

Junior News

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Upcoming Events

- Report Cards – Jan 5
- MLK Day NO School – Jan 15
- ASVAB Test – Jan 11
- Job Shadow Form A due – Jan 30
- Parent Teacher Conference – Jan 31
- RCAC tapping – Feb
- Class Rank available – Feb
- Job Shadow Day – Feb 2
- Job Shadow Form B due – Feb 6
- President's Day NO School – Feb 19
- RCAC – March 8
- Spring Break – March 11-15
- Junior ACT Day – March 19
- DE Parent Meeting – March 21
- Report Cards – March 22
- Fall DE Registration Begins – March 25
- College Career Event – March 27
- Prom – March 28
- Easter Break – March 29 – April 1
- DE Registration Deadline – April 4
- EOC Testing – April 15 – May 3
- Graduation – May
- Semester Exams – May 16 – 22
- Last Day of School – May 23

Dual Enrollment

- There will be a DE Parent Meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 3:30 PM.
- Registration will start March 25.
- Information can be found at rchs.rheacounty.org/de.
- **The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 4, 2024.**

Graduation Requirements

- You'll find graduation requirements at rchs.rheacounty.org/schoolcounseling

Honors/Distinction Diploma

- To graduate with Honors or Distinction:
 - * Gold Tassel – A 3.0 GPA, meet all ACT Benchmarks and meet a Distinction requirement
 - * White Tassel – A 3.0 GPA and meet a Distinction requirement
 - * Blue Tassel – A 3.0 GPA and meet all ACT Benchmarks

ACT Benchmarks

- English – 18
- Math – 22
- Reading – 22
- Science – 23

Distinction – You must complete one of the following:

- Participate in Governor's School
- Be a National Merit Finalist or Semi Finalist
- Receive a 31 or better on the ACT
- Earn 12 or more dual enrollment credits
- Receive Industrial Certification

RCAC

- Students who earn a 95 Honors NGA will be invited to join RCAC.
- Students must maintain a 95 Honors NGA to stay in RCAC.



Information

- If you have not already started preparing for the ACT, you need to start now!
- Taking the ACT is a requirement for graduation.
- Your ACT math sub score will determine which senior math you will take.
- Your ACT sub scores determine if you are eligible for some DE (Dual Enrollment, Early College, Middle College, etc.) classes.

Study Information

- Google Tennessee ACT Toolkit
- March2Success.com
- <https://www.how-to-study.com/act-test-taking-tips/>
- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents/high-school-success/testing-advice-for-the-act.html>
- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/new-act-options/online-testing.html>
- Kaplanquizzes.com has ACT question of the day
- Google ACT practice tests

Test Day Tips

- Take the test seriously.
- Read the full question carefully and do not overanalyze.
- Do not change your first answer unless you find an obvious error.
- Answer the questions you know and return to the ones you are unsure of in each section only.
- Do not leave any questions blank.
- When 5 minutes is called, pick a letter and select it for the remaining questions in that section. Then, go back and find the correct answers in the remaining time.
- Answers with absolutes such as always, never, etc., are generally not correct.
- Cover up the word except or not from those type questions and pick the one that does not fit.
- Don't ignore anything in the question.
- Eat breakfast.
- Bring your driver's license or permit.
- Bring an approved calculator.
- Bring a jacket.
- Go to the restroom before the test.
- Give yourself enough time to deal with any problems that arrive.

You will only do as well as you think you will so
stay positive!