

Rich South Senior Newsletter

December, 2009

Seniors & Parents

Remember!

Financial Aid Seminar
Rich South Auditorium

Wednesday
December 9, 2009
6:30 PM

Visit www.fafsa.gov.edu
For 2010—2011 application

Completing the FAFSA

What information is reported on the FAFSA

The 2010—2011 FAFSA is comprised of seven “steps” that must be completed. The following is a list of the “steps” and a description of the information provided :

Step One: Demographic information on the student’s college plans.

Step Two: Student tax information student asset INFORMATION

Step Three: Student status (dependent vs. independent) information

Step Four: Parents’ household information
Parents’ income tax information
Parents’ asset information

Step Five: Student household information
(independent students only)

Step Six: College/ university information
(federal school code and address)

Step Seven: Signature preparer’s information
(if applicable)

Things Colleges Look At

Listed below is what colleges feel influence their admissions decision.

Academics

- Progress – Have grades improved since freshman year?
- Course Pattern – Has student taken college preparatory classes?
- Grades – Are grades mainly A’s & B’s or C’s & D’s?
- Level of Difficulty – Does the student have honors/AP courses?
- Rank, Grade Point Average, Test Scores – how does the student rank against his class and other students nationally (ACT)?
- Writing Ability – Is the essay or personal statement well written? Does it answer the question?
- Dual Credit – Has the student taken college courses

Activities

- Commitment – Is the student passionate about one or two things outside of academics? Has their depth of involvement increased over the years?

Recommendations

- Are they strong?

Current Scholarship Info

DCFS community college payment program
Call (630) 801-3453

Park Forest Nurse Club
March 1st

Community Banking Annual Scholarship
February 8th

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee
Academic Scholarship
January 8th

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship
February 15th

University of Iowa Halas—Sayers Scholarship
February 2010

Ferris State University Great Lakes Scholarship
May 1st

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship
June 19th

Golden apple Scholarship of Illinois
Call (312) 407—0006

For more scholarship visit Ms. Howard in the
PPS Office



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Student

College Planning information
Finding and Applying for College
Financing College
Scholarship Search
Link to FAFSA/Apply Online

Parent

Early planning/saving
Prepaid Tuition Plan
Selecting Your Child's College
Paying for College
College Costs Calculator/financial Aid Estimator

Counselor

HSSP Guidance
Newsletter
Plan and Conduct Financial Aid Presentations
Scholarship Scam "Red Flags"
Order Brouchures

FAA

Program Information
ISAC Updates/ Newsletter
MAPnet Access/Functions
Upcoming Training
Loan Counseling/ Default Prevention

Lender

Loan Servicing Guidance
Common Manual
Claims Processing
ISAC Updates/ Newsletter
Federal Regualtions

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Collegezone.com

Understanding Your Academic Record

All high school students need to understand their school's academic policies AND REQUIREMENTS. High school students also need to understand the terms Grade Point Average (GPA), Class, Rank, and Transcript.

Academic Requirements and Policies

In order to graduate, you must fulfill Rich South High School academic requirements. Take a minute to see if you can answer the questions below about the academics.

1. How many credits do you need to graduate? _____
2. Is there a state required test that you must pass in order to graduate?

3. If yes, when do/did you take it?

If you do not know the answers to any of the above questions, talk to your counselor.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grade point average, or GPA, is simply the average of a student's semester grades, starting with the freshman year..

Remember to check out website for additional scholarship information.

www.richsouth227.org

Counselors' Information

Ms. Howard A -D
Dr. Bradford E- Le
Ms. Theobald Lf - Sc
Mr. Flowers Sd - Z

Remember to inform your counselor of any college acceptances and/or scholarship information.



Please follow the directions below before submitting college applications to your counselor.

- Fill out applications either on paper or on-line
- Fill out a transcript request form for each application. See back of form to request PSAT, ACT score
- Write "Personal Statement" if required.
- Obtain letter of recommendation if required. Give writer two weeks notice.
- Pay application fee (can be a check enclosed with a mail-in application or paid on-line with a credit card)
- Bring all-to-be mailed items to your counselor along with an addressed stamped envelope and transcript request forms.
- Counselor will check all application items for accuracy and mail.