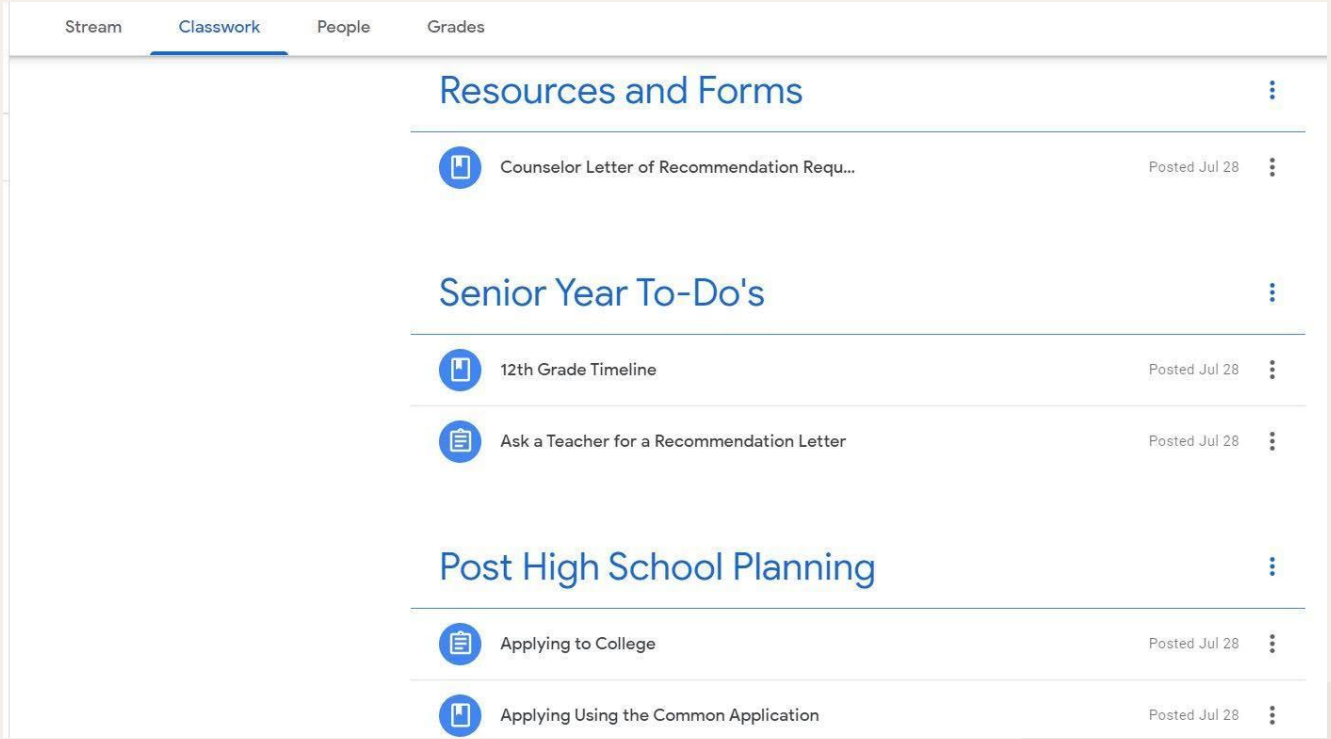
Senior Meeting

Welcome Class of 2027!





Google Classroom



Before we jump in!

- Look at your Credit Check letter and double check your schedule. If you think there's a problem with your credits, let me know.
- I'll be meeting with all of you in a more personal setting in the next few weeks.
- You should receive a green pass from your 1st hour teacher the day of your meeting if you not have the invite on your phone.

Options After RHS

Which post high school education program is right for you?

- Armed Forces
- Community College: certificate program, Associate's degree, or transferring to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Gap Year
- University: Bachelor's Degree
- Vocational Training: Skilled Trade
- Work Force

Vocational Training / Skilled Trades

- Hands-on, in-demand, high-paying
- Less schooling & less debt than a four-year degree
- Learn a specific skill set for a desired career through on-the-job training / apprenticeships
- Helpful resources:
  - MichiganWorks!
  - CareerOneStop

In-Demand Skilled Trades



HVAC Technician



Construction Manager



Machinist



Carpenter



Electrician



Welder



Plumber



Home Inspectors

College Topics Covered

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Schedule Changes

Factors To Consider

- Majors offered
- Location / Proximity
- Setting & Size
- Type of school
- Cost
- Housing
- Athletics
- Campus Life

Interview / evaluate schools just like they do with students!

How do I apply?

- Complete an application online through the college's website or through Common App
  - Check MCAN for fee waiver codes!
- Send your transcript using Parchment
- Send your ACT / SAT score directly from ACT.org / CollegeBoard to the college(s) you are applying to

*test-optional will be discussed later

How do I apply? (cont.)

Apply by November 1st

Create a system that works for you!

- Make a new email account strictly for college emails, create a doc to store usernames / passwords, make a calendar to help you plan for deadlines
- Don’t forget about scholarships!

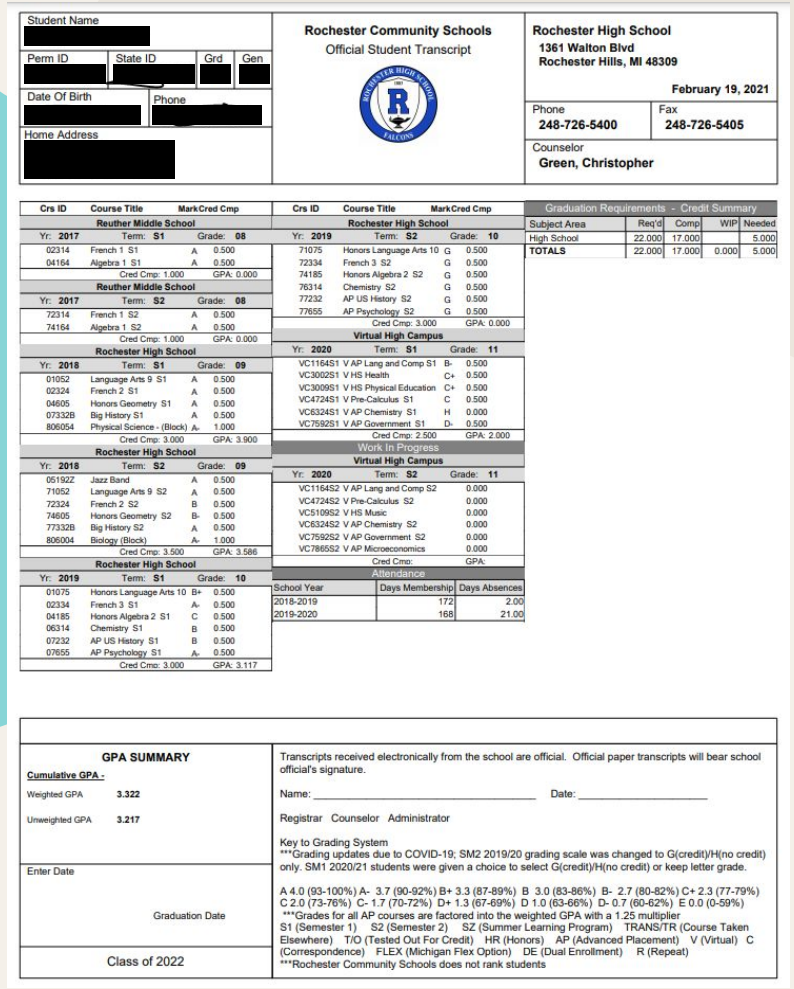
Proofread Before Submitting

Ask an English teacher or adult to read over essays for errors! Stay on topic and show them who you are. This is an opportunity to not just tell about an experience you had, but how you’ve overcome or persisted through it.

Transcript

- Grades / GPA
- Course Rigor
- Credits
- Planned Courses

*If you change your schedule after you've sent in your initial transcripts, you **MUST** contact each college to update them.



Student Name [redacted]

Perm ID [redacted] | State ID [redacted] | Grd [redacted] | Gen [redacted]

Date Of Birth [redacted] | Phone [redacted]

Home Address [redacted]

Rochester Community Schools
Official Student Transcript

Rochester High School
1361 Walton Blvd
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

February 19, 2021

Phone 248-726-5400 | Fax 248-726-5405

Counselor: Green, Christopher

Crs ID	Course Title	Mark	Cred Cmp
Reuther Middle School			
Yr: 2017	Term: S1	Grade: 08	
02314	French 1 S1	A	0.500
04164	Algebra 1 S1	A	0.500
	Cred Cmp: 1.000		GPA: 0.000
Reuther Middle School			
Yr: 2017	Term: S2	Grade: 08	
72314	French 1 S2	A	0.500
74164	Algebra 1 S2	A	0.500
	Cred Cmp: 1.000		GPA: 0.000
Rochester High School			
Yr: 2018	Term: S1	Grade: 09	
01052	Language Arts 9 S1	A	0.500
02324	French 2 S1	A	0.500
04605	Honors Geometry S1	A	0.500
07332B	Big History S1	A	0.500
806054	Physical Science - (Block)	A-	1.000
	Cred Cmp: 3.000		GPA: 3.900
Rochester High School			
Yr: 2018	Term: S2	Grade: 09	
05192Z	Jazz Band	A	0.500
71052	Language Arts 9 S2	A	0.500
72324	French 2 S2	B	0.500
74605	Honors Geometry S2	B-	0.500
77332B	Big History S2	A	0.500
806004	Biology (Block)	A-	1.000
	Cred Cmp: 3.500		GPA: 3.586
Rochester High School			
Yr: 2019	Term: S1	Grade: 10	
01075	Honors Language Arts 10	B+	0.500
02334	French 3 S1	A-	0.500
04185	Honors Algebra 2 S1	C	0.500
06314	Chemistry S1	B	0.500
07232	AP US History S1	B	0.500
07655	AP Psychology S1	A-	0.500
	Cred Cmp: 3.000		GPA: 3.117

Crs ID	Course Title	Mark	Cred Cmp
Rochester High School			
Yr: 2019	Term: S2	Grade: 10	
71075	Honors Language Arts 10	G	0.500
72334	French 3 S2	G	0.500
74185	Honors Algebra 2 S2	G	0.500
76314	Chemistry S2	G	0.500
77232	AP US History S2	G	0.500
77655	AP Psychology S2	G	0.500
	Cred Cmp: 3.000		GPA: 0.000
Virtual High Campus			
Yr: 2020	Term: S1	Grade: 11	
VC1164S1 V	AP Lang and Comp S1	B-	0.500
VC3002S1 V	HS Health	C+	0.500
VC3009S1 V	HS Physical Education	C+	0.500
VC4724S1 V	Pre-Calculus S1	C	0.500
VC6324S1 V	AP Chemistry S1	H	0.000
VC7592S1 V	AP Government S1	D-	0.500
	Cred Cmp: 2.500		GPA: 2.000
Work In Progress			
Virtual High Campus			
Yr: 2020	Term: S2	Grade: 11	
VC1164S2 V	AP Lang and Comp S2		0.000
VC4724S2 V	Pre-Calculus S2		0.000
VC5109S2 V	HS Music		0.000
VC6324S2 V	AP Chemistry S2		0.000
VC7592S2 V	AP Government S2		0.000
VC7865S2 V	AP Microeconomics		0.000
	Cred Cmp:		GPA:

Graduation Requirements - Credit Summary

Subject Area	Req'd	Comp	WIP	Needed
High School	22.000	17.000		5.000
TOTALS	22.000	17.000	0.000	5.000

Attendance

School Year	Days Membership	Days Absences
2018-2019	172	2.00
2019-2020	168	21.00

GPA SUMMARY

Cumulative GPA -

Weighted GPA **3.322**

Unweighted GPA **3.217**

Enter Date

Graduation Date

Class of 2022

Transcripts received electronically from the school are official. Official paper transcripts will bear school official's signature.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Registrar Counselor Administrator

Key to Grading System
***Grading updates due to COVID-19; SM2 2019/20 grading scale was changed to G(credit)/H(no credit) only. SM1 2020/21 students were given a choice to select G(credit)/H(no credit) or keep letter grade.

A 4.0 (93-100%) A- 3.7 (90-92%) B+ 3.3 (87-89%) B 3.0 (83-86%) B- 2.7 (80-82%) C+ 2.3 (77-79%) C 2.0 (73-76%) C- 1.7 (70-72%) D+ 1.3 (67-69%) D 1.0 (63-66%) D- 0.7 (60-62%) E 0.0 (0-59%)
***Grades for all AP courses are factored into the weighted GPA with a 1.25 multiplier
S1 (Semester 1) S2 (Semester 2) SZ (Summer Learning Program) TRANS/TR (Course Taken Elsewhere) T/O (Tested Out For Credit) HR (Honors) AP (Advanced Placement) V (Virtual) C (Correspondence) FLEX (Michigan Flex Option) DE (Dual Enrollment) R (Repeat)
***Rochester Community Schools does not rank students

Requesting Your Transcript

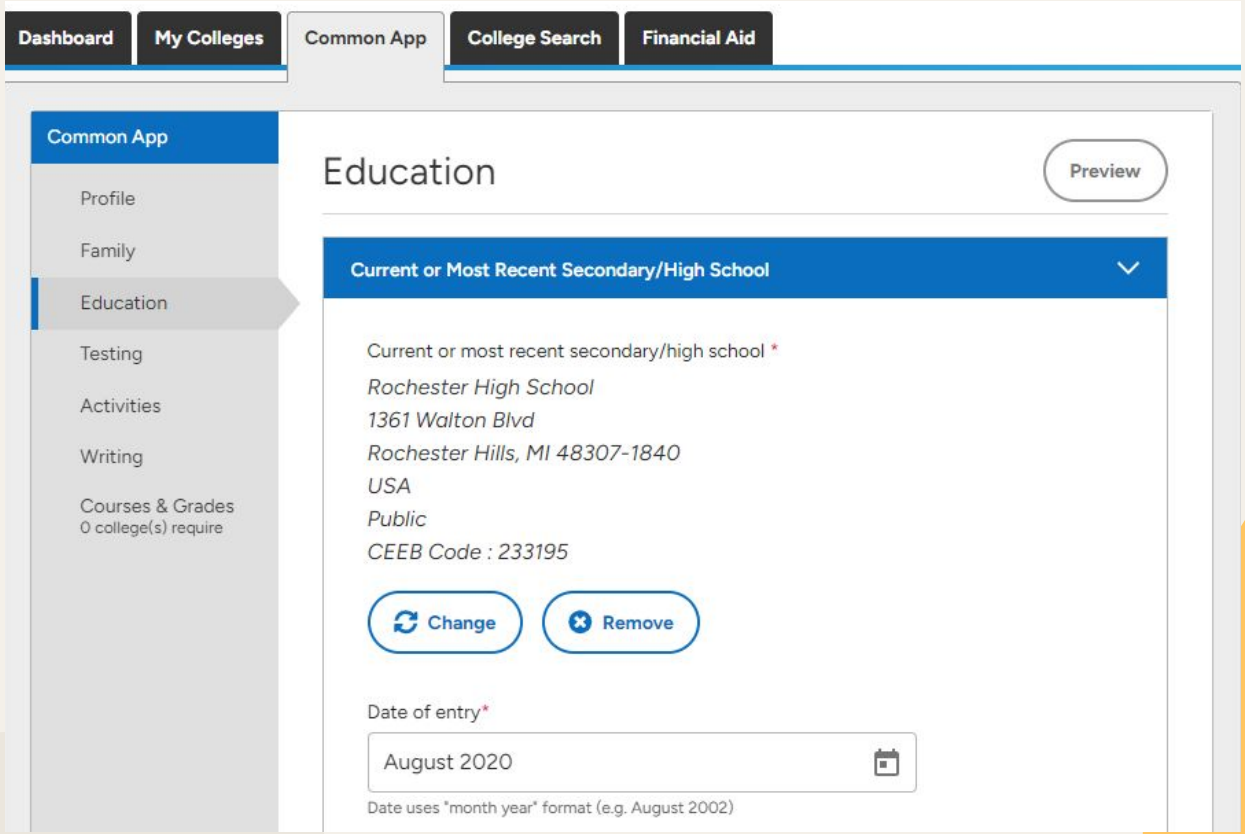
Parchment:

- Sign-In / Sign-Up → Order → Select Schools → Submit
  - You have to invite your counselor **BEFORE** requesting a transcript
- Select “Current Transcript” when sending your initial transcript
- Select “Hold for Grades” when sending your final transcript
- “Latest Year Attended” is your graduation year → 2026
- NCAA: register with NCAA and put your NCAA ID into Parchment to connect the accounts

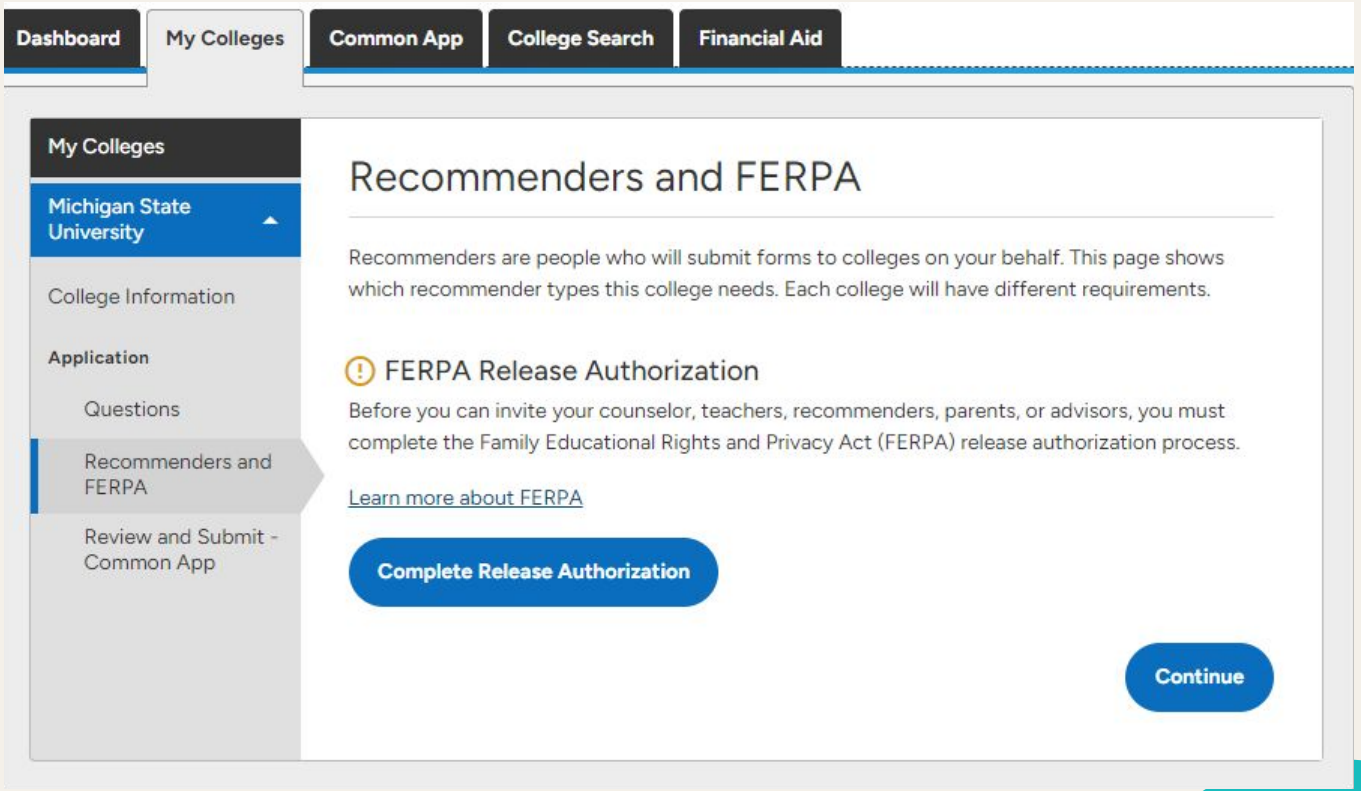
*If using Common App:

- Put your Common App ID into Parchment to connect the accounts
  - You have to invite your counselor **BEFORE** before requesting a transcript

Common App - Personal Info



Common App - FERPA



Inviting Your Counselor

- Please make sure to use the **correct** email address!
  - **@rochester.k12.mi.us**
  - **DO NOT** use the @rcs-k12.us email! I won't have access to your account if you use the wrong one.

- Counselors need to answer questions, provide additional academic information, and upload letters of rec (when applicable).

Letters of Rec

- Some schools require letters, some don't
  - U of M usually wants 1 teacher letter, private schools like Kalamazoo, Hillsdale, and Hope typically want 1-2
- Pick your recommenders wisely - someone who can speak to your work ethic, passion, drive, character, etc.
  - If going into a Science career, try to pick a Science teacher
- Be intentional when building relationships with teachers
- Give recommenders plenty of time to write your letter and be sure to give them any helpful documents / info
  - Don't forget to thank them and let them know if you get in!

Resumes

Good resources / templates:

- Canva
- Google Docs

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Work Experience

2015-06 - 2017-09

Editorial Intern

Faber and Faber, Stanford

- Assisted in hiring and managing a pool of freelancers as needed, including development editors, copy editors, proofreaders, indexers, recipe testers, and technical editors, including remote and on-site employees.
- Assisted in the development, design, and preparation of sales materials.
- Collected and distributed incoming mail and processed outgoing mail.
- Served as the primary contact for incoming phone calls.
- Provide general and editorial support to the Stanford staff as requested.

Education

2017-09

MA in English, Stanford University

Expected to graduate in 2018
3.95 GPA
Favorite fields of study: American Poetry: From Modernism to Postmodernism, Creative Expression in Writing, Creative Nonfiction
Thesis title: "An Analysis of the Impact of 1940s Blues Culture on the Poetic Expression of the Members of Harlem Reneissance"
Key achievement: Awarded $15,000 2017 Drue Heinz Literature Prize for a collection of short stories "Your Latest Trick."

2013-08 - 2017-06

BA in Comparative Litarature, Stanford University

3.9 GPA
Favorite fields of study: Introduction to Literary Study: Comparison, Cosmopolitanism, and the Global Novel, Literature Gone Viral, Digital Humanities, Radical Arts, Re-thinking Derrida, Being as a Spectacle
Thesis title: "Towards the Derridian Decostruction of the Notion 'Biography' on the Basis of Julian Barnes' 1984 novel 'Flaubert's Parrot'"
Extracurricular activities and achievements:

- Dean's List 2014-2016
- President of the undergraduate student board from 2015 to 2016.
- Started and ran a discussion club on Russian Postmodernist Literature.
- Chief Editor of the University Blog from 2015 to 2017.

Test-Optional

- Not all schools require you to send in your test scores!
  - ***HOWEVER Test-Optional schools may require additional documents / essays.**
  - Some schools use SAT / ACT scores for scholarship consideration and NCAA eligibility.
- If you don't send in your scores, schools will rely heavily on your grades, course rigor, trends in academic performance, and your personal strengths, talents, conduct, and diversity of experience to determine admission.

If you opted to have scores sent to your schools during testing registration and end up changing your mind by the time you apply, they will ignore your scores.

Standardized Testing Dates 2026-2027



Grades During COVID

- Keep in mind that G / H grades will not be included in GPA calculation.
- This does not lower the bar for college admission, but accommodates the real barriers students have faced as as a result of COVID’s impact on education.

Freshman Profile

- Tells you what their incoming freshmen typically look like
- Can find by searching “X School Freshman Profile” or using BigFuture’s College Search tool (under admissions tab)

Example: MSU

- Fall 2025 first-year profile:
  - Entering class: 9,376
  - High School GPA: 3.5-4.0
  - Composite ACT: 26-31
  - Total SAT: 1100-1320

*falling outside of their average does not automatically mean you’ll be rejected!

Michigan Assured Admissions Pact

- 3.0 or above & graduate from a high school in Michigan, you're in!
















College Rep Meetings









College Rep Meetings

- Sign up in the Counseling Office or on our website by clicking the “College Visits” button.
- Ask questions!
  - Reps know better than anybody what schools are looking for in applicants.
- Learn about their programs, scholarships, and financial aid opportunities.
- **College Night will be held at Stoney Creek on October 20th from 6-8pm.**

College Tours









Scholarships!

- Start looking early!
  - Click the “Scholarships” button on our website. We have a link to our RHS Scholarships spreadsheet with scholarships and other resources / search engines.

- Tips:
  - Make sure you meet the requirements
  - Be persistent
  - Watch for deadlines

- 10 hours could mean $100 / hour!

FAFSA (Free App for Federal Student Aid)

- Talk with adults at home about best way for you to pay for college
- Opens **by October 1st***
  - Fill it out ASAP
  - Even if you think you won't qualify, still fill it out

- Make sure you are using the correct website - don't get scammed!
  - https://studentaid.gov/

NCAA - College Athletics
Your Responsibility!

- **Make sure you are registered through the NCAA Eligibility Center & have told your counselor that you plan to play sports in college.**

- **DIVISION I: 16 Core-Course Rule**
- **16 Core Credits:**
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
  - 2 years of Natural / Physical Science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
  - 1 year of additional English, Mathematics or Natural / Physical Science
  - 2 years of Social Science
  - 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, world language or non-religion / philosophy)

- PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2016, students must have a 2.3 GPA and 75 ACT summative score to be eligible. Please check the Eligibility Center for your sliding scale requirements.

Schedule Changes & Apps

- **Your senior schedule is included on your transcript.**

- If you make a change to your schedule after you've sent in your initial transcripts, you **MUST** contact each college's Office of Admissions to update them.

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RHS COUNSELORS:

WE ARE EXCITED THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER FULL TIME COUNSELOR FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

Students are assigned to a counselor based on their last name:

MRS. O'TOOLE-SEYKA (A - CH)

MS. KINNEY (CI - G)

MS. MARTIN (H - LEI)

MR. GREEN (LEJ - O)

MRS. SORENTINO (P - SH)

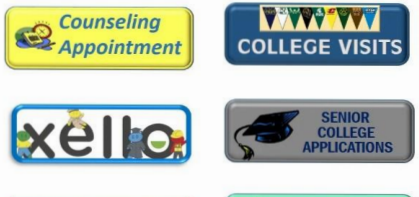
MRS. MESSING-MIRABITO (SI - Z)

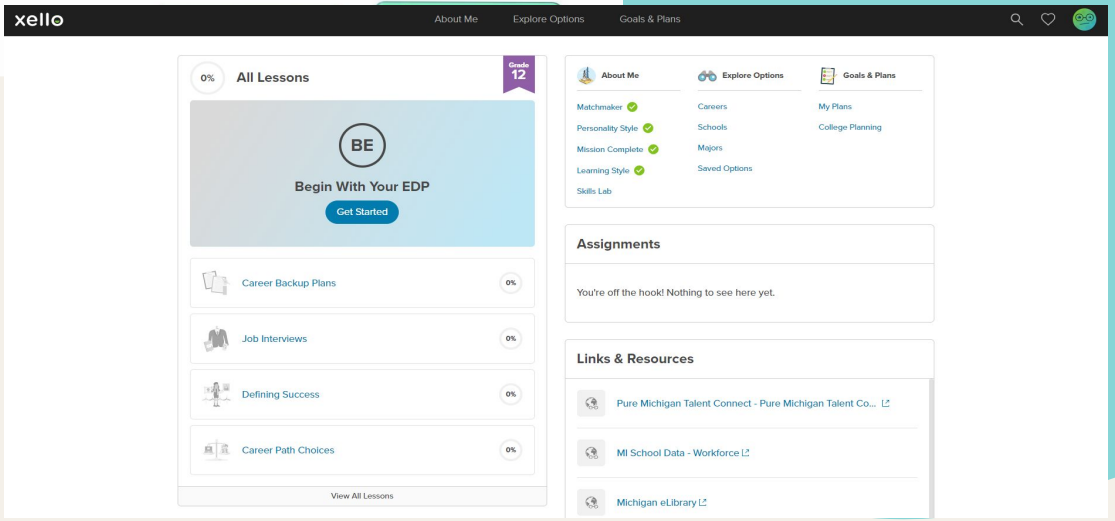
Counseling Intern 2023-2024:

Ms. Condron

COUNSELING OFFICE STAFF:

COUNSELING QUICK LINKS:





What's Next?

- Make sure you've accepted the invite to our Google Classroom
- Check your RCS email & StudentVue **daily**
  - Senior grades matter!
- Complete your EDP on Xello
  - Click "Get Started" to see your activities.
    - Don't forget the final question!
  - Be sure to turn it in by clicking submit.

College Checklist

- ❑ Work on applications / essays
- ❑ Add your counselor to Common App
- ❑ Order your transcript through Parchment
- ❑ Apply for scholarships
- ❑ Fill out FAFSA → opens **by October 1st***
- ❑ Attend College Rep visits & tour campuses
- ❑ Plan out your time - don't overwhelm yourself!

DO NOT WAIT FOR SENIOR MEETING TO APPLY

Lunch College Help Drop-Ins

- Every Tuesday in October, counselors will be in the Senior Collab to answer any college app questions.

*For in-depth questions, please schedule an appointment!

Small Group Meetings

- Bring any questions or concerns that you have!
  - Post-high school plans
  - College / trade school admissions
  - How to find scholarships
  - Help filling out forms (bring passwords)
  - Review graduation requirements
- If you need to see your counselor before your meeting, request an appointment using the form on our website.

DO NOT WAIT FOR SENIOR MEETING TO APPLY

Individual / Small Groups Sign-Up

- Each counselor does individual / small groups a little different!
- **Go into Google Classroom and sign-up for a meeting with your counselor right now.**

Any questions?