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POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS



FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

Options for 4-year colleges and universities are many, including both public and private schools. These types of schools offer bachelor's degrees, which are usually completed in four years of full-time study.

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE

The most common types of 2-year colleges are community colleges. Typically a 2-year college is less expensive than a 4-year college. Diplomas, certificates and degrees are offered and many students will begin at a 2-year college to complete their general requirements and then transfer to a 4-year university to pursue a bachelor's degree.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Most technical colleges offer certificates, diplomas and associate degrees in many fields. Your typical length at a technical college is between 6 months and 2 years, and will depend on your program choice. The programs and degrees offered at a technical college are very specific and great options for those students who want to enter the workforce quickly.

MILITARY

The military offers many educational opportunities for students in return for their service to their country. The military is the armed forces responsible for securing and defending our country. The Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard are examples of the branches in the US military.

EMPLOYMENT

Students may choose to go directly into the workforce after high school graduation. If you know you would like to pursue a career that requires no further education, or have been offered a job within a company that will provide you the training you need, this may be an option for you.

GAP YEAR

A gap year is a period of time, usually an academic or calendar year, in which a student takes a break from school to travel, work, or volunteer, typically after finishing high school and before starting college. When choosing to do a gap year, students should consider what they would be doing to advance or enrich themselves both personally and professionally.

GLOSSARY



REGULAR DECISION - The college application process that requires application materials to be submitted no later than the specified deadline date on the application form, usually around January 1. Students typically receive responses in March of their senior year.

ROLLING ADMISSION - The admission plan in which a completed application is reviewed as soon as it is received. Students are admitted on a continual basis.

OPEN ADMISSION - An admission policy that accepts students without regard to the criteria of grade point average and test scores.

EARLY ACTION - Students can apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA to other institutions.

EARLY DECISION - Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications.

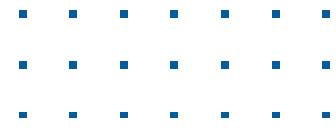
COMMON APPLICATION - An application platform (www.commonapp.org) where applicants can apply to multiple colleges at one time. It may be nice to fill out your general information one time, but many universities also require additional supplemental information to their application.



RECIPROCITY - Minnesota has agreements with neighboring states to provide lower tuition for Minnesota residents to attend public colleges and universities in those states. Typically, non-resident admission fees and tuition are reduced (or eliminated) if you're a reciprocity student. Minnesota has reciprocity agreements with Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. It also has an agreement with the Canadian province of Manitoba, and with Iowa Lakes Community College in NW Iowa.

MCIS - Minnesota Career Information System is a web based tool for students to research careers and colleges. ISD 728 students also have access to free test preparation tools through this platform. Students can access MCIS through Rapid Identity.

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE



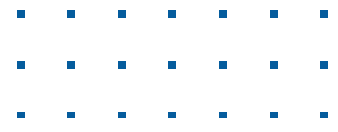
SUMMER 2023

- Consider a **Job Shadow** / **Informational Interview** relevant to your career interests
- Explore your interests through a **camp or course**
- Gain experience through a job, internship or volunteering
- Spend time doing a **College Search** & set up some **College Visits**

FALL

- Create Parchment account to request your official RHS transcript
www.isd728.org/domain/1431
- Apply to **NCAA Eligibility Center** if you intend to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman in college
- Optional: retake the ACT (*offered at RHS on Sept. 9, register at **act.org** by Aug. 4)*)
- Attend the College Fair @ RHS on September 28, 2023
- FAFSA opens October 1, 2023 **fafsa.gov**
- Meet with counselor to discuss future plans and plans
- Attend College Visits @ RHS - info posted on Schoology & RHS website.
- Visit college campuses when possible (*MEA break*)
- Begin working on college applications (*many MN colleges waive the application fee in October!*)
- If a letter of recommendation is required - share **Brag Sheet** with teachers, counselors, employers
- Organize application materials, noting admission, financial aid, and housing deadlines
- **Apply for Scholarships** - watch for priority application deadlines for college scholarship opportunities

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE



WINTER

- Complete RHS Local Scholarship Application (*Opens Feb 21 → due March 13 @ 12pm NOON*)
- Watch your mail (or email) for notifications/updates from colleges
- Send mid-year transcript (via Parchment) if requested
- Keep your grades up!

SPRING

- Apply NOW for admission to a college if you have not done so. Don't wait!
- Continue to watch your mail (or email) for notifications/updates from colleges
- Compare financial aid packages
- Complete enrollment/housing paperwork for the college you plan to attend
- Prepare for any final exams (AP tests may earn you college credit!)
- Make your final college decision if you haven't already done so by May 1
- Finish your senior year strong!
- Attend Rogers High School Graduation Ceremony - June 5, 2024

SUMMER 2024

- Make sure your final transcript is sent to the college (via Parchment)
- Plan to attend summer orientation meetings offered at the college
- Consider job shadowing or internship relevant to your career interest.
- Get ready! An exciting college experience awaits!

NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in playing Division I or II athletics at the college level should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center web3.ncaa.org

DIVISION I 16 core-course credits		DIVISION II 16 core-course credits	
4 years	ENGLISH	3 years	ENGLISH
3 years	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	2 years	MATH (Algebra I or higher)
2 years	SCIENCE (including one year of lab)	2 years	SCIENCE (including one year of lab)
1 year	Additional ENGLISH, MATH, or SCIENCE	3 years	Additional ENGLISH, MATH, or SCIENCE
2 years	SOCIAL SCIENCE	2 years	SOCIAL SCIENCE
4 years	Additional Courses (any area listed above or world language)	4 years	Additional Courses (any area listed above or world language)
GPA	2.3 GPA in NCAA approved core-courses	GPA	2.2 GPA in NCAA approved core-courses

ACT TEST

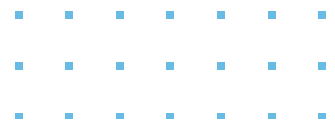
The ACT is multiple-choice, pencil-paper test used by many colleges and universities to make admission decisions. If you would like to take/retake the ACT, you can register directly at act.org. Fee waivers are available for students who qualify.

ACT Registration Fees

- \$60 (ACT - no writing)
- \$85 (ACT - with writing)
- \$25 Test option change
- \$36 Late registration fee

ACT Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration (Late Fee)
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21

COLLEGE EXPLORATION WORKSHEET



COLLEGE NAME / VISIT DATE			
LOCATION City, Rural/Urban Distance from home			
SIZE Enrollment Physical size of campus			
ENVIRONMENT Type of school Co-Ed, male/female Religious affiliation			
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS Application Deadline Average Test Scores REACH/TARGET/LIKELY			
ACADEMICS Your major offered Special requirements Accreditation Student/Faculty ratio Average class size			
COLLEGE EXPENSES Tuition, room & board Estimated total budget Application fee, deposits			
FINANCIAL AID Deadline % receiving Aid Scholarships			
HOUSING Residence hall options Meal plan			
FACILITIES Academic Recreational			
ACTIVITIES Clubs, organizations Greek life Athletics, intramurals			

CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

Look at Equipment and School Facilities

- Are the facilities and equipment up to date and operating?
- Is the library good for studying and research?
- What kind of activities and amenities are available at the student union and recreational facilities?

Check out Student Housing

- How large are the dorm rooms? What types of furniture are provided/allowed? Are the dorm rooms quiet enough for studying?
- What is the cafeteria food like? Eat a meal - some schools may provide you with a free meal ticket.
- What are the housing requirements and parking rules?

Talk with an Admissions Counselor

- Has the institution and its programs been accredited by a recognized accrediting association?
- What are the admissions requirements for the college or for a specific program?
- What are the most important deadlines for admission?
- Can credits be transferred from other colleges?
- What percentage of first-year students return the following year?
- What percentage of graduates are employed within one year?

Explore the Campus and Surrounding Area

- What types of extracurricular activities are available?
- Attend a game, concert, or some other event on campus.
- Explore the neighborhood or city surrounding the campus.

Sit In on a Class or Two

- Are the students participating in classroom activities?
- What kind of work are the students doing?
- How large/small are the classes?

Talk with Current Students in the Program

- How long have they been in school?
- Are they learning what they need to know to get a job?
- What is their opinion of the instructors?
- Are instructors available outside of class?
- How much time is needed for studying and work outside class?
- What do they like most/least about the school/program?
- How do they spend their free time?

Talk with the Instructors in the Program

- What are the academic requirements for the program?
- What kinds of courses are offered?
- How many students are in the program? How many are accepted into the program each year?
- How long does it take most students to complete the program?
- How long have they taught at the school? Do they teach full-time or part-time?
- What background do they have in the field? How does it relate to the courses they teach?
- What types of activities are they involved in that relate to the field of study?

Talk with a Financial Aid Counselor

- How much does it cost to attend the college (including tuition, room and board, fees, etc.)?
- What financial aid options are available?
- What percentage of undergraduates receive aid? How much do they receive on average?
- Does the college offer scholarships? Who is most likely to receive them? How do you apply?
- Will private/non-governmental scholarships reduce the amount of need-based aid you receive?
- How is financial aid paid out? When will you receive it?

RESOURCES



START HERE:

- **RHS College & Career Website** www.isd728.org/domain/1746
- **MCIS - Minnesota Career Information System** (login through Rapid Identity)
 - Career Assessments
 - Research Career Fields, Programs of Study & Post-Secondary Options

4-YEAR COLLEGE SEARCH:

- **SCOIR** (sign-up for FREE) app.scoir.com/signup
 - College Match Quiz
 - Discover Careers
- **Look at College Websites** (Google College Name)
 - Admission steps + requirements
 - Look up specific majors course requirements
- **Minnesota State Colleges/Universities** minnstate.edu
- **University of Minnesota System** www.umn.edu
- **MN Private Colleges** www.mnprivatecolleges.org
- **BigFuture** - Create your College List bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
- **College Scorecard** - US Dept of Education collegescorecard.ed.gov
- **Corsava** - Discover What Matters Most to You corsava.com/for-students
- **College Data** - Estimate Your Admission Chances www.collegedata.com



2-YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TECHNICAL COLLEGE & TRADE SCHOOLS:

- **Minnesota State Colleges/Universities** minnstate.edu
- **Construction Careers** constructioncareers.org

CAREER INFO & OTHER OPTIONS:

- **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics** www.bls.gov
- **Career One Stop** www.careeronestop.org
- **Military Service** todaysmilitary.com/ways-to-serve/service-branches

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **FAFSA** fafsa.gov
- **How Financial Aid Works** studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid/how-aid-works
- **RHS Scholarship Resources** www.isd728.org/Page/5353