

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

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)

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

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.

THINK ABOUT
WHAT MAKES
YOU HAPPY.
THAT THING

COULD BE A CAREER PATH

FOR YOU

Take time to explore your interests

INTERVIEW
PEOPLE WITH
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
CAREERS





Know your Resources!

Naviance

- -Single sign-on for students
- -Parents can Email the RM

 <u>College and Career Coordinator</u>

 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





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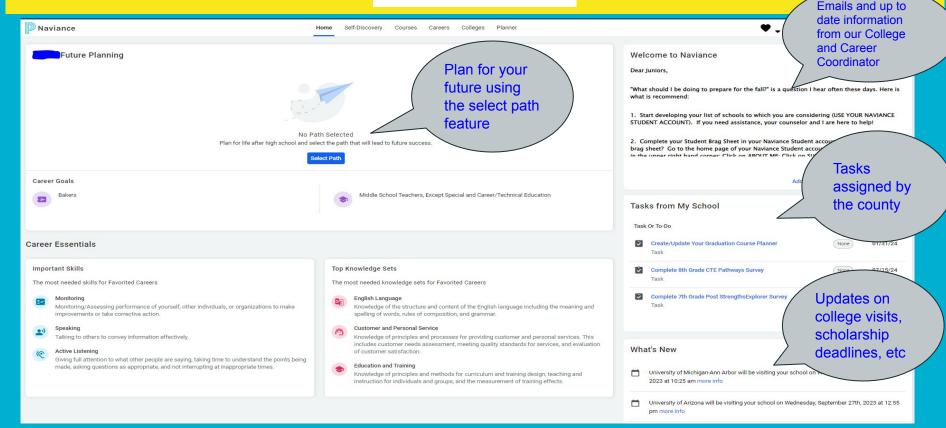
College: Finding the Right Fit

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



Naviance: Self-Discovery Homepage

Self Discovery





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

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View Results

Strengths Explorer®

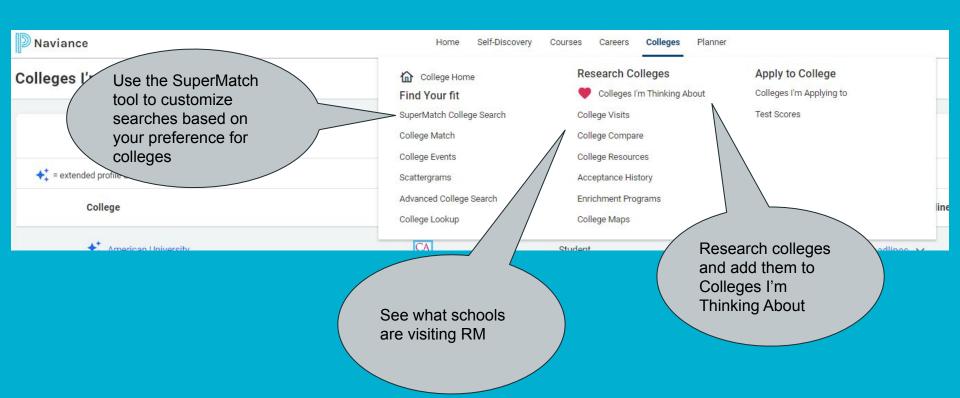


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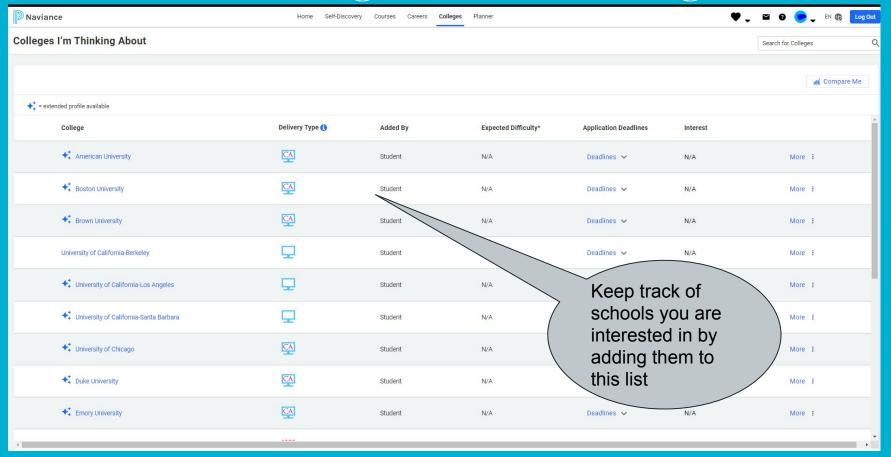
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Multiple assessments to figure out what you like and what you are good at.

Naviance: Researching Colleges

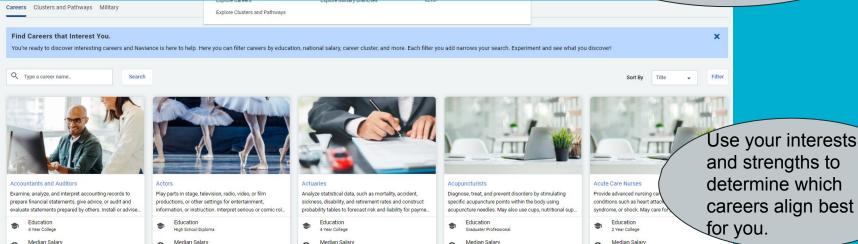


Naviance: Colleges I am Thinking About



Naviance Career Homepage





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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SEARCH

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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.

