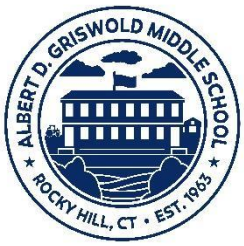
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students,

This is the time of year when we receive many requests from parents and students for information about secondary schools. This letter will explain information and procedures for moving on to high school.

Students can pursue their secondary education in:

- Public high schools, ex. Rocky Hill High School (RHHS)
- Career and technical education, ex. Vinal Technical High School or Agricultural Science and Technology Education @ Middletown High School
- Magnet high schools, ex. Greater Hartford Academy of Math & Science (GHAMAS) or Greater Hartford Academy of Arts (GHAA)
- Private high schools, ex. Mercy High School, Xavier High School, Kingswood Oxford School

These options are choices that families study with care before making their decisions. Students receive updates through our 8th grade Google Classroom. Information is also posted on our school counseling website.

During the months of October through December, it is traditional for private schools to have “open house” opportunities, followed by dates when entrance exams are taken. Private schools typically require extensive applications and testing for admission. It is the responsibility of the parents to obtain the necessary information from these institutions. We will assist you by completing the sections of the application related to us. Recommendations completed by teachers, counselors, and/or administrators are sent directly to the respective schools.

The career and technical schools require applications, and hold open houses in November. These applications are available to the students in the guidance office or, for some schools, online.

The magnet schools require parent and student meetings or attendance at an open house, and online applications. The openings for these schools are limited and students are chosen by lottery. For more information on magnet school choices and open house dates, please visit https://www.crecschools.org/admissions.

The staff at RHHS will host an orientation for parents of incoming ninth grade students on January 27 (snow date – February 1) at RHHS. We encourage you to attend to learn about the curriculum and programs available to your children right here at home. You will receive more information regarding the orientation in the coming months. In addition to the advanced placement classes and the many other opportunities RHHS students presently enjoy, a program called Project Lead the Way (PLTW) has also been established. PLTW is geared toward students who have an interest in engineering and allows them to earn college credits for some of the courses. For more information about RHHS please visit https://rhhs.rockyhillps.com/

If there are questions or concerns you have as your children move on to the next level in their education, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Lentini
8th Grade School Counselor