

# RHS College Application Process

Let's work  
together to make  
the college  
application a  
smooth, effective  
one!



# Key Components of the Application Review



- High School Transcript
- Standardized Testing
- Activities Resume
- College Essay
- Letters of Recommendation

# High School Transcript

- Check your transcript and complete the ***Transcript Verification Form***
- Be sure to maintain the rigor of your senior schedule
- Continue to challenge yourself in the classroom - **Avoid “senioritis.”**
- Many colleges require mid-year grades which **will automatically be sent to all schools you apply to**
- Final matriculation to a college is always contingent upon your successful completion of high school and your **final grades**



# SELF-REPORTED TRANSCRIPT AND ACADEMIC RECORD SYSTEM (STARS)

[srar.selfreportedtranscript.com](https://srar.selfreportedtranscript.com)

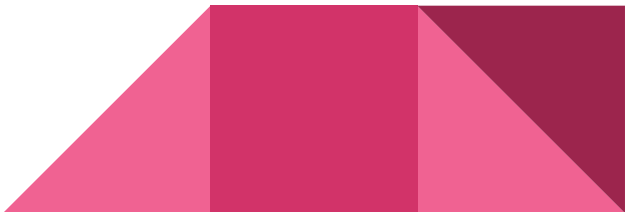
- **Some colleges require self-reporting of your transcript** through an external platform:  
🔗 Visit the STARS website [here](#) to **create an account** and view a list of colleges that require transcript self-reporting.
- **You can upload your transcript directly to the STARS website.** The system will auto-fill your courses and grades, but you **must double-check all entries for accuracy.**
- **After submitting your STARS Record, you must link it to your college applications.**
  - **Follow the specific instructions** provided by each college/university.
- **After submitting your Common App,** you will receive an **email from each college** with individual applicant login information.
  - These portals serve as a checklist for your application status.
  - They will inform you of any **missing materials**, such as the STARS Record.
  - Most schools will also **post admissions decisions** in these portals.
- **Check your email regularly** and follow portal setup instructions to ensure your applications are complete and reviewed on time.
- Some colleges also require you to **self-report** your transcript on the **Common Application.**

# “*Fine Tuning Your Application*”

## Your **Resume** “aka” Extra-Curricular Profile

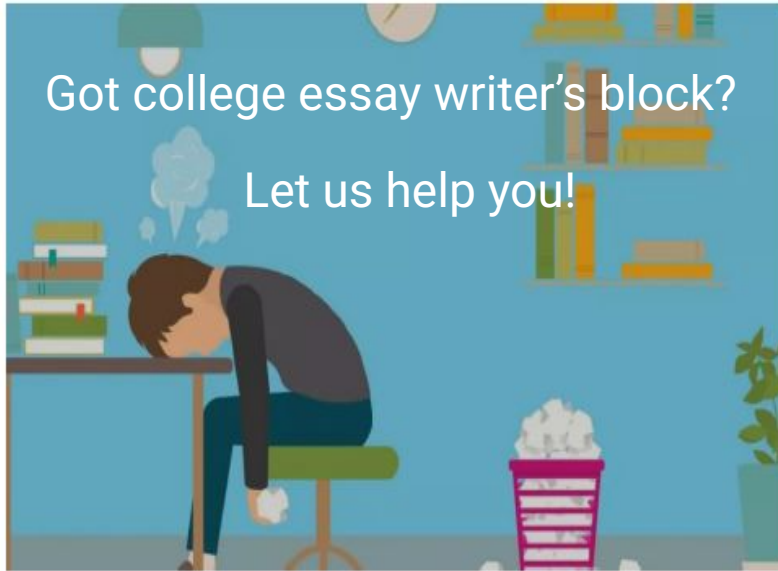
- Extracurricular Activity Updates: Any New Summer or Senior Year Activities, Employment, Educational Programs or New Leadership Roles...
- Resume templates are available on the Counseling Center Website
- Activities should also be listed on the Common App in the *Activities Section* in **priority** order

## Your **Essay** “aka” Personal Statement

- Should share something about yourself that isn't readily apparent in any other part of the application
  - Proofread, Proofread, Proofread
  - Supplemental Essays
  - RHS Essay Support
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# College Essay Support

We are also excited to share that college essay writing sessions are available to the Class of 2027 with Ms. Grgas.



## **Availability:**

Period 2: M, W, F

Period 5: T, TH

Period 8: M-F

**Reminder:** Appointments should only be scheduled during your free periods.

Not available during the periods offered?

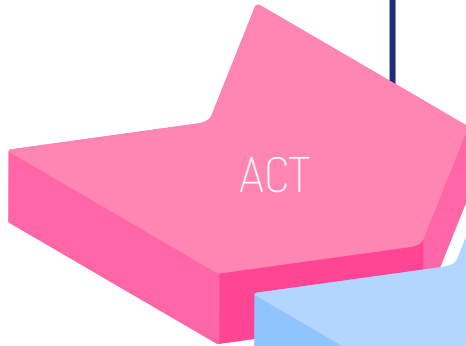
Email Ms. Grgas at [jgrgas@roslynschools.org](mailto:jgrgas@roslynschools.org) to make other arrangements.

Scan the QR Code to  
schedule your appointment.



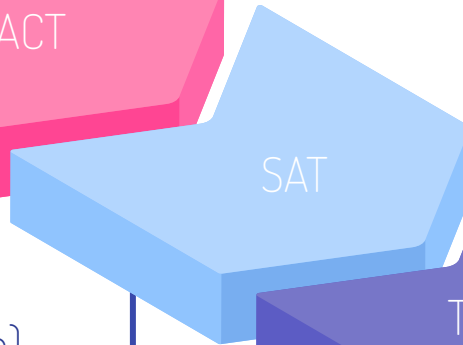
# SAT/ACT/Test Optional

ACT ([act.org](https://act.org))

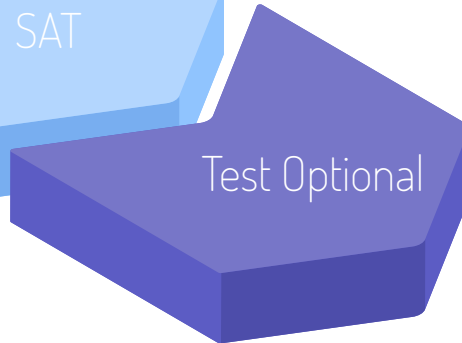


SAT

SAT ([CollegeBoard.com](https://CollegeBoard.com))



Test Optional



Test Optional ([FairTest.org](https://FairTest.org))

The guidelines from most colleges is that if your score falls within or above the middle 50% of the national average, it is recommended that you send your scores. If your scores fall below, it has been recommended that you utilize the test optional choice. Please speak to your counselor about individual circumstances.

**[RHS ACT/SAT Registration Information](#)**

## Additional Application Steps

Sign the FERPA waiver and Match your Common App: [How To Video](#)

## Request teacher recommendations in Naviance

Be mindful of deadlines – research your schools.



## The Common Application

## Common App Education Questions:

Class Size: 289

Rank: We Do Not Rank

GPA: Use your weighted

GPA Scale: 100.0

CEEB Code: 334920



# ***What We Need From You (15 school days before your first deadline):***

- Transcript Verification Form- **BLUE FORM**
- Class of 2027 College Application Process- **GREEN FORM**
- College Application Submission Form – **YELLOW FORM**
- RHS Early Decision Contract – **GOLD FORM**
- Copy of your **RESUME** (we cannot process your applications without a copy of your resume or printed page of the “Activities” section of your Common App).
- Copy of your final essay or draft. (A must have!)

**All forms can be found in the Counseling Center  
or on the**

**[Guidance/Counseling Center Website](#)**



# Important Application Dates/Deadlines

## RHS Counseling Center

### Important Information & Counseling Center Deadlines



***\*Please Note: This is a rough guide, YOU MUST check school specific dates and application requirements!***

## Typical College Application Deadlines:

- **EA:** October 15 (Guidance deadline 9/22)
- **EA:** November 1 (Guidance deadline 10/9)
- **EA:** November 15 (Guidance deadline 10/21)
- **ED:** November 1 (Guidance deadline 10/9)
- **Priority:** November 1 (Guidance deadline 10/8)
- **Scholarship Priority:** December 1
- **ED II:** January 1-6 (Guidance deadline 11/25)
- **RD:** January 1 (Guidance deadline 11/25)

# Financing College Resources

## Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the form students complete to apply for federal, state, and some institutional financial aid for college.

The Counseling Center will offer two Financial Aid Workshops in October and December.

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit awards are often based on grades, leadership, or special talents. Students should check each college's website for school-based merit scholarships. Some require a separate application or earlier deadline.

## Fastweb

## Scholarships.com

## CSS Profile

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. The application opens on October 1. Schools may have different deadlines - be sure to check with each school you are applying to.

Check your colleges' information to determine whether they require the CSS Profile. A list of participating schools is [available online](#). Some schools may also require divorced or separated parents to complete separate applications.

***\*\*On October 1st, 2026, the 2027-28 FAFSA application will be available to all students.***

# College Info Sessions & Fairs



## RHS Visits:

- Sign up through [Naviance](#)
- Check Naviance regularly for upcoming visits
- Pink Pass prior approval required

## Upcoming College Fairs:

- [Long Island College Expo](#) - October 4th, 2026
- [NY Black College Expo](#) - September 19, 2026
- [NCA Fall College Expo](#) - September 29, 2026
- [SUNY College Fairs](#) - Fall 2026



# Upcoming *Dates to Remember*

- September 24th, October 7th, & October 8th - College Application Extra-Help (HS Counseling Center)
- October 1st - FAFSA & CSS Profile can be submitted online
- October 15th - Early Action Deadline (For certain schools)
- November 1st - Early Action & Early Decision Deadlines

# Q & A

*The Counseling Department is here to help. We welcome your questions and look forward to partnering with you. Together we hope that all of our seniors will have a successful college application process and end up exactly where they belong!*