

# Ravenwood High School

## How to Navigate the Freshman and Sophomore Years



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# School Counseling Team



Ms. Elizabeth Askins: Al - Cl  
Mrs. Ashley Trent-Stone: Co - Gs  
Ms. Yvette Jones: Gu - Ku  
Ms. Rebekah Lester: La - No  
Mrs. Debbie Frost: Nu - Sha  
Mrs. Lisa Grijalva: She - Z  
Mrs. Tonya Polite  
Mrs. Suzy St. Clair  
Mrs. Patricia Britt  
Mrs. Nancy Mc Ginnity

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# STARS Counselors

Mrs. Savannah Hessling - STARS Counselor

Mrs. Samantha Brinkley - STARS Therapist

Assist students to overcome social and emotional barriers that can prevent them from being successful at school.

**stress, anxiety, depression, academic struggles, peer conflict, and substance abuse issues**

# Role Of The School Counselor

- Academic Planning
- College/Future Planning
- Relational Help (family, friends, teachers, etc.)
- Conflict Resolution
- Providing short-term counseling services
- Connection to resources
- Advocate for students



# Academic Information

Letter Grade:	Numeric Grade Value:		Regular Points:	Weighted Honors Points:	Weighted AP Points:
A	90-100		4.0	4.5	5.0
B	80-89		3.0	3.5	4.0
C	70-79		2.0	2.5	3.0
D	60-69		1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0-59		0	0	0

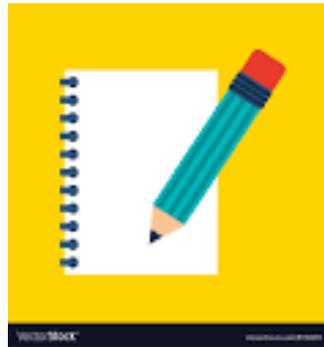
▶ Grading Scale

▶ Semester System

# Ways to Recover Credit

- ▶ Credit Recovery

- ▶ APEX



# Graduation Requirements

- ▶ English 4 credits
- ▶ Math 4 credits
- ▶ Science 3 credits
- ▶ Social Studies 3 credits
- ▶ Personal Finance .5 credit
- ▶ Lifetime Wellness 1.0 credits
- ▶ Physical Education .5 credits
- ▶ Foreign Language 2 credits
- ▶ Fine Arts 1 credit
- ▶ Elective Focus 3 credits
- ▶ Total Required Credits 22



# Academic Resource

- ▶ Math Lab- Visit with Mrs. Dixon during their Study Hall and homeroom periods.
- ▶ Peer Tutoring- Get help during 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> periods (Monday through Thursday) in room H115. Friday tutoring is by request only.
- ▶ Walk-In Wednesdays- Come to the counseling office to work on organization/time management skills, talk to counselor, work on completing missing assignments, or receive tutoring in math.

# Attendance Policy

- ▶ Importance of Attendance
  - ▶ Daily
  - ▶ Special Event Days
- ▶ Communication of Absences
  - ▶ Parent → School
  - ▶ School → Parent
- ▶ Tardy Policy

# Communication

## Skyward - Family/Student Access

- ▶ Progress Monitoring
- ▶ Progress Reports/Report cards online

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Schoology

## Homeroom/Study Hall periods

## Communication Chain:

1. Teacher
2. Counselor/Administrator

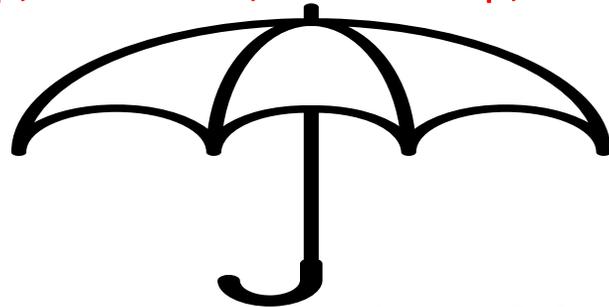
The best way to enjoy high school and be successful is by **GETTING INVOLVED!**

- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Clubs
- ▶ Band
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Theatre
- ▶ Chorus
- ▶ JROTC
- ▶ Honor Societies
- ▶ Student Council



# National Honor Society

Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service



Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026 members of the National Honor Society must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Beginning with the Class of 2027, members must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher.

English Honor Society

Latin Honor Society

National Art Honor Society

Science National Honor Society

Tri M Music Honor Society

French Honor Society

Mu Alpha Theta (Math)

Rho Kappa

Spanish National Honor Society

National Technical Honor Society

# Club Fair

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**Wednesday, September 13th**

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**Where: RHS Commons**

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**Time: 11am - 1pm (during lunch)**



# Honors Diplomas

- ▶ Ravenwood High School Diploma
- ▶ Williamson County School Honors Diploma
- ▶ Tennessee Honors Diploma

# Ravenwood High School Honors Diploma

- ▶ 4 years of science
- ▶ 3 years of the same foreign language sequence (when offered; example ASL, Chinese).
- ▶ the student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher,
- ▶ a minimum of five Advanced Placement courses
- ▶ all honors courses must be taken when offered.

# Williamson County Honors Diploma

- ▶ 4 credits of Science
- ▶ 14 credits must be Honors or AP classes (all middle school math or foreign language credit classes count as Honors).
- ▶ 3.75 GPA

# Tennessee Honors Diploma

## Meet ALL ACT Benchmarks

- ▶ English - 18
- ▶ Math - 22
- ▶ Science - 23
- ▶ Reading - 22



# Distinctions

**TN Diploma with Distinction**

**Work Ethic Distinction**



# Tennessee Diploma with Distinction

Cumulative GPA = B or higher and attain ONE of the following:

- ▶ Earn a nationally recognized industry certification
- ▶ Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools.
- ▶ Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist.
- ▶ Attain a 31 or higher composite score on the ACT.
- ▶ Attain a 3 or higher on at least 2 AP exams.
- ▶ Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit
- ▶ Earn statewide recognition or award at a skill or knowledge-based state tournament, convention, or competition hosted by a statewide student organization and/or qualify for national recognition by a national student organization.

# Work Ethic Distinction

Students who earn a minimum of 20 points out of a possible 40 points on the industry developed employability standards as well as a regular high school diploma shall be recognized in the graduation program.

Work Ethic Distinction Process:

1. Student turns in application packet 100% completed to CTE teacher.
2. CTE teacher verifies all pieces are there and accurate.
3. CTE Department Chair adds the name to the master list and awards distinction.
4. Counselor checks the master list and awards the distinction.

NON-CTE student applications will go to counselors to be processed. The students are responsible for obtaining ALL artifacts from the application packet.

# Volunteerism Distinction



Ten hours of  
community service  
each semester  
since the start of  
your freshman  
year.

# Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships

## Hope Scholarship - (21 ACT/SAT or 3.0 GPA)

- ▶ Complete the FAFSA by senior year
- ▶ Award Amount Fresh/Soph year - \$2,250/semester
- ▶ Junior/Senior year - \$2,850/semester

## TN Promise - (TN Resident/US citizen/eligible non-citizen, students who graduate from an eligible high school)

- ▶ Apply by senior year
- ▶ Complete FAFSA by senior year
- ▶ Attend mandatory meeting
- ▶ Complete and submit 8 hours of community service

# Counseling Website

<https://sites.google.com/myplace.wcs.edu/rhscounselors/home>



# National Collegiate Athletic Association

- ▶ Student athletes who are considering playing sports in college must be sure to make proper course selections to meet NCAA requirements.
- ▶ 16 core courses are required for both Division I and Division II schools.
- ▶ Go to [NCAA Clearinghouse.org](http://NCAAClearinghouse.org) for details.
- ▶ Student should register with the clearinghouse during the junior year.
- ▶ Complete Athletic/Parent permission form Release of School Transcript in the Registrar's office.

# Important Dates

- ▶ College Fair - Tuesday, Sept. 12th
- ▶ Club Fair - Wednesday, Sept. 13th
- ▶ YouScience: October 3rd
- ▶ End of First Quarter: Oct. 4th
- ▶ Parent-Teacher Conferences: Oct. 10th
- ▶ College/Career Night: Oct. 19th
- ▶ PSAT - Tuesday, Oct. 24th
- ▶ Late Start Days: 8:25 am
- ▶ End of First Semester: December 15th



# Leadership Programs

A few examples...

Student Council

Freshman Mentor Program

General Assembly Mentoring Program

Leadership Brentwood

Leadership Franklin

Student Council

# Late Start Dates

## ▶ First Semester:

- ▶ Sept. 11
- ▶ Sept. 18
- ▶ Sept. 25
- ▶ October 2
- ▶ October 16
- ▶ October 30
- ▶ November 7
- ▶ November 13
- ▶ November 27

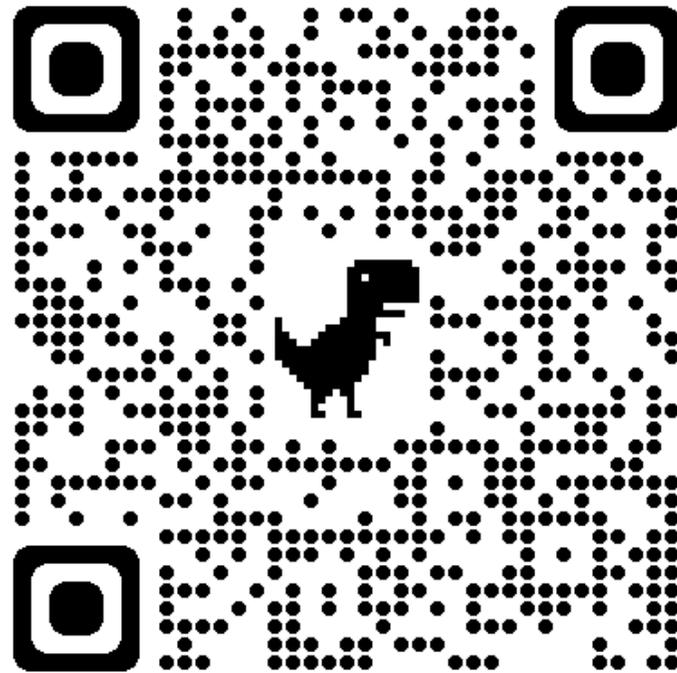
## Second Semester:

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| January 8   | March 25 |
| January 16  | April 1  |
| January 22  | April 8  |
| January 29  | April 15 |
| February 5  |          |
| February 12 |          |
| February 26 |          |
| March 4     |          |
| March 18    |          |

# Keys To Success

- ▶ **Develop good study habits**
- ▶ **Attendance - Be present and participate**
- ▶ **Complete and submit homework assignments**
- ▶ **Get involved**
- ▶ **Communicate with your teachers, counselors, and assistant principals**
- ▶ **Always give 100% effort**

# Questions



Thank you for coming

