

Warriors Class of 2018!

Welcome Back RHS Class of 2018!!

Ms. VanArman	A-E
Mr. Shofner	F-L
Ms. Gainer	M-R
Mr. Waymire	S-Z



Graduation Requirements

English: 4 credits

Math: 4 credits

Science: 3 credits

Social Studies: 3 credits

1 World History/Geography

1 U.S. History;

1 Government/Economics (**All students must pass the United States Civics exam through Government or ROTC**)

P.E. and Wellness: 1 ½ total credits

1 Wellness;

½ Physical education

Personal Finance: ½ credit

Foreign Language: 2 credits

Fine Arts: 1 credit

Elective Focus: 3 credits

23 total credits are needed to graduate

All students must take the ACT to graduate

Valedictorian Requirements

4.0 GPA

12 Honors classes or any class higher such as Advanced Placement

Graduate with Honors
Graduate with Distinction

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Meet ACT Benchmarks:

English 18

Math 22

Reading 22

Science 23

Graduation with Distinction

Attain a 3.0 GPA Plus one of the following:

*Participate in at least one

Governor's School

*Participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations

*Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi Finalist

*Attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT

*Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two Advanced Placement Exams

*Earn 12 or more semester hours of postsecondary credit that is added to your transcript

To be considered for Valedictorian, Honors, or Distinction, the above requirements must be completed by the end of 7th semester

Rutherford County College Night

**6:00PM-8:00PM on
Wednesday, September 6th**

Create an account and register at: www.gotocollegefairs.com

ACT/SAT

The ACT is now a requirement for graduation in Tennessee for the class of 2018 and beyond. The test typically takes about 4 hours and covers Math, English, Reading, and Science. You can also register for the writing portion since some Universities require the writing score. Most schools require an ACT or SAT score along with your GPA in order to gain admittance. The scores can also serve as placements into core college classes such as math, science, and language. If you are planning to take either the ACT or the SAT you must register online at www.actstudent.org (ACT) or www.collegeboard.com (SAT).

If you receive Free/Reduced lunch you qualify for up to two ACT fee waivers. Come to guidance for a fee waiver.

RHS High School Code: **431622**

Prospective Student Athletes

If you are an athlete who would like to participate in NCAA sports you must register online to be eligible to play. The website is:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

We are so close to MTSU! Maybe you would like to attend and become a Blue Raider when you graduate! If so, you can register for a campus tour with **MTSU Campus Tours at** <https://mtsu.askadmissions.net/Portal/EI/Search>

If you have other schools you would like to visit, all seniors can get one day excused to visit another campus. Many Universities have weekend tours but sometimes it necessary to go on a school day. Contact the admissions office of the college you are considering to schedule a visit. You must bring proof of your visit into the RHS Attendance Office.

It is very important to challenge yourself with rigorous classes that will help prepare you for college and beyond. Scholarship money is awarded not only for GPA and ACT/SAT scores, schools and foundations look at the type of classes you are taking through your senior year!

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Tennessee Promise Scholars:

Tennessee Promise is both a scholarship and mentoring program focused on increasing the number of students that attend college in our state. It provides students a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship, or the Tennessee Student Assistance Award. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institution offering an associate degree program.

www.TNPromise.gov

Two years of tuition-free community or technical college

1. **APPLY** By November 1st

2. **COMPLETE FAFSA**

- 2017-2018 FAFSA opens October 1st and has to be completed by January 16th. The earlier the better!
- Apply to community or technical college
- Two meetings
- 8 hrs of community service by July 1

3. **ENROLL**

- Enroll in a community or technical school

TN PROMISE MEETING DATES for RHS

1st Meeting: October 11th at 9am at Riverdale High School

2nd Meeting: March 21st at 5:30 at Riverdale High School (**This meeting is mandatory**)

Tennessee Lottery Scholarships

To qualify for the HOPE Scholarship please check the site below for the many requirements for incoming college freshman.

<https://tn.gov/collegepays/article/tennessee-hope-scholarship>

Other helpful websites:

www.collegefortn.org
www.rhs.rcschools.net
www.fasweb.com
www.TNPromise.gov
www.tnachievers.org
www.tn.gov/collegegoaltn
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>