

Junior Checklist

Your junior year is the year to explore the possibilities ahead of you - whether those possibilities include college or a career. Now is the time to ask questions about your future, shadow a job, visit colleges, and take interest surveys on Naviance. It's important to maintain good grades and keep in touch with your guidance counselor about your grades and course selection.

Naviance Website



<https://connection.naviance.com/ridgepoinths>

August – October

- ✓ Begin to make your college list. You should use your junior year to narrow your college list down to the five to seven schools that you wish to apply to your senior year. Be sure these schools are in your Colleges I'm Thinking About list in Naviance.

What kinds of schools should be in my college list?

- **Reach:** 1 or 2 schools on your list can/should be reach schools. A reach school is a college that you might have a chance of getting into, but something in your academic profile is on the low side when looking at the school's profile. Note: all highly selective schools should be considered reach schools regardless of your academic standing.
- **Target:** 3 to 4 schools on your list should be target schools. A target school is one that will probably accept your application for admission. Your grades and test scores will fall into the middle range when looking at the school's profile.
- **Safety:** 1 or 2 schools on your list can/should be safety schools. A safety school is one that will most likely accept your application for admission. The college is most likely to accept you if your grades and test scores are well above the school's average.

- ✓ Make contact with the school representatives:

- If one of your schools visits RPHS be sure to sign up to attend the visit. You can see the list of schools signed up to visit on Naviance under the colleges tab.
- Attend a college fair

FBISD College Fair

October 5th, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at
Austin HS

October 8th, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at
Ridge Point HS

NACAC College Fair

February 9th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at NRG Arena

- ✓ Take the PSAT. The PSAT qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship program and you only have one opportunity to take it your junior year. This is offered at RPHS October 14th, 2015 – be sure to do your best!

November – February

- ✓ Organize a testing plan for taking the ACT and SAT. It is recommended for juniors to take BOTH an SAT and ACT.

SAT Test Dates www.collegeboard.org			
Test Date	Registration Date (\$54.50)	Late Registration Date (\$82.50)	Online Score Release
October 3, 2015	September 3, 2015	September 22, 2015	October 22, 2015
November 7 2015	October 9, 2015	October 27, 2015	November 26, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015	November 23, 2015	December 24, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015	January 12, 2016	February 11, 2016
March 5, 2016 * +	February 5, 2016	February 23, 2016	March 24, 2016
May 7, 2016 *	April 8, 2016	April 26, 2016 *	May 26, 2016
June 4, 2016 *	May 5, 2016	May 25, 2016	June 23, 2016

*NEW SAT test dates + No Subject Tests

ACT Test Dates www.act.org			
Test Date	Registration Date (\$56.50)	Late Registration Date (\$81.50)	Online Score Release
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015	August 21, 2015	September 22, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	October 2, 2015	November 10, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 20, 2015	December 22, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 15, 2016	February 17, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 18, 2016	April 19, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 20, 2016	June 21, 2016

Check out the SAT and ACT page in Naviance for more information, including test prep information.

- ✓ Continue researching colleges and begin to narrow down your list. Be sure you have a variety of Reach, Target and Safety schools.
- ✓ Continue to update your resume on Naviance.

March & April

- ✓ Update your resume on Naviance with new information.
- ✓ Visit the campus of your top choices. Check out RPHS policy for college visits and *How to Make the Most of Your College Visit* in the document library in Naviance.

May & June

- ✓ AP exams will be held in May. Tests are offered at RPHS, be sure to register. Check out the College Board website for more information, including what universities offer credit for AP scores.
- ✓ Be sure you have taken an ACT and SAT before the end of your junior year.
 - Registration deadline for the June 4th, 2016 SAT test is May 5th.
 - Registration deadline for the June 11th, 2016 ACT is May 6th
- ✓ Consider people to ask for college recommendations—teachers and/or counselors – and let them know that you would like them to write you a letter next year.
- ✓ Complete your resume on Naviance. You will need your resume when requesting recommendation letters from your counselor and teachers.
- ✓ Continue to visit colleges on your list. Check out RPHS policy for college visits and *How to Make the Most of Your College Visit* in the document library in Naviance.
- ✓ Athletes----Register on www.eligibilitycenter.org if you plan to compete in a Division I or Division II sport.
- ✓ Check out the enrichment programs in Naviance for possible summer programs. This has a list of programs offered throughout the country.