

SENIOR PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Thursday, August 27, 2026
5:30 – 6:30
SHS Auditorium**

**Class Of
2027**

SENIOR COMMITTEE

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Ms. S. Liggins
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Advisor



Ms. C. Walker
Graduation Coach

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL



TRIBE TIME

YOUR TIME. YOUR FUTURE. OUR TRIBE.

» ADVISEMENT. SUPPORT. SUCCESS. «



GET GUIDANCE
Meet with your advisor.
Plan your courses.
Stay on track.



PLAN AHEAD
Explore your goals.
Learn your options.
Create your path.



GET SUPPORT
We're here for you.
Ask questions.
Find resources.



BE YOUR BEST
Make the most of
your high school
experience.



CHECK IN.
SPEAK UP.
WE'VE GOT
YOUR BACK.

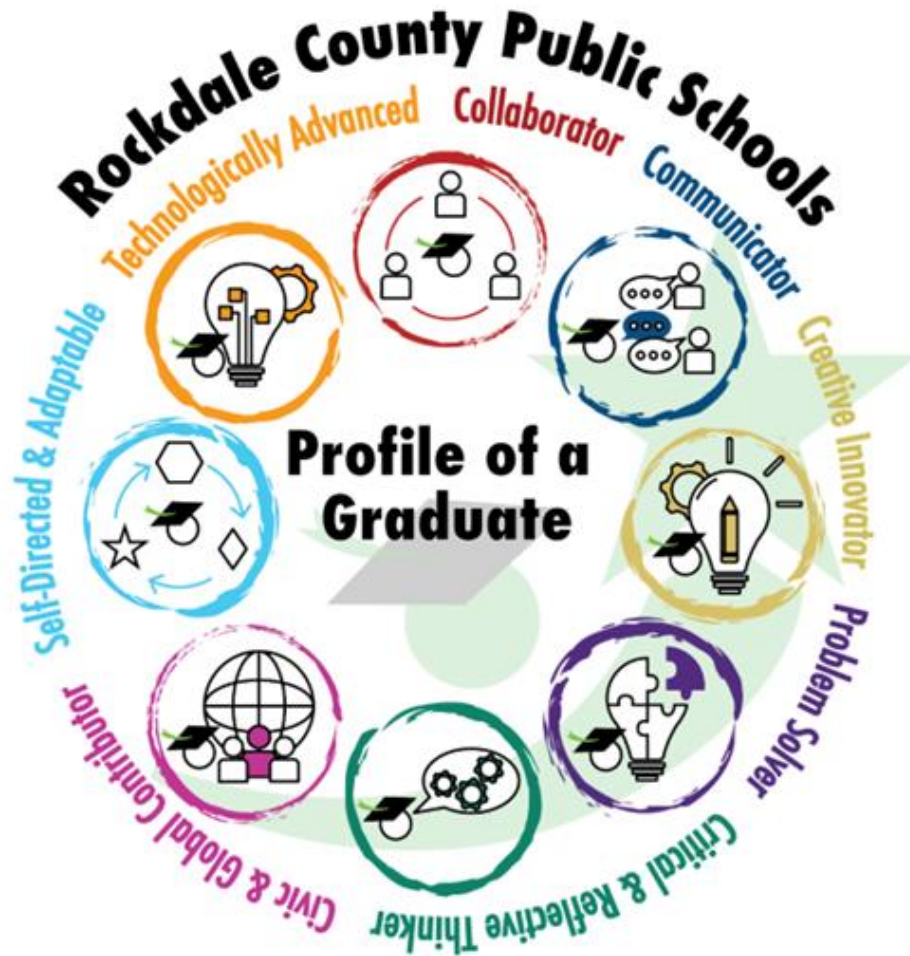


ONE TRIBE. ONE GOAL. YOU.!

» TRIBE TIME – EVERY DAY. EVERY STUDENT. EVERY FUTURE. «

COLLEGE & CAREER READY

- College applications
- Common Application process
- Letters of recommendation
- Military options
- Trade schools and apprenticeships
- Employment opportunities after graduation



This profile ensures graduates are **college- and career-ready**, as well as capable of contributing positively to society. These skills are developed through academic, career, and personal growth opportunities

Key skill areas emphasized in the Profile of a Graduate include:

1. **Self-Directed & Adaptable**- set goals, manage time, and take responsibility for learning and behavior. Reflect on progress and adjust when things change. Manage emotions, ask for help when needed, and communicate effectively, allowing them to stay successful in different situations.
2. **Technological Advanced**– Using technology effectively for learning, collaboration, and problem-solving, including one-to-one laptop access for grades 2–12.
3. **Collaborator**– Working respectfully with others, honoring individual strengths, and contributing to collective goals
4. **Communicator** – Articulating ideas effectively in oral, written, and nonverbal forms, and listening actively to understand diverse perspectives
5. **Creative Innovator**- think creatively, generate new ideas, and solve problems in original ways. They take risks, learn from mistakes, and adapt their ideas based on feedback. They also collaborate with others and use tools or technology to design and improve solutions.
6. **Problem Solver**- identify challenges, think critically, and develop effective solutions. Analyze situations, consider different options, and make informed decisions. Persist through difficulties, learn from mistakes, and adjust their approach to improve outcomes.
7. **Critical & Reflective Thinker** – Applying knowledge to solve problems, think critically, and adapt to new information
8. **Civic & Global Contributor**– Advocating for self and others, engaging with communities, and understanding global issues



COUNSELORS & GRADUATION COACH

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SENIOR SERVICES

**1:1 Senior
Conferences**

**Post Secondary
Planning**

**Career
Exploration**

**Scholarship &
Financial Aid
Assistance**

ASVAB Testing

**SAT/ACT Testing
Assistance**

**Social/Emotional
Wellness**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total 24 credits

English/Language Arts – 4 units

- Literature & Composition 1
- Literature & Composition 2
- Literature & Composition 3/AP Language/Dual Enrollment English
- Literature & Composition 4/AP Literature/Dual Enrollment English

Health & Personal Fitness – 1 unit

(may be satisfied by 3 years of JROTC)

Elective & Specialized Requirements- 7 units

- (CTAE/Fine Arts/Foreign Language/Electives)

Mathematics – 4 units

- Algebra Concepts & Connections
- Geometry Concepts
- Advanced Algebra Concepts & Connections/ Advanced Algebra & AP Precalculus
- College Readiness Math/Statistics/Pre-cal/AP Precalculus/AP Calculus/AP Statistics/Dual Enrollment Math

Social Studies – 4 units

- American Government/AP Government
- World History/AP World History
- US History/AP US History
- Personal Finance and Economics/AP Economics

Science – 4 units

- Biology
- Physical Science/Physics
- Environmental Science/Chemistry
- 4th Science/CTAE science [GaDOE Fourth Science Options 2025-2026.pdf](#)



TESTING

- **SAT:** www.collegeboard.com
- **ACT:** www.act.org
- **Fee Waiver Assistance:**
 - Fee waivers can be requested through the Collegeboard website for SAT testing. It can take up to 1-2 weeks to get an approval from Collegeboard.
 - Students who need a waiver for the ACT can visit their assigned counselor to receive a code.



SAT DATES

Test Date	Registration Date	Test Location
August 22 nd	August 7 th	Salem High School
September 12 th	August 28 th	Rockdale County H.S.
October 3 rd	September 18 th	Salem High School
November 7 th	October 23 rd	Salem High School
December 5 th	November 20 th	Salem High School
March 6 th	February 19 th	Salem High School
May 1 st	April 16 th	Rockdale County H.S.
June 5 th	May 21 st	Salem High School

ACT DATES

Test Date	Registration Date	Test Location
September 19 th	August 14 th	Non RCPS Location
October 17 th	September 11 th	Heritage High School
December 12 th	November 6 th	Rockdale County H.S.
February 27 th	January 22 nd	Heritage High School
April 10 th	March 5 th	Rockdale County H.S.
June 12 th	May 7 th	Non RCPS Location
July 10 th	June 4 th	Non RCPS Location

Rockdale County Public Schools High School CEEB CODES:

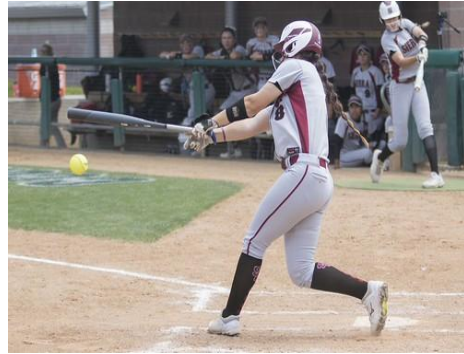
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RGHS: 110860

SHS: 110861



NCAA ELIGIBILITY



- Eligibility is the process that determines **whether you can practice, compete and receive athletics aid** when you enroll as a full-time college student at an NCAA school.
- Eligibility requirements **vary by division**. Division I and II schools require your academic and athletics eligibility to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Division III schools set their own academic standards on campus, but the Eligibility Center certifies the athletics eligibility of Division III international student-athletes.
- Review the NCAA website for more information and registration.
- * **To be NCAA eligible students cannot take any credit recovery courses***

GEORGIA MATCH

- Georgia Match allows seniors to see what colleges/universities they match with in Georgia.
- Students will receive letters in the mail around October that lists colleges that are an academic match based on their HOPE GPA.
- The colleges on the letter are holding a spot for your student in their Fall 2027 freshman class.
- Students can also view their personalized letter and college list by logging into their Georgia Futures Account and view their Dashboard.



SCHOLARSHIPS



HOPE

(partial tuition; varies by year)

- Minimum HOPE GPA of 3.0 (core unweighted GPA)
- Calculated by GSFC
- HOPE GPA visible on GAFutures.org
- Earn a min. of 4 credits from Academic Rigor List
- Based upon Grades from core
- English, Math, Science, SS and WL

ZELL

(full tuition)

- Minimum HOPE GPA of 3.7 (core unweighted GPA)
- Must score 1200 or above on SAT or Score 25 or above on a single ACT test administration
- Must meet Hope Rigor Requirement
- Hope GPA visible on GA Futures

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- Scholarship 360
- SchooLinks
- GaFutures
- UNCF
- Collegeboard.org
- Local organizations & businesses (fraternities, sororities, companies etc.)

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Avoid Senioritis
- Communicate with staff and parents
- Stay Organized
- Check Infinite Campus
- Be Timely





REPRESENTATIVE



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**Chad
Suddeth**

Senior Row Nights

- Wednesday, September 9th; 4:00 – 6:00
- Wednesday, October 14th; 4:00 – 6:00
- Wednesday, November 18th; 4:00 – 6:00
- Wednesday, December 9th; 4:00 – 6:00
- Wednesday, January 13th; 4:00 – 6:00
- Wednesday, January 28th; 4:00 – 6:00
- Wednesday, February 10th; 4:00 – 6:00
(Last chance to order)
- **Cap and Gown Delivery:** Wednesday, April 29th during lunch and 3:00 – 5:00 PM (Concession Stand)
- **Cap Gown Redelivery:** Wednesday, May 12th during lunch and 3:00 – 5:00 PM (Concession Stand)

SENIOR DUES

- **Cap & Gown**
 - **Cap, Gown, Tassel, Embroidered Stole, Diploma and Cover**
- **Senior Shirt**
- **Senior Breakfast Senior Picnic**

\$260





Senior Ring Package



Jacket Color Options



CAP & gown

GRAD GEAR & apparel

SENIOR PORTRAITS



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Book Your
**Senior
Portraits**

THE PREMIER SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY

SENIOR PORTRAITS

<https://home.cady.com>

2027 Seniors

[See All](#)



291

All

264

Unscheduled

7

Scheduled



Timeless



Exposure



Living Walls



Emerge

SENIOR PORTRAITS

- Seniors must be photographed by Cady Studios to appear in the yearbook.
- **Full Senior Road Shoot @ SHS on November 4, 2026**
 - **Simple Session = \$29**
 - includes formal, 1 casual scene and cap & gown
 - **Standard Session = \$59**
 - includes formal, 2 casual scenes and cap & gown
 - **Legacy Session = \$79**
 - Includes formal, 3 casual scenes and cap & gown
- You still must sign-up on **Cady.com**
- **Deadline to appear in the yearbook: January 15, 2027**

2026-27 SHS YEARBOOK



SCAN & BUY NOW!!

BACK TO SCHOOL **\$65**

Offer Dates: 7/29/2026 - 9/18/2026

\$20 Icon Promotion Deadline: 9/18/2026

OFFER 1 **\$70**

Offer Dates: 9/19/2026 - 10/16/2026

OFFER 2 **\$75**

Offer Dates: 10/17/2026 - 11/20/2026

OFFER 3 **\$80**

Offer Dates: 11/21/2026 - 1/29/2027

Personalization will not be available for purchase online after January 29, 2027; Online ordering will stay active.

OFFER 4 **\$85**

Offer Dates: 1/30/2027 - 2/19/2027

DISTRIBUTION OFFER **\$85**

Offer Dates: 2/20/2027 - 6/30/2027

2026-27 YEARBOOK

Senior Ads (Final Shoutout)

OFFER DEADLINES	1/2 Page	1/4 Page
July 21- Nov 20	\$125	\$75
Nov 21 – Jan 29	\$150	\$100

Jacey Scott



My dearest Jacey Ann,
When we saw your little index finger
pressed to your lips in your ultrasound
image, we knew you that you were
gonna be something else! And
boy...were we right lol. From the
moment you realized that you had a
voice, you have been using it ever
since. Self assured, self aware, bossy
and full of personality! Lawyer? First
woman President? Or a great dancer?
Good thing is, the world is yours and you
have all of the gifts to be whatever it is
that YOU want to be. We are very proud
of you and I'm glad that the Universe
chose me to witness the growth of such
an amazing human. I'll leave you with
this...

"I hope you never lose your sense of
wonder. You get your fill to eat but
always keep that hunger. May you never
take one single breath for granted. God
forbid love ever leaves you
empty-handed. I hope you still feel small
when you stand beside the ocean.
Whenever one door closes, I hope one
more opens. Promise me that you'll give
faith a fighting chance. And when you
get the choice to sit it out or dance...I
hope you dance"
Go into the world and dance cool
I love you beyond any understanding,
Mom



Senior Portrait and/or Yearbook Questions?

Contact me anytime!

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- Academic performance
- Attendance
- Conduct and discipline
- Social media awareness
- Meeting deadlines

EXPECTATIONS FOR SENIORS

PARENT SUPPORT

- Monitor grades regularly
- Track deadlines
- Promote attendance
- Support postsecondary planning
- Maintain communication with school staff



SENIOR SUNRISE

Friday
Sept. 4, 2026
6:30 am - 7:45 am
Salem Football Field

Scan Here
to Sign-Up



Senior Shirts Class of 2027



Senior T-Shirts

Scan to submit you
t-shirt size

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