SOPHOMORE YEAR
IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

SOPHOMORE REVIEW: Meet with your counselor to discuss credits, testing and future plans. Taking challenging, college-prep classes are essential for preparing yourself for the academic rigor of a university/college. If you are planning on attending a community college, joining the military or entering the work force immediately after graduation from high school, now is the time to evaluate your interests, skills, and explore options to increase your knowledge and skills in the areas of interest.

STANDARD, ADVANCED, or HONORS DIPLOMA: Evaluate which diploma you are working toward. The Advanced Diploma is what all students will automatically slotted for, however, this can change according to student's achievements and desire. The Standard Diploma requires 23 credits; the Advanced Diploma requires 24 credits, four years of math, three years of science, and a 3.25 weighted GPA; the Honors Diploma requires 24 credits (eight credits need to be honors classes), four years of math, three years of a science, two years of a foreign language (the same language), 3.4 weighted GPA, and no failures the last two years of school.

CREDITS: In the event of a failed class, it is recommended that students make **up** any credits immediately after the deficiency occurs. Options for making up credits include summer school, Edgenuity (on line course but done in a class) in day schedule following semester, BYU Credit Recovery Correspondence Courses (fees apply), or Work Experience. **If you are currently having difficulty in your classes,** you should 1) talk with your teacher; 2) use Infinite Campus and Canvas to determine which areas you need to improve; 3) talk to your counselor for additional support.

THE FEROAH COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER: RHS has a comprehensive career and college center (CCC AKA "The Cube"). Mrs. Palzkill ("Ms. Tasha") can help you to research schools, complete interest inventories, and learn about the various options after you graduate from high school. Take advantage of this wonderful resource!

WHAT DO TOP-RANKED COLLEGES LOOK FOR IN A POTENTIAL STUDENT? Colleges look for well-rounded students. Some of the areas they look at are high school classes taken (difficulty of classes), grades (especially in college-prep classes), test scores, school involvement, leadership skills, and community service involvement. Make sure you are balancing your academic, social, community, and personal life!

- Search and review college websites and preview requirements
- Schedule a campus visit(s)
- Develop a "per sonal resume" of your activities, community service/volunteer work, and interests

PSAT: In October, Sophomores have the opportunity to take the PSAT free of charge (student/parent needs to initiate signing up with bookkeeper). This test will help you to get an idea of what to expect on the SAT and, when taken as a junior, is a "qualifier" for the National Merit Scholarship program. When you get your results, you will have **free access** to personalized SAT practice through the KHAN Academy as well as career, college, and major information through their Big Future program. If you did not take it this year, you will have another opportunity to take it next year as a Junior in October!

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS: The **SAT or ACT** are considered "Optional" for admission for any four year college/university, however, many are still using test scores for Math and English placement and merit based scholarships. It is recommended you take both the SAT and ACT in the **spring of your junior year** but it is never too early to start prepping for the exam. If you are interested in learning more

about these exams, visit the SAT website (**www.co llegeboard.com**) or ACT website (**www. actstudent. org**).

- **College Board** has partnered up with the Khan Academy for test prep
- **Test Prep seminar/webinars available at WCSD schools through Tutors Across America**
  - https://tutorsacrossamerica.com/ACTcourse/

COLLEGE AND CAREER READY: All Juniors will take the ACT in February of their Junior year as a graduation requirement. Students can also send scores from this test to a college or University even though it is a state test and given during the week at RH S. Additional ACT or SAT exams will require separate registration for national test dates through the perspective websites.

HELPFUL INTERNET ADDRESSES:

Reno High School	**https://www.washoeschools.net /renohs**
Extended Studies Off ice	**https:/ /www. washoeschools.net *I*domain/78**
UNR/UNLV	**www.unr.edu *I* www.univ. edu**
UNR GPA Calculator	https:/ / www. unr .e du/ admissions/records/registration/gpa-calculator
TMCC	**www.tmcc. edu**
UC Pathways (information on UC schools)	**www.universityofcalifornia.edu**
Millennium Scholarship	https://www.nevadatreasurer .gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/
Division I athletic eligibility	**https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/**
Military Careers Online	**www.militarycareers.com**
US Coast Guard	**www.uscg.mil**
US Army	**www.goarmy.com**
US Marine Corps	**www.usmc.mil**
US Naval Academy	**https:/ /www.usna.edu/homepage.php**
US Air Force Academy	**www.usafa.af.mil**