

High School Senior Information

In New Jersey, students have access to a variety of postsecondary institutions, including two-year community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, and proprietary schools. These institutions provide highly diversified programs of study to meet the individual needs of students as they prepare for future careers.

The GEAR UP program at RCSJ will provide students with college-readiness skills to ensure they are ready to enter and graduate from postsecondary education.

- At many institutions, the SAT/ACT test is now optional, but we encourage GEAR UP students to take this exam for academic scholarship consideration.
- Review your transcript to see if you have taken the necessary courses for admission to college. Work with your counselor to adjust your roster if necessary.
- Strive to maintain an “A” or “B” average.
- Continue visiting college campuses. Meet with college admissions officers whenever possible.
- Attend college fairs and admissions presentations in your area.
- Select 3-6 colleges or universities and complete applications to those schools in the fall. Review your college application plan with your guidance counselor.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in October.
- Discuss scholarship opportunities with your guidance counselor and college access coordinator.
- Research scholarships and apply for those that interest you.
- Make sure you visit your most interested universities and carefully review financial aid data. Consider all variables involved before selecting your college.
- Keep abreast of any placement tests or orientation programs at your college. Don’t miss any important deadlines regarding enrollment and/or housing deposits. Be sure to check your college-assigned email inbox.

Apply to schools that most suit your interests and your objectives. You can obtain applications online through a college's website or The Common Application.

- [Applying to College FAQs](#)
- [HESAA \(Higher Education Student Assistance Authority\)](#)
- [Tips for Writing a Winning College Essay](#)
- [The College Admissions Secret \(video\)](#)
- [Behind the Scenes Look at College Admissions \(video\)](#)
- [Insider's Guide to Admissions \(video\)](#)
- [The Common Application](#)
- [Scholarship information](#)

Essential Scholarship Resources

- [Fastweb Free Scholarship Matching Service](#)
- [FinAid's Scholarships Section](#)
- [Search for Scholarships on the Web](#)
- [Beware of Scholarship Scams](#)
 - www.finaid.org/scholarshipscams
 - www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
- [Education Tax Benefits](#)
 - www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf
- [Federal Student Financial Aid](#)

Choosing a Career is a difficult task but utilizing the links below will help you discover more about your interests and skills while assisting with your decision making.

- [Career Clusters](#)
- [CareerOneStop Pathways to Career Success](#)
- [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Going To College In New Jersey

- [Atlantic Cape Community College](#)
- [Bloomfield College](#)
- [Caldwell University](#)
- [Camden County College](#)
- [Centenary University](#)
- [Drew University](#)
- [Fairleigh Dickinson University](#)
- [Felician University](#)
- [Georgian Court University](#)
- [Kean University](#)
- [Mercer County Community College](#)
- [Monmouth University](#)
- [Montclair State University](#)
- [New Jersey City University](#)
- [New Jersey Institute of Technology](#)
- [Passaic County Community College](#)
- [Princeton University](#)
- [Ramapo College of New Jersey](#)
- [Rider University](#)

- [Rowan College At Burlington County](#)
- [Rowan College of South Jersey](#)
- [Rowan University](#)
- [Rutgers, School of Health Related Professions](#)
- [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#)
- [Saint Peter's University](#)
- [Salem Community College](#)
- [Seton Hall University](#)
- [Stevens Institute of Technology](#)
- [Stockton University](#)
- [The College of New Jersey](#)
- [Union County College](#)
- [William Paterson University](#)