

RRHS Guide to College

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Caution!!!!!!!

Establish a permanent and professional email address to use during the college search/admission process.

Make your "My Space" and "Face book" accounts that your friends access private that colleges can not access your information.

Applying to a college is NOT a commitment to attend that college – it does keep that option open/available to you and provide you with the opportunity

Types of college admissions:

On site admissions - UNM/ NMSU/ CNM

On site admissions means that representatives from the college come to RRHS to help students be admitted to the college and application fees are waived. UNM and NMSU usually come to RRHS in November, CNM comes in the spring. Students need to listen to the daily announcements and sign up with an academy counselor or the Career Center as students are called out of class to meet with individually with the college representatives. Colleges provide information on student admission status, scholarships and provide information on financial aid.

Rolling admissions

The college has specific admission requirements and if an applicant meets those requirements he/she is admitted as soon as all required documents have been submitted and requirements are met.

Refer to admission requirements/deadlines for area NM colleges in Step 3

Examples: UNM, NMSU, NM Tech, ASU, University of Colorado

Competitive/Selective – The college has an application deadline. After the deadline, the selection committee reviews each applicants package that has met their initial requirements and decides which students will be admitted.

Examples: Harvard, Rice, Colorado College, St. Johns College in Santa Fe

Additional terms used at selective/competetive colleges:

Deferred admission	The practice of some colleges of permitting students to postpone admission for one year after acceptance.
Early action	Student is notified of the college's decision in regards to the student's admission status but the student has until May 1 to accept or reject the college.
Early admission	The practice of some colleges of admitting some students prior to completing high school, these are usually exceptional juniors.
Early decision	Some colleges offer an early decision option. Only students that are sure of their college decision should apply for early decision. If a student is accepted for early decision, the student is committed to attend that college and can not apply to any other college.
Early notification	Binding on college but not binding on student

KNOW and observe DEADLINES!!!!

Submit application materials (colleges usually prefer to receive applications on line)

Application fee - Most colleges charge an application fee. It can range from \$15 to \$50.

Application fee waivers - If a student qualifies for free/reduced lunch, the student can ask the academy counselor to write a fee waiver request that will be accepted by most colleges.

Official High school transcript – bring a stamped, addressed envelope to the registrar located in the Administration Bldg. – Admissions/Records office

Test results – Be sure to list the codes for the colleges in which you want your ACT/SAT tests results when you register for a test. ACT and SAT will send test scores to 4 colleges at no cost if the college codes are listed on the registration form. If you need to send additional test scores to colleges you can request that they be sent from the ACT (actstudent.org) or SAT (collegeboard.com) web site for a small fee. Some colleges will accept test scores that are included on an official transcript. UNM will only accept test scores that are sent directly from the test center.

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Selective/competitive colleges may also require:

- **Common application** – can be accessed at
- **College essays** -
- **Letters of recommendation** – Request letters of recommendation at least 2 weeks prior to your deadline. It is very helpful to give the teacher a copy of your resume so that they have complete information to use when writing your letter.
- **Interview questions**