

Reynoldsburg High School College Planning Guide



Charting your course....

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**Classes that Challenge*
**Take ACT and/or SAT*
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2011-12 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13 – 26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

ACT (No Writing) \$34.00

ACT Plus Writing \$49.50

Late registration fee (U.S. or Canada only) add \$21.00

Standby testing on test day add \$42.00

Test date change add \$21.00

Test center change add \$21.00

www.actstudent.org

2011-12 SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012*	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 5, 2012	May 22, 2012

SAT Fees: \$49.00

Late Fees: \$75.00

www.collegeboard.com

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION:



FOR PARENTS

From the Reynoldsburg High School Guidance Department

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- ◆ **GRADUATION : Tuesday June 5, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Schottenstein Center at Ohio State University (fee for parking)**
- ◆ **Mandatory Graduation Practice, Tues. June 5th @7:30 am**
- ◆ **Senior Academic Awards Ceremony: Thursday, May 31st – 7:00pm RHS Summit Campus**
- ◆ **Last Academic day of classes for Seniors: Friday, May 23rd**
- ◆ **Senior Exams: Thursday, May 24th & Friday, May 25th**

- ◆ **Financial Aid Night: Tuesday, January 24th, 7-8:15 pm** at RHS Summit Campus. The main focus will be the FAFSA Form. The FAFSA form is used by most colleges and universities to determine a student's financial aid package. FAFSA's for the 2012-2013 school year can be submitted after January 1, 2012 using 2011 Income Tax Data. Pay close attention to FAFSA deadlines at individual schools because the dates vary. See other side of this page for the website.

- ◆ **Tom List @ Balfour (614) 861-5478 or tom.list@balfour-rep.com**
Caps, gowns & announcements....information to come! Please check the senior bulletin board for updates or see Mrs. Rahm.

- Mr. Todd Alexander: Yearbook Advisor**
 - ◆ Yearbooks for 2011-2012 can be ordered for approximately \$70.00. Order forms will be passed out in homerooms sometime this fall.

 - ◆ **Life Touch (327-0077)** is the company that photographs each graduate receiving his/her diploma. These packages start at about \$19.00. This company also provides the seniors with the Panoramic Group Senior Class Photo beginning at about \$13.00. Other items are also available.

 - ◆ **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS:** Transcripts Request Forms can be picked up in the Senior Office or downloaded from <http://www.reyn.org/Transcripts.aspx>. Each official transcript that a student wants sent must include a separate Transcript Request Form along with a **STAMPED** business size envelope addressed to where the transcript is to be sent. Transcript Request Forms, along with the college/scholarship application and any other parts of the application **MUST** be personally handed to your guidance counselor or Mrs. Nash in the Senior Office.

Helpful Websites From Your Counselor

	Career Exploration	College Search/Information	Scholarships	Financial Aid	ACT Testing	SAT Testing	Athletics
Ohio Career Information www.ocis.org Username: Reynoldsb Password: ohiocis03	X	X	X				
www.petersons.com		X			X	X	
www.cappex.com		X	X				
www.Fastweb.com			X				
Ohio Board of Regents www.regents.ohio.gov/colleges_universities.php		X					
www.mapping-your-future.org	X		X	X			
www.finaid.org			X	X			
www.salliemae.com			X	X			
www.studentloanfunding.com			X	X			
www.act.org					X		
www.collegeboard.com						X	
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov				X			
www.blackexcel.org (minority)			X				
NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility Center www.ncaa.org Click on Academiccs & Athletics Then click on Eligibility & Recruiting							X

Other:

Common Applications for 340+ colleges and universities:

www.commonapp.org

Guide to Ohio's Public Universities:

www.opuac.org/pdf/thinkpublic.pdf

Guide to Ohio's Private Universities:

www.aicuo.edu/ResourcesAndResearch.html

Guide to Ohio's Two Year Colleges:

www.ohiocc.org/pdf/ADPschools05web.pdf

STEPS TO FOLLOW AT RHS FOR THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Reynoldsburg High School code number is 364-380

1. GET AN APPLICATION

Locate the college's website (typically ends in .edu) and find the link to admissions. Complete the online application as directed.

2. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Start completing your application(s) early. RHS counselors suggest before WINTER BREAK as a target date for submitting your application(s). However, make sure that you follow the specific deadlines for each school.

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

- Read the entire application thoroughly for instructions and deadlines. Follow ALL directions.
- As you complete the application, proofread carefully. Spelling errors are unacceptable!
- Be sure to answer all questions and fill in all blanks (if you don't understand a question, be sure to ask).
- Print out a copy of the application for your records.
- Make sure that you print out any additional pages that must be filled out by a counselor and/or recommenders. Many online applications also require that you print out a "Signature Page" that you must sign and send in with your transcript (transcripts must come from the Senior Office).

Other Important Considerations about College Applications:

- * Personal Statements and Essays (Just when required): These should be thoughtful, well written, and express something unique to set you apart from other applicants.
- * Applications can include any or all of the following components:
 1. Application;
 2. Counselor Completion Form;
 3. Other Recommendations;
 4. Essays;
 5. Personal Statement;
 6. NCAA Forms;
 7. Financial Aid Forms;
 8. Scholarship Forms;
 9. Secondary School Report;
 10. Mid-Year Grade Report
- * Make Sure You Have Submitted ALL the Requested Materials!

3. **SUBMITTING APPLICATION MATERIALS TO RHS SENIOR OFFICE FOR MAILING**

COLLEGE APPLICATION MATERIALS should be brought to the Senior Office with all the completed pages together, (ready for mailing) to prevent potential loss of materials (remember colleges are receiving thousands of applications and prefer to receive a complete package from students).

TO ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION IS POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE:

1. Allow a minimum of 5 SCHOOL DAYS for transcript only.
2. Allow a minimum of 10 SCHOOL DAYS if a secondary school report or counselor recommendation form is needed.
3. If you need a written recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other community member please ask 10 days in advance of the deadline.
4. In addition to application materials, you MUST bring in a completed “TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM”.
** A “Transcript Request Form” is needed for EACH transcript that is sent out, whether for applications, scholarships, etc.
5. A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER for the application fee payment needs to be brought in with these other materials, unless the fee has been previously paid or waived.
6. Students must provide an ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE with adequate postage for the application packet. The envelope needs to be addressed to the college admissions address provided and use the Reynoldsburg High School address as the **return address:**
Reynoldsburg High School
8579 Summit Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

NCAA ELIGIBILITY NOTICE!

The NCAA has established a central clearinghouse to determine initial eligibility for divisions I & II student athletes. Here is important information you need to know in order to participate in division I or II athletics.

- **STUDENT ATHLETE MUST BE SURE TO INDICATE CODE #9999 ON ACT/SAT FOR SCORE RELEASE** (When registering to take the ACT/SAT, you should indicate code #9999 as one of the institutional codes to receive their scores. This will automatically send your official score to the clearinghouse)

NCAA Eligibility Center

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, located in Iowa City, Iowa, is the organization that handles **ALL** inquiries regarding an individual's initial eligibility status. The Clearinghouse operates a separate Web site at <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter> which maintains and processes all of the initial-eligibility certifications.

To register with the Clearinghouse:

Fill out or download the online form at https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter_publications_hotline_at_800/638-3731 and ask for a free copy of the "Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete" which contains the registration forms and a Clearinghouse brochure.

For a list of approved core courses offered by your high-school

Visit the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse Web Site.

For Information on your Clearinghouse status

For questions about whether your transcript, student release form, etc., were received, or about when you will be cleared, call the clearinghouse customer service line at 877/262-1492. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. (You will need your Personal Identification Number {PIN} and Social Security number).

Contacting the Clearinghouse

If you've misplaced your PIN or need other information, contact the Clearinghouse at:

Customer Service: 877/262-1492 (toll free in the USA) or 319/337-1492

Fax: 319/337-1556

Mail:

NCAA Eligibility Center
Certification Processing
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7136

Office Hours: 8a.m. to 6 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday

Financial Aid-Step By Step

1. Register for scholarships to be e-mailed/generate a scholarship list
 - a. www.fastweb.com
 - b. www.finaid.org
 - c. www.scholarship.com
 - d. www.college-scholarship.com
 - e. <http://www.ocis.org>
username: Reynoldsb password: ohioicis03 (click on financial aid sort)
2. Check for college specific scholarships to when you apply to colleges.
3. All students should go to the FAFSA website (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and click on “pin” to request a pin number for each student and parent in preparation to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (This form is required for all need based scholarships at any college).
4. Attend the financial aid workshop:
Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7pm in the RHS Summit Campus
5. Watch for local Reynoldsburg scholarships to be advertised in the spring.
6. Meet with the financial aid office once you are accepted to a college to put together a financial aid package which can include grants, scholarships, work-study programs, parent loans and student loans.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 12, 2012

@ 2:00 PM

Franklin County Locations:

Devry University

The Ohio State University at Godman Guild

Westerville North High School

www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org

Scholarship Scams Tip Sheet

10 Scam Warning Signs

Knowing the warning signs can keep you from being a scholarship scam victim.

1. Fees: You shouldn't have to pay to search for or apply for scholarships. Check out the *free* scholarship search at www.fastweb.com.

2. Credit card or bank account information needed: You should never have to give credit card or bank account information to award providers.

3. Scholarship guarantee: No one can guarantee that you'll win a scholarship because no one can control scholarship judges' decisions. Also, be wary of "high success rates" - they usually do not refer to actual award winners.

4. No work involved: You can't avoid putting in time to fill out a scholarship application.

5. No contact information: Legitimate sponsors should provide contact information upon request. If the sponsor does not supply a valid e-mail address, phone number and mailing address (not a PO box) upon request, that could be the sign of a scam.

6. Unsolicited scholarships: If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert - it's most likely a scam.

7. Pressure tactics: Don't allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking for money up front.

8. Claims of "exclusive" scholarships: Sponsors don't make their scholarships available through only one service.

9. Sponsor goes out of their way to sound "official": Scammers sometimes use official-sounding words like "national," "education" or "federal" or they display an official-looking seal to fool you into thinking they are legit. Check with your school if you question a scholarship provider's legitimacy.

10. Your questions aren't answered directly: If you can't get a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information or other questions, proceed with caution.

Suspect a Scam?

If you think you may be dealing with a scammer, follow the directions below:

1. Save all forms you receive from the suspect company. Keep copies of written details about the offer and any correspondence, e-mails or other paperwork. Make sure all materials are dated.

2. Take notes during any seminar or phone conversations. Record the date, time, phone number and the person's name with whom you spoke. Also include a detailed account of your conversation.

3. Report the suspected scammer to any of the following organizations:

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Fill out an online complaint form or call toll-free:
Ph: 877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
Web: www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

National Fraud Information Center (NFIC)

Fill out an online complaint form or call toll-free:
Ph: 800-876-7060
Web: www.fraud.org

Better Business Bureau (BBB)

Be sure to have the address of the company about whom you are filing the complaint.
Ph: 703-276-0100
Web: www.bbb.org

United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

Ph: 800-654-8896
Web: www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/fraud/welcome.htm

FastTip:

Remember that applying for financial aid should never cost more than a postage stamp!

**Free Scholarship Search:
Over \$1 billion in awards
www.fastweb.com**