RYE NECK HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNSELING

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CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS

RyeNeckSchools

2026-2027

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AUGUST:.

- Roll over and update your Common Application, start activities section.
- August 7th- **Deadline** to register for the August 22nd SAT test.
- August 14th - **Deadline** to register for the September 19th ACT test.
- August 22nd—SAT test.
- August 22nd (Football) & August 24th- Tryouts begin for the 2026 fall sports season for Varsity and JV sports (9-12th grades). Register on line with Family ID.
- August 28th- **Deadline** to register for the September 12th SAT test.
- Work on college essay(s).
- Review course schedule—keep in mind this is a critical part of your college application.

SEPTEMBER

- If you have not already done so, return signed transcript release form, student personal data sheet, parent questionnaire and updated resume to the School Counseling Office **ASAP.**
- See your counselor to discuss post high school plans and/or finalize college list with your counselor.
- September 3rd **- High School Open House.**
- September 15th—Attend Financial Aid Information Session in the Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students welcome.
- September 15th - **College Meeting for Seniors and Parents** in the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m.
- September 11th - **Deadline** to register for the October 17th ACT.
- September 12th—SAT test.
- September 18th- **Deadline** to register for the October 3rd SAT.
- September 19th - ACT test.
- Remind teachers to prepare letters of recommendation and give them your application deadline(s).

SEPTEMBER (cont.)

- Athletes register for NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Call colleges to set up interviews if recommended or required.
- Plan your college visits early, fall appointments fill quickly.
- Note college applications deadlines: Early Decision/Early Action candidates should be working on their applications - check deadlines carefully.
- Request transcripts and teacher recommendations through Naviance.
- For scholarship information check in the School Counseling Office.
- Check Naviance website for schedule of college representative visits.
- Meet with College representatives in the School Counseling Office.
- Early Decision, Early Action or Rolling Admissions: get forms to your counselor and teachers at least two weeks before application deadlines.

OCTOBER

- Starting October 1st—File CSS Financial Aid Profile online at www.collegeboard.com if required by the colleges you applied to.
- October 1st—Last day to add a class.
- October 1st - FAFSA financial aid application now available—create your FAFSA ID.
- October 3rd - SAT test.
- October 9th - Review 1st quarter progress report. Any questions or concerns, call teachers/counselor.
- .October 17th- ACT Test.
- October 23rd - **Deadline** to register for the November 7th SAT test.
- Request transcripts and teacher recommendations through Naviance.
- Continue visits with college representatives in the School Counseling Office.

OCTOBER (cont.)

- If applicable, apply for EOP/HEOP programs.
- If necessary, complete the self-directed transcript and academic record -"STARS".

NOVEMBER

- November 6th - **Deadline** to register for the December 12th ACT test.
- November 6th – Last day to drop a class.
- November 7th—SAT test.
- November 13th - Review 1st quarter report card. Any questions or concerns, call teachers/counselor.
- November 20th- **Deadline** to register for the December 5th SAT test.
- Notify counselor if any colleges require 1st quarter grades.
- Consult with your counselor regarding post high school plans if you have not already so.
- Continue visits with college representatives in the School Counseling Office.
- **Reminder**! File CSS Financial Aid PROFILE online at www.collegeboard.com if required by the colleges you applied to.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Apply to schools with regular deadlines.
- Sign up for winter sports.

DECEMBER

- December 1st - All SUNY and CUNY applications should be completed.
- Request transcripts and teacher recommendations through Naviance.
- December 5th - SAT test.
- December 12th—ACT test.
- Begin Senior Internship Program search in Social Studies classes.

DECEMBER (cont.)

- December 12th - ACT test.
- Check the status of early applications on college portals.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Compose a deferral letter, if applicable.

JANUARY

- Students should attend review sessions for mid-term/ Regents exams offered by teachers.
- January 26th—29th - Mid-term/Regent exams.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Complete community service ASAP and hand in hours to the School Counseling Office.
- Submit FAFSA if you did not already do so.

FEBRUARY

- February 5th- Review 2nd quarter report cards. Any questions or concerns, call teachers/counselor.
- Counselors automatically submit mid-year transcripts to colleges.
- Apply for all local scholarships for which you qualify.

MARCH

- March 19th - Review 3rd quarter progress report. Any questions or concerns, call teachers/counselor.
- Apply for summer jobs/internships.
- Apply for all local scholarships for which you qualify.
- Sign up for spring sports.

APRIL

- Inform your counselor of college decisions.
- Attend accepted student days.
- Compare financial aid award letters.
- Make sure you notify the college and the School Counseling Office of the college you decide to attend. Deposit at **ONE** college only—**deadline: May 1st**.

APRIL(cont.)

- SIP Program begins week of April 19th.
- April 23rd - Review 3rd quarter report cards and graduation requirements. Any questions or concerns, call teachers/counselor.
- Apply for all local scholarships for which you qualify.

MAY

- May 1st—National College Deadline Day– deposit at ONE college/university.
- Mid-May - AP Exams for those students taking AP courses.
- May 28th—Review final progress report. Any questions or concerns, call teachers/ counselor.
- **Inform the School Counseling Office of your final post high school plans.**
- Send thank you notes to those who helped with your college application.

JUNE

- June 15-17 and 21-25 –Regents/final exams.
- **June 23, 2027 - Graduation.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Final report cards posted—TBD.

JULY/AUGUST

- By July 1st counselors automatically send final transcript to the school you are attending.
- Rye Neck email will be deactivated—transfer documents now.
- In you enrolled in a college or AP course while in high school, send your college transcript directly from that college or request AP scores to be send on CollegeBoard wesbsite.

EVENTS & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION ARE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL COUNSELING WEB PAGE

www.ryeneck.org

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

1. Get to know your counselor.
2. Meet new people.
3. Always do your best.
4. Experience new things.
5. Be yourself.
6. Figure out the type of student you are.

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