



AHS

JAN/FEB

COUNSELING

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

January 9th and 10th - 9th grade scheduling meetings

January 23rd- 25th - Semester 1 exams

January 30th - February 1st - 9th grade scheduling input meetings

January 29th - AP Registration Meeting (for those students currently taking an AP course)

February 6th and 7th - 10th grade Survey meetings

February 21st - 25th - 10th grade schedule input meetings

February 27th and 28th - 11th grade Survey meetings

Counselors	Caseload	Email
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Mrs. Falkowski	Don to Jon	sfalkowski@rochester.k12.mi.us
Mrs. Bellomo	Joo - Ni	jbello@rochester.k12.mi.us
Mrs. Clement	Nj to Su	cclement@rochester.k12.mi.us
Mrs. Parliament	Sv to Z	aparliament@rochester.k12.mi.us

REMIND 101

For text message alerts and reminders from the counseling department, please sign up for Remind 101. Text @ahscouns18 to 81010.

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Counselors will be meeting with students after the New Year to begin selecting courses for the 2019-2020 school year. Please have discussions with your child regarding appropriate choices. Please sign your child's scheduling card indicating your approval of their choices.

Current Freshmen will be receiving their schedule card on **January 9th and 10th** and it will be due within the next 2 weeks. Specific deadlines will be on the schedule card.

Current Sophomores will be receiving their schedule card on **February 6th and 7th** and it will be due within the next 2 weeks. Specific deadlines will be on the schedule card.

Current Juniors will be receiving their schedule card on **February 27th and February 28th** and it will be due within the next 2 weeks. Specific deadlines will be on the schedule card.

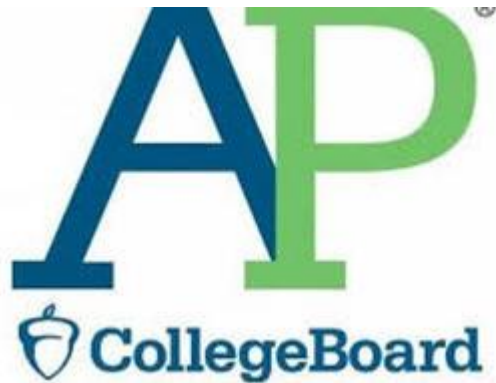


**Cards should be inputted into the
Course Request in your StudentVue
account <https://rcsvue.rochester.k12.mi.us>
BEFORE you meet with your counselor.**

**SIGNED, COMPLETED cards also need to be turned in to your teacher
during your scheduled appointment time.**

All scheduling cards and additional materials can be found on the Adams Counseling website or by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/adams-high-school/pages/2519/counseling>

Advanced Placement



Students that plan to register for an AP test this year should attend the registration informational meeting on January 29th during 2ND hour.

REGISTRATION DATES

Jan 28, 2019 - Feb 28, 2019 (\$100)
March 2, 2019 - March 8, 2019 (\$110)
March 9, 2019 - March 15, 2019 (120)

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

Any student who would like to make an individual appointment with their counselor should come see Mrs. Snook or Mrs. Pierre in the counseling office. Counselors will review transcripts, graduation requirements, application process, review EDP's, discuss NCAA, and share other important information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are posted on the counseling website on a regular basis. Please visit the website to see current scholarships and helpful links:

<http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/adams-high-school/pages/6996/scholarship-bulletin>

Career Cruising

Career Cruising will help you with the following and much more!!!

Quick access to Career information

- Job Descriptions
- Education needed
- Working conditions
- Earnings

Quick access to college information

- School Profile
- Admissions
- Academic information
- Estimated expenses
- Enrollment
- Majors offered
- Links to college web pages!!

Go to <https://sso.careercruising.com/page/openidconnect>:

1. Sign in using your RCS Google Username and Password.
2. Update your EDP to 100% completion.

This year we will be working with freshman and sophomores on their EDP's at counseling grade level meetings. Juniors and seniors must complete their EDP's on their own time and they must be turned in when we survey for classes during 2nd semester (with the exception of seniors who must complete their EDP's before requesting a transcript).

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSIONS and FAFSA WORKSHOPS

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY OFFERS
a variety of financial aid events, including:**

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSIONS

for students and their families to obtain general financial aid information needed to prepare for college.

This event is open to the public and does not require admission to OU.

FAFSA WORKSHOPS

for high school seniors and their parents to receive assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This event is open to the public and does not require admission to OU.

To learn more and register for an event, visit oakland.edu/financialservices.



College Timeline

Use this guide to stay on top of important deadlines

This is a general timeline for college planning. Contact each school for more specific information regarding admissions, housing and financial aid deadlines.

Junior Year

FALL

- Take the PSAT (Oct. 14 or 17, 2015) to get an idea of what to expect on the SAT. A stellar PSAT score also can qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- Assess your reasons for going to college: What are your goals? What learning opportunities are most important to you? What are your career interests?

WINTER

- Begin preparing for the ACT and/or SAT.
- Make a list of factors that are important to you in choosing a college. Discuss with counselors, teachers, parents and friends.
- Begin collecting information on colleges that interest you. Attend fairs and college-night programs in your area.

SPRING

- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Take college admissions tests (ACT/ACT Plus Writing Test, SAT Reasoning Test/SAT Subject Test).
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** If enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, prepare for May AP exams.
- Consider visiting college campuses over spring break.

SUMMER

- Continue visiting college campuses.
- Consider taking summer courses or holding an internship in a field that interests you.
- Work on drafts of admissions applications, especially the essay portion. Craft a résumé.
- Prepare for fall standardized tests if you have not yet taken them or if you want to improve your spring scores.
- Begin your scholarship search. Research scholarships using websites and sources within your community.

Senior Year

FALL

- Request letters of recommendation from teachers.
- Mark your calendar with all future deadlines, including application deadlines for all schools to which you are applying.
- Schedule required and/or recommended interviews.
- Retake the ACT/SAT if necessary.
- Continue visiting colleges.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** October-December early-action and early-decision application deadlines.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Check deadlines for scholarships and other private aid.

WINTER

- Early-admission decisions delivered in December. If early admission has been denied, it's time to re-group and apply to other schools.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Regular admissions deadlines begin.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Deadlines for scholarships and other private aid.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Apply for federal aid. The deadline is June 30, 2016, but you should apply as soon as you can after Jan. 1. Schools have their own deadlines -- contact them for exact dates. Consult financial-aid offices and www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Keep up second-semester grades, and stay active in extracurricular activities. Many colleges ask for mid-year grade reports and/or state that acceptance is contingent on continued performance.

SPRING

- Most acceptance and denial letters should arrive by mid-April.
- Check out campuses at schools that have accepted you and schedule overnight visits at top-choice schools.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Reply to all decision letters with intent to attend or not attend.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** If enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, study for May AP exams.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Deposit deadlines. Many deposits are due May 1 to secure your spot. Meet this deadline or risk forfeiting your spot to wait-list students.

SUMMER

- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Attend orientation programs.
- Get ready for the dorms. Talk to future roommates and current students to determine what to buy.
- Get a meningitis shot.
- Consider working an internship or attending a class at a local community college.



Steps for Applying for Financial Aid

1. Apply for Admission, as Well as Financial Aid

Before a student's chances for aid can be determined, many colleges require both an application for admission and financial aid. Since application deadlines vary by institution, you might want to develop a calendar of important dates. Apply as early as possible.

2. Submit Required Financial-Aid Forms

File all required forms for financial aid consideration at the colleges you are contemplating. This includes the correct year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and obtaining a PIN number from the U.S. Department of Education at www.pin.ed.gov.

File one FAFSA total for all of the colleges you are considering. The FAFSA includes a section for you to list the colleges to which you want your information sent.

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to fill out the form. The website includes deadlines, instructions for completing the form, and follow-up procedures, so you can check on the status of your form. If you have questions about completing the application or would like a paper version of the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (800.433.3243). During your senior year, complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

The FAFSA collects demographic and financial information from students and parents to be used to determine an Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the figure used to determine a student's eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, other federal financial aid programs, and many state programs. The EFC is determined according to formulas set periodically by Congress.

Check with each college to determine whether there are additional forms the college requires you to file. File all forms in time to meet the colleges' financial-aid application deadlines. Admissions and financial-aid deadlines are often different; remember to meet each requirement.

3. Apply for Scholarships and Grants

Besides aid offered directly by a college and aid for which your FAFSA form is an automatic application (for example, a Federal Pell Grant), inquire about state scholarship, grant and loan programs. Ask about institutional, community, foundation and corporation programs, as well.

4. Tracking Your Progress

Monitor all the information you receive from individual college business offices regarding fees, payment schedules, etc. Include this information in your college planning.

GET MORE INFO

Contact this state agency to obtain additional information about financial assistance:

Student Financial Services Bureau

Outreach Services

800.642.5626, ext. 37054

www.michigan.gov/studentaid