



RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

The College Application Process

Presented by:
The RMHS Counseling Department
Summer 2021

Agenda

Post Secondary Planning

- Support System and Resources
- Naviance Student
- Preparing Application Materials

Support System and Resources

- Counselors
- College and Career Coordinator,
Ms. Mary Hull
- Registrar, Mrs. Erin Stamets
- Teachers

The Counselors are Responsible for.....

Writing recommendations for all students applying to 4- year colleges or a scholarship program at Montgomery College

- **Brag sheet and interview**

***Parent Input** - Parents can use this [document](#) to share information with their child's counselor that they would like considered in the writing of the counselor's letter. This is optional.

The Counseling Office is Responsible for.....

Sending Official Student/school materials including: *(sent electronically whenever possible.)*

- Student Transcript
- Secondary School Report Form
- School Profile

The Counseling Office and Career Center Can Also Provide Information on.....

- College admissions – helping to choose colleges that are good matches for students
- College visits – meeting with college admissions officers when they visit RM
- Scholarships – providing information on scholarship programs that may be appropriate for students to apply for

Teachers are Responsible for....

- Sending recommendations for students for whom they have agreed to write
- Sending the Common App teacher recommendation form with their recommendation

In the Fall, Students are Responsible for.....

- Requesting transcripts both through Naviance and the google form
- Requesting teacher recommendations both in person/via email and through Naviance
 - **Give your teachers AT LEAST one month's notice** prior to your deadline
 - **NOTE: Most schools will require one or two teacher recommendations**
- Sending in your applications BY THE DEADLINE
- Sending in financial aid application materials

***Counselors will visit Senior English classes in September to demonstrate how to request electronic transcripts and teacher recs.**



Naviance | *Student*

Naviance

Naviance is a free, comprehensive online program that assists students and parents with:

- College and Career Planning
- College Application Process
- Scholarship Searches

Naviance Features

- College Search and Comparison
- **Scattergrams**
- Career Exploration
- Free online SAT, ACT, AP Tests Preparation
- Scholarship List
- **College Visits to RMHS**
- **Electronic Transcript Request Tracking**
- Resume Builder and Journal
- **Student Brag Sheets**

Testing schedule

Many Juniors stop by and ask when should I take my first official SAT or ACT. I like to recommend students take the March SAT or the February ACT after they have taken the PSAT in the fall. This allows students plenty of time to see how they scored, determine if they need to take a prep class, then take another official exam by the end of the year. It also allows students time to take any required SAT Subject tests. Getting your testing done by the end of your Junior year will enable

[Read more](#)

Important To-Dos and Tasks

 TASK Scholarship search

My Favorites



COLLEGES

[I'm thinking about](#)

COLLEGES

[I'm applying to](#)

COURSES

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CAREERS AND CLUSTERS

[I'm thinking about](#)

What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.



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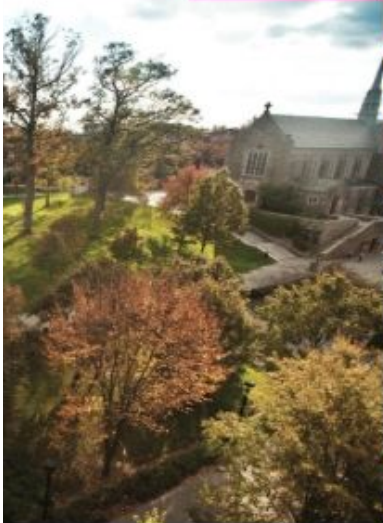
Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs



AVERAGE NET PRICE ¹

\$24,470

Family Income

GRADUATION RATE ¹

80%

ACCEPTANCE RATE ¹

65%

COLLEGE OVERLAPS

10

EARLY ACTION DEADLINE

November

15

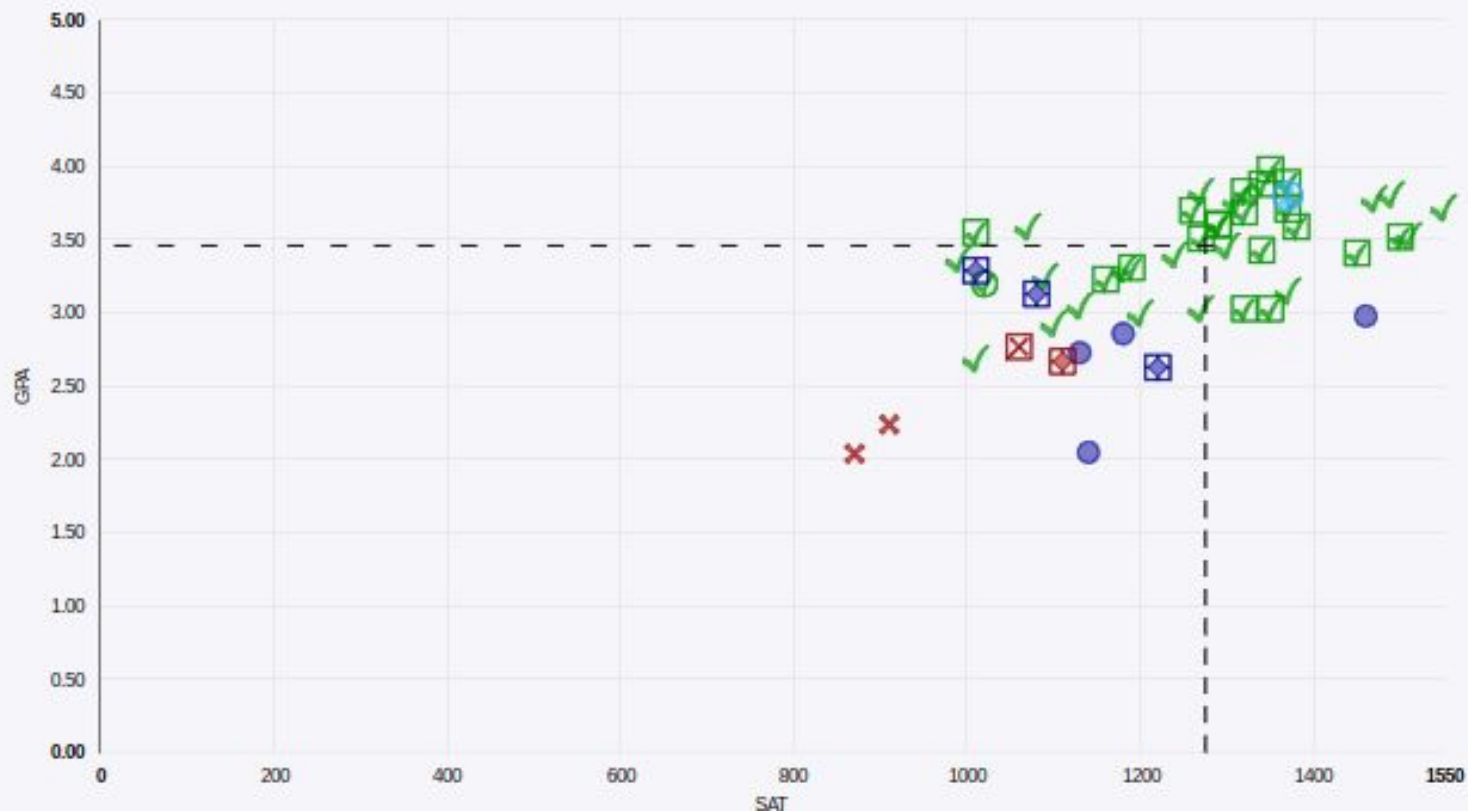
Scattergrams | Applications for Richard Montgomery High School i

Comparing


Unweighted GPA ▼

with

SAT (1600) ▼



Colleges I'm thinking about

 Search for colleges


[+ Add Colleges to List](#)

















 Compare Me

 UPDATE INTEREST

 MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

 REMOVE


 = extended profile available

College	Delivery type 	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest		
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A		MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Maryland-College Park		Counselor	N/A	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A		MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/>  Northeastern University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A		MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/>  Salisbury University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A		MORE 
<input type="checkbox"/>  Towson University		Student	N/A	Multiple Deadlines 	N/A		MORE 





✦ = extended profile available

College	Type	Deadline	Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 
✦ American University	RD	Regular Decision January 15	N/A	requested	Pending	
✦ Emory University	ED	Early Decision November 1	N/A	requested	Pending	
✦ Frostburg State University	RD	Regular Decision February 15	N/A	requested	Pending	
✦ University of Maryland-Baltimore County	EA	Early Action November 1	N/A	requested	Pending	

English

Go


Give feedback


5 new messages

Messages

5 Messages (5 New)

	From	Subject	Received On
NEW	Mary Hull	Webinar on the ACT and SAT and College Admissions during COVID	Jul 6, 2020 4:06 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	MoCo Student needs you!	Jul 6, 2020 2:50 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	Common Application Workshop Presentation	Jul 6, 2020 12:42 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	Asian American Progressive Student Union	Jul 6, 2020 12:00 PM
NEW	Mary Hull	2020 Graduation Survey	Apr 30, 2020 4:20 PM

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Student Brag Sheet

IN PROGRESS

How do I Access Naviance?

- <https://student.naviance.com/rmhs>
- Or use the link on the RMHS Counseling Page
<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/guidance/>
- Parents can access Naviance by emailing Ms. Hull **only after** their child has set up an account. [Mary F Hull@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Mary_F_Hull@mcpsmd.org)

Other Valuable Tools and Websites

- Unigo (www.unigo.com) **Unigo** is an online business matching students with colleges, scholarships, internships, student loans, majors and careers. Also offers thousands of first hand college reviews from current and former students and alumni.
- College Board - www.collegeboard.org
- ACT – www.actstudent.org
- Common Application - www.commonapp.org
- Coalition Application-<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Maryland State Financial Assistance Programs & Applications (MHEC – Md. Higher Education Commission) - <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/description.s.aspx>
- Fastweb (www.fastweb.com) Fastweb is an online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school



***Game Time: Preparing
application materials***

Evaluating an Application: What do Colleges Consider?

- Transcript
 - GPA, Courses & Grades
- Optional Testing: SAT or ACT Scores
- Essay(s)
- Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation

Covid Specific Considerations in Admissions

- College admissions statement about admissions during Covid:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b7c56e255b02c683659fe43/t/5ef9bf0b67d0746239a5b429/1593425675919/FINAL+Statement+TTT+Deans+20200629.pdf>

- Covid Specific Essay question on Common App
- Majority of schools have moved to test optional for 2022 applicants

What Should Students Be Doing Now?

- Work on college essays
- Participate in SAT/ACT testing (OPTIONAL)
- Spend your time productively
- Narrow down and solidify the list of schools you want to apply to
- Sign up for college tours (virtual or in-person)
- Begin your online applications

Fall of Senior Year

- Add colleges to your list in Naviance to track deadlines
- Work on applications
- Send an email through Naviance to teachers requesting teacher recommendations
- Request transcripts from the registrar through Naviance
- Complete applications for any colleges that have deadlines between Oct 15 and Dec 15th.

Fall of Senior Year: Financial Aid

- Complete the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Application opens Oct 1, 2020
 - Complete the form as soon as possible to insure the best possible access to financial aid
- Complete all supplemental applications and materials required to apply for financial aid at your different colleges
- Do an online search for scholarship opportunities
 - Avoid scams - do not consider any offer that requires that you pay money to apply.
 - Check out the Maryland Higher Education Commission website to see if you are eligible for any of the Maryland state grant programs.
www.mhec.state.md.us
- Check deadlines – Many merit scholarship deadlines coincide with early application/early decision deadlines

Special Considerations

- **Athletes:**

- Student athletes intending to play NCAA Division I or II sports must register with the NCAA www.ncaa.org
- On the NCAA website, look at the eligibility requirements in regards to required courses and GPA.

- **IB Students:**

- Many schools will award advanced placement or credit for scores on IB tests, but can vary by university. Look at each university's webpage for specifics. The [IB World Organization](http://www.ibo.org) website also has some information on the policies at different universities as well.

- **Students with special needs:**

- Consider speaking with the student services office at any school you are visiting, or to which you are applying. Ask how they support students with special needs, esp. if they have a 504 or IEP.

RMHS COUNSELORS

Counselor	Student's Last Name Begins With
<u>Ms. Evan Anderson</u>	G, H, I
<u>Mrs. Shannon Chen</u>	C, E
<u>Mr. Paul Craft</u>	P, R, U
<u>Mr. Andrew Bock</u>	Beo-Bz, L
<u>Mrs. Erica LeBright</u>	A, W, X
<u>Mrs. Brigid McKelvey</u>	J, N, O, Q, Y, Z
<u>Ms. Julie Colatrella</u>	D, T, V
<u>Mrs. Antoinette Phillips</u>	K
<u>Mr. Marcus Turner</u>	F, M
<u>Mr. Geoffrey Finch</u>	Ba-Ben, S
<u>Mrs. Karla Lepinsky</u>	ESOL Counselor

Thank You for Attending!!

RMHS School Counseling Office

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<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/guidance/>



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