



Senior Assembly Presentation

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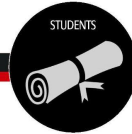
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The Board of Education of the Rye City School District understands that a world class education requires hard work and dedication from everyone in the community. We take our responsibility of overseeing the education of our children in an equitable, inclusive environment very seriously. We are genuinely grateful to the faculty, staff, administration, families, and community for all of the hard work and support provided every day to educate our children.

Therefore, the Board of Education has developed **The Rye Commitment** – assurances to students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community that we will support the important work of our schools.



TO STUDENTS:
We will provide the necessary support for you to receive an education that helps you become socially responsible, caring citizens who can think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate, and creatively solve problems in a diverse global environment.



TO FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION:
We will support you and our collective pursuit of excellence through ongoing professional learning that is high quality, relevant, meaningful, and allows us to evolve and expand our practices.



TO THE COMMUNITY:
We will reflect upon our work, always strive for improvement, and ask the community to engage in meaningful discussions about our programs and all that we do to create and support an equitable, inclusive school system.

COMMITTED TO RYE **SCHOOLS**

Adopted September 2020



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Recognizing Your Individual Path

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." - Steve Jobs

Things to Keep In Mind

- 01 Managing Your Future lessons
- 02 Extracurricular experiences
- 03 Personal goals

Self-Discovery Framework



What to do now?

01 Review your current list of colleges

- Is your list well rounded?
- Write down the entrance requirements and important dates for each college
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Application Process @ Rye High School

01

**Individual
Sr. Meetings**

02

Blue Sheets

03

Recommendations

04

**College Reps
@ RHS**

05

Applications

06

**Standardized
Tests,
ACT/SAT/Test
Optional**



- Schedule your appointment with your School Counselor
- Meetings begin September 17th and run through November
- Individual Plan for each student
- Review transcript/graduation requirements
- Review student's college list and decision plans (ED, EA, RD, etc...)
- Discuss individual questions
- Review steps specific to RHS
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend

Individual Senior Meetings

01

Be Prepared for your Senior Meeting

College Lists

Whatever the current state of your college list, be prepared to discuss the schools with your School Counselor and parents.. Make sure you have reviewed required academic credentials for admission. We will review and discuss updates to your list.

Application Requirements

Make sure that you review the required documents for application submission. Don't overlook supplemental essays or Self-Reported Transcript Record System (STARS) requirements. Follow the college's instructions!

Communicate

Be open with your School Counselor about your goals, expectations, and concerns related to the post secondary planning process.

Early Applications

Be prepared to talk about Early Action, Regular Decision and possibly Early Decision and what you and your family feel is the best path for your specific situation. Remember Early Action requires no binding commitment to the college.

Be Mindful

This is your own individual process. You do not have to share specifics about your plan with friends or others. Talk things through with your family and School Counselor.



Blue Sheets

02

- The RHS **Blue Sheet** is the way that a student communicates to their School Counselor that they have submitted an application to a college.
- Students must submit the application prior to submitting a **Blue Sheet**
- One **Blue Sheet** must be completed for every application that each student submits (5 college applications, 5 **Blue Sheets**)
- The deadline for **Blue Sheet** submission is 2 weeks prior to the college's published deadline
 - This means that students must submit their application to the college 2 weeks before the college's deadline.
- **Blue Sheets** can be obtained in the School Counseling Office
- Only hard copies will be accepted for processing, submitted forms must be **blue**.

RHS Blue Sheet

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- Blue Sheets** must be submitted after a student has submitted their Common App
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- Blue Sheets** must be submitted in person by students

COLLEGE APPLICATION BLUE SHEET *		
* THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EVERY COLLEGE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY STUDENT		
STUDENT: _____		DATE: _____
COMMON APP EMAIL ADDRESS: _____		
College Name: _____		
College address: _____		

TYPE OF APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ED AGREEMENT SENT
☐ Early Decision	_____	_____
☐ Early Action	_____	_____
☐ Rolling	_____	_____
☐ Regular	_____	_____
☐ Priority	_____	_____
HOW DID YOU APPLY? SELECT ONE:		
☐ Common Application (make sure you have completed FERPA release on Common App)		
☐ College's On-Line App		
☐ Coalition App		
Whom have you asked to write your teacher recommendations? List in order of preference (Used for colleges that accept only one teacher recommendation).		
1. _____ 2. _____		
Student is responsible for having official test scores sent from CollegeBoard or ACT(www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org)		
Scores have been sent to this college: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ TEST OPTIONAL		
Student signature: _____		
Application complete: _____		Date: _____
Counselor initials		8/10/13



Recommendations

School Counselor Recommendations

- ❖ Required by colleges
- ❖ Students should share any important updates with their school counselor

Teacher Recommendations

- ❖ Students requested recommendations from their teachers last spring
- ❖ Students should NOT add teacher recommendations in the Common Application
- ❖ Students will indicate who their teacher recommenders are on the [Blue Sheet](#)
- ❖ Teachers will upload recommendations directly into Naviance

"Other" Recommenders

- ❖ Coaches, employers, administrators, etc. do not get processed through the RHS School Counseling Office
- ❖ Student must request LOR through the Recommenders section in the Common Application
- ❖ Select the appropriate category then follow the prompts in the Common Application

Rep Visits @ RHS

04

- The RHS School Counseling Office has over 100 college representatives scheduled to visit from late Sept through November. These visits are exclusively for RHS Seniors.
- The schedule is posted in Naviance under "Colleges" → "College Visits"
- Students must register for each visit through Naviance.
- Please go to your scheduled class to take attendance and then proceed to the College Rep visit at appropriate time.
- Please complete sign-in sheet at Rep visit
- If you can't make a visit due to a test, quiz or other conflict, don't worry. This offers a great opportunity to reach out to the rep directly via email to ask a question or two.
- RHS teachers provide a great deal of flexibility in working with students who attend our representative visits. Please provide them with at least 24 hrs notice when planning to attend any college visit on campus.
- College reps want to hear your questions, share information about their programs and hear what your interests are. Come prepared to discuss these topics.

College Rep Visits in Naviance

Naviance

Home

Self-Discovery

Careers

Colleges

Planner

About me

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Demo

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Close

Demo

Demo's Future Planning

College: Bachelor's Degree

Edit Path

Plan Your Future

Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.

Welcome to Naviance

Welcome to Naviance! The Naviance program is an opportunity for you to use an interactive program as your personal college planning and tracking program. It can serve as a tool for you to communicate with your counselor, as well as research college information. The college search aspect of Naviance will aid you in researching and comparing colleges. The most unique feature of the Naviance program is that it uses information and data from other Rye students. You are able to compare statistical data that is specific to the Rye community. In that sense this is a more accurate information to help you make application decisions. To the left you will see the About Me section of Naviance.

Read More

Additional Information from Your School

College Path Highlights

Search for a College

🔍 Enter name

Search

Colleges I'm Thinking About

Name	Interest	Delivery Type
🌟 Elon University	N/A	Common App

Tasks from My School

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

Go to My Planner

What's New

📅 Lehigh University will be visiting your school on Monday, September 23rd, 2024 at 8:30 am more info



Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

[SuperMatch®](#)

[Advanced college search](#)

[College lookup](#)

MY COLLEGES

[Upcoming college events](#)

[Colleges match](#)

[Colleges Visits](#)

[Colleges I'm thinking about](#)

[Colleges I'm applying to](#)

[Letters of recommendation](#) 

College Visits

 Search for colleges

SEPTEMBER

Mon 23

08:30AM

[Lehigh University](#)

 Not Specified

[Register Now](#)

[View Details](#)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 23

09:30AM

[Bard College](#)

 Not Specified

[Register Now](#)

[View Details](#)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 23

12:00PM

[Boston University](#)

 Not Specified

[Register Now](#)

[View Details](#)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 23

01:00PM

[Pace University](#)

 Not Specified

[Register Now](#)

[View Details](#)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 23

02:00PM

[Georgetown University](#)

 Not Specified

[Register Now](#)

[View Details](#)

College Rep Visits in Naviance

Please try to register for the college rep visits at least 2 days in advance.



Applications

- Students at RHS submit a variety of applications each year. These include, but are not limited to
 - Branches of the military
 - Universities abroad (Asia, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America)
 - The Common Application
 - Colleges that use their own proprietary application
- In all scenarios students should follow the specific application instructions provided by the institution or organization.
- After application submission students will communicate to the School Counseling Office by completing and submitting a **Blue Sheet**. No matter the type of application the **Blue Sheet** allows RHS to take the necessary next steps in supporting the application.

Matching Naviance to Common App

01

Open Naviance

Navigate to the **"Colleges I'm Applying To"** tab in your account.

02

Find Banner

Look for the yellow matching prompt banner at the top of the page.

03

Match Accounts

Click **"Match Accounts"** and complete prompts in Common App.

 **Note:** This matching process only needs to be done once.

NAVIANCE DASHBOARD PREVIEW

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for Colleges



 It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools. Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts



Submitting Applications



Application Process

01 Apply

After reviewing all of your information, hit submit on the Common Application (or other college application).

02 Submit Blue Sheet

Complete a **Blue Sheet** and submit it to your School Counselor to initiate school document sending.

03 Check Naviance

Review document transmission status regularly in your Naviance account.

Note: Updates are not instantaneous. We process within the 2 week window.

04 College Portal

Check your email for a portal link from your college, which allows you to view your application status.

Note: They usually send you a link within a week of your submission.

Submitting Applications



Who does What?

The Student

- **All components of the application** (required supplements, and payment via Common App or other application)
- **If submitting test scores:** SAT and/or ACT official score reports (for colleges requiring them). AP scores can be self-reported.
- **BLUE SHEET** to School Counselor

RHS (High School)

- **Official Transcript**
- **School Profile**
- **School Counselor Recommendation**
- **Teacher Recommendations**
- **Any forms required by colleges**
- **Mid-Year Grades** (mid-February)



ACT/SAT/AP Exams



- Check each individual college's requirements
- Review ACT, SAT, or AP score report on the appropriate website (ACT or College Board)
- RHS does not report test scores - students can self-report test scores on their application or send an official score report from the testing agency
- Please note: Official AP score reports only need to be sent to the college in which you enroll



Thinking Ahead

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**Free Application for
Federal Student Aid
(FAFSA)**

08

**Individual College
Applicant Portal**

09

**Mid-Year
Grade Reports**

10

**May 1 Candidate
Reply Deadline**

Financial Aid

07

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- The FAFSA will be available " *on or before October 1st* " @ StudentAid.gov
- StudentAid.gov provides resources and instructions on how to complete the FAFSA
- Students will need to create a StudentAid.gov account
- The FAFSA form belongs to the student, yet parent data is needed in order to complete and submit the form.
- Pay attention to college deadlines for the FAFSA, the dates vary by institution

CSS Profile

- The College Scholarship Service Profile (CSS) is an online application that help students apply for non-federal financial aid from colleges and scholarship programs.
- This is a supplemental form that many, but not all, colleges require to review and determine what aid a student may be eligible to receive and is available through the CollegeBoard.org website.



- Many colleges use their own applicant portal to provide updates and information to students.
- For most applications, students will receive a notification email from the college with instructions on how to establish their portal account.
- Please make sure to open and read the emails you receive from colleges to which you have applied.
- Below is information that is typically provided through college applicant portals
 - Status of application documents
 - Messages / updates from the college
 - Application decisions
 - Commitment / deposit forms
 - Housing forms and more...

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College Applicant Portal



Mid-Year Grade Reports



- ❖ Required by all colleges (active applications only)
- ❖ Automatically sent by the School Counseling Office to all active applications on your list
- ❖ The School Counseling Office has already communicated to colleges to expect this information by mid-February
- ❖ Students do not have to actively request that this information be sent to the colleges.

NOTE: U.S. colleges know that the northeast has a later school calendar. They do not penalize for mid-years being sent in February.



Candidate Reply Date

May 1, 2027

- When students are admitted to a college through Early Action or Regular Decision they have until May 1st each spring to reply to colleges. This is called the Candidate Reply Date.
- Students who are accepting a seat at a particular college do so by submitting a deposit through their portal.
- Students are permitted to submit a deposit at only one institution.
- Students do not have to wait until May 1st to commit to a college.
- Students who have been admitted through Early Decision have already committed to the college by applying as an Early Decision candidate - pay attention to the deposit deadline.



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Application Workshop

Class of 2027



All Seniors Are Welcome!

This Application Workshop is all about beginning and completing your applications for colleges!

The School Counseling Department will be “coaching” students through the completion of their College Applications - whether that be the Common App, U. of California, or other application requirements. One session is all you need!

Choose one date:	August 27	4:00-6:00 PM
	September 10	6:00-8:00 PM
	September 23	6:00-8:00 PM
	October 6	6:00-8:00 PM

The Workshop will take place in the Media Center. Students must bring their laptops, as well as their list of colleges, essay (if completed), and accurate parent information. Be ready to get ahead in the process! You do not need final college selections; you just need to be interested in completing your college applications.

**Click on the QR Code and
select your date!**

