



College & Career

The Pathway to Your Future
Class of 2026

There are many pathways to success!



Benefits of Choosing the College Pathway

1 | Career Opportunities

- Increased earning potential
- Increased chance of being hired
- Preparation for a specialized career
- Networking opportunities
- Access to internships, apprenticeships, teaching assistantships, etc.

2 | Personal Growth

- Access to extracurricular activities & organizations
- Exposure to new ideas and possible interests
- Flexibility to take classes outside your major
- Meeting people from diverse backgrounds

3 | “Soft Skills”

- Critical thinking
- Digital fluency
- Teamwork
- Information literacy
- Communication
- Leadership
- Time management
- Resilience
- Growth mindset

Steps of the College Application Process

1

Application Process

Spring of 11th grade - Fall/Winter of 12th grade

- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay
- Application
- SSL/Extracurriculars
- SAT and ACT (if applicable)
- Resume
- Deadlines (Fall 2024)

2

Financial Aid

FAFSA Opens December 2024

- Create a student and parent FSAID
- Complete FAFSA application

Completing the FAFSA opens up access to countless scholarships and grants

3

Making the Final Decision

Spring of 12th grade

Make your final decision by May 1st by comparing your financial aid award letters. Determine how much is being asked of your family and how much you can afford.

Remember, choosing a college is a business decision!

Benefits of Choosing the Career Pathway

1 | Military

- On the job training
- Housing and Medical Benefits
- 8 branches to choose from
- Educational benefits
- Leadership training
- Opportunity to travel

2 | Apprenticeship

- Enter the workforce while still in high school
- Earn a salary
- Gain marketable industry skills
- Receive a State Skilled Certificate after meeting state requirements

3 | Entering the Workforce

- Understanding Career Clusters
- Choose from various career fields
- Become an entrepreneur
- Build on skills you already have

Steps to Joining the Workforce

1 | Job Search

- Websites (Indeed, Idealist, Monster, ZipRecruiter, etc.)
- Networking (in person and online)
- Job fairs
- Social media
- Temping/interning
- “Cold calling”

2 | Application

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References (around 2-4)
- Applications are usually online
- Websites like Indeed allow you to apply to multiple jobs in seconds

3 | Interview

- In-person or virtual? Group or individual? Committee or one-on-one?
- Sometimes more than one interview will be required
- Do your research!
- Prepare some questions
- Remember that you are interviewing them too (to see if they are the right fit)

OK, so you've got a plan...



Or maybe you don't.... That's okay.
You still have time to think about it.

Take time to explore your interests



INTERVIEW
PEOPLE WITH
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
CAREERS



THINK ABOUT
WHAT MAKES
YOU HAPPY.
THAT THING
COULD BE A
CAREER PATH
FOR YOU



WATCH ROAD
TRIP NATION
VIDEOS IN
NAVIANCE

Know your Resources!

[Naviance](#)

-Single sign-on for students

-Parents can Email the RM

[College and Career Coordinator](#)

for access

Essay Prompts for 24-25

[Common app](#)

[Checklist for Applying to College](#)

[MCPS Youth](#)

[Apprenticeship Program](#)

Search for a [Trade School](#)

26 [Review Factors](#) for UMD

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[Military of Today](#)

[Join the Military](#)

[Gap Year Planning](#)

[College and Career In The News](#)

Future Events

Junior Parent Evening Presentation:

December 5, 2024

PSAT Day:

October 16, 2024

MUST ALREADY BE REGISTERED

SAT Day:

March 19, 2025

WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED

Parent Coffee Sessions:

February - May - info coming soon!

One-on-one student meetings in the spring to discuss the college application process

College Visits at RMHS

Ongoing

College Fair

April - Ms. Miller will send out registration information

ASVAB (helps determine a person's eligibility for military service and job training, and can also help identify careers that may be a good fit.)

TBD -Ms. Miller will send out registration information





Naviance

College: Finding the Right Fit

CONSIDER...

- 2 year, 4 year, or online schools
- Size
- Location
- Admissions selectivity
- Majors
- Costs
- Extracurriculars, Sports, Religious Affiliation, Campus Culture
- Special programs (research opportunities, internships, music, etc.)



Naviance: A comprehensive online K-12 college & career readiness tool

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, Colleges, and Planner. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Future Planning:** A section with a "No Path Selected" message and a "Select Path" button. A callout bubble points to this section with the text: "Plan for your future using the select path feature".
- Career Goals:** A section showing "Bakers" and "Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education".
- Career Essentials:** A section with two sub-sections:
 - Important Skills:** Lists skills like Monitoring, Speaking, and Active Listening.
 - Top Knowledge Sets:** Lists knowledge sets like English Language, Customer and Personal Service, and Education and Training.
- Welcome to Naviance:** A message from the College and Career Coordinator, including a list of tasks for students to complete.
- Tasks from My School:** A list of tasks with checkboxes and due dates.
- What's New:** A section with news items about school visits.

Callout bubbles provide additional context:

- Top right: "Emails and up to date information from our College and Career Coordinator"
- Right side (middle): "Tasks assigned by the county"
- Bottom right: "Updates on college visits, scholarship deadlines, etc"

Naviance: Self-Discovery Homepage

Self Discovery

AchieveWorks Intelligences®



Intelligence comes in many forms. AchieveWorks Intelligences® helps you uncover your different intelligences and how to leverage them.

[Start Assessment](#)

AchieveWorks Learning and Productivity®



Discover your sensory, environmental and mindset preferences to help develop and adjust your study practices.

[Start Assessment](#)

AchieveWorks Personality®



AchieveWorks Personality® helps you identify your personality type by asking you to choose scenarios that best represent how you behave in real life.

[Start Assessment](#)

AchieveWorks Skills®



AchieveWorks Skills® helps you identify and develop your skills and connects your skills to careers that might interest you.

[Start Assessment](#)

Career Cluster Finder



Top Clusters

- [Human Services](#)
- [Hospitality and Tourism](#)
- [Marketing](#)

[Retake](#)

[View Results](#)

Career Interest Profiler

Completed Feb 8th 2023



Holland Traits

- [Enterprising](#)
- [Social](#)
- [Investigative](#)

[Retake](#)

[View Results](#)

Strengths Explorer®



Please click or tap "View Results" to see your detailed results report.

[View Results](#)

Multiple assessments to figure out what you like and what you are good at.

Naviance: Researching Colleges

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, **Colleges**, and Planner. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into several sections:

- College Home**: A section for finding a fit, including links for SuperMatch College Search, College Match, College Events, Scattergrams, Advanced College Search, and College Lookup.
- Research Colleges**: A section for exploring colleges, including links for Colleges I'm Thinking About, College Visits, College Compare, College Resources, Acceptance History, Enrichment Programs, and College Maps.
- Apply to College**: A section for applying, including links for Colleges I'm Applying to and Test Scores.

Three callout boxes provide additional information:

- A callout box on the left points to the SuperMatch College Search link, stating: "Use the SuperMatch tool to customize searches based on your preference for colleges".
- A callout box at the bottom center points to the College Lookup link, stating: "See what schools are visiting RM".
- A callout box on the right points to the Colleges I'm Thinking About link, stating: "Research colleges and add them to Colleges I'm Thinking About".

Naviance: Colleges I am Thinking About

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

Colleges I'm Thinking About

[Compare Me](#)

= extended profile available

College	Delivery Type	Added By	Expected Difficulty*	Application Deadlines	Interest
American University		Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
Boston University		Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
Brown University		Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More
University of California-Berkeley		Student		Deadlines	N/A More
University of California-Los Angeles		Student	N/A		More
University of California-Santa Barbara		Student	N/A		More
University of Chicago		Student	N/A		More
Duke University		Student	N/A		More
Emory University		Student	N/A	Deadlines	N/A More

Keep track of schools you are interested in by adding them to this list

Naviance Career Homepage

Home Self-Discovery Courses **Careers** Colleges Planner

Career Exploration

♥ Favorite Careers and Clusters

Explore Careers

Explore Clusters and Pathways

Military Exploration

♥ Favorite Military Branches

Explore Military Branches

Experiential Exploration

Explore Roadtrip Nation Videos

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Explore your interest in careers or military options.

Careers Clusters and Pathways Military

Explore careers
Explore Clusters and Pathways

Explore military branches

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Find Careers that Interest You.

You're ready to discover interesting careers and Naviance is here to help. Here you can filter careers by education, national salary, career cluster, and more. Each filter you add narrows your search. Experiment and see what you discover!

🔍 Type a career name... Search

Sort By Title Filter



Accountants and Auditors

Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. Install or advise...

Education
4 Year College

Median Salary
\$71,550



Actors

Play parts in stage, television, radio, video, or film productions, or other settings for entertainment, information, or instruction. Interpret serious or comic rol...

Education
High School Diploma

Median Salary
\$42,494



Actuaries

Analyze statistical data, such as mortality, accident, sickness, disability, and retirement rates and construct probability tables to forecast risk and liability for payme...

Education
4 Year College

Median Salary
\$108,350



Acupuncturists

Diagnose, treat, and prevent disorders by stimulating specific acupuncture points within the body using acupuncture needles. May also use cups, nutritional sup...

Education
Graduate/ Professional

Median Salary
\$75,640



Acute Care Nurses

Provide advanced nursing care for patients with acute conditions such as heart attack, stroke, or shock. May care for...

Education
2 Year College

Median Salary
\$73,300

Use your interests and strengths to determine which careers align best for you.

Your turn! Sign in to Naviance and Explore

On the Counseling page of the RMHS website click on Naviance Student.

Sign-in using the SINGLE SIGN ON option.

Explore one of the features we discussed above:

- SuperMatch College Search
- Explore upcoming College Visits and sign up!
- Career Exploration
- Self-Discovery activities

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ICS ADMINISTRATION ATHLETICS COUNSELING COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER
PTSA STUDENTS DUAL ENROLLMENT MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES

SEARCH

[Home](#) → [Departments](#) → [Counseling Department](#)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



STUDENT CHECKLISTS

9th Grade

10 Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade

NAVIANCE

NAVIANCE STUDENT

Earn SSL hours for completing/updating your course planner by filling out

Lingering questions???

Don't hesitate to ask! Complete this [google form](#).



Answers to these questions will be shared as a resource to navigating junior year and the college application/career pathway process. If you have personal questions consider making an appointment with your counselor to talk further.

