



**Class of 2023
Senior Conferences**

**Renaissance High School Counseling
Department**

Senior Parent Night Agenda

- What to expect their Senior Year
- High School Graduation Requirements
- How to Research and Select Colleges
- College Application Process
- College Visits/On Sites
- Detroit Promise/Scholarships
- How to help Support your High School Senior
- Questions/Answers



Renaissance High School Counseling Department

Located on the 2nd floor, adjacent to the Main Office.

(313) 416-4608 **Counseling Main Line**

<https://www.detroitk12.org/renaissance>

Last Names

A-G

H-O

P - Z

Counselor

Mrs. Jones

Ms. West

Ms. Nichols

CTA

Ms. C. Jones

Counseling Secretary Ms. Anderson

Ms. Sophia Sims, Assistant Principal

School Counselors



Counselors are available for academic, career, and personal support



Parents are welcome to email if they need to reach out and schedule a time to meet with their students counselor



Appointments with Counselors are scheduled through Ms. Anderson, Counseling Guidance Secretary- 313-416-4600

Renaissance High School Seal and Honor Roll Requirements



4 years English
4 years Math
4 years Science
4 years Soc Studies
2 years of Foreign Language
1 year of Visual, Performing or Applied Arts
1 year of P.E./Health OR 2 year J.R.O.T.C.
200 OCLEX Hours

ENGLISH

English Language Arts 9
English Language Arts 10
English Language Arts 11
English Language Arts 12

SOCIAL STUDIES

U.S. Hist & Geography
Economics (1/2 credit)
Civics (1/2 credit)
World History & Geography
4th year Social Studies

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
4th year Math

SCIENCE

Biology
Chem/Phys
4th year Science



DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT
OUT OF CLASS WORK EXPERIENCE
Renaissance High School
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WORK VALIDATION RECORD

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

School Name _____

Employer's Name & Company _____ Telephone Number _____

Employer's Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

Type of Work _____

Total number of hours devoted to Job/Volunteer work: _____

Dates of work assignment From: _____ To: _____

EVALUATION OF WORK EXPERIENCE

Quality of work performed: _____ Excellent _____ Satisfactory _____ Needs Improvement

Ability to work with others: _____ Excellent _____ Satisfactory _____ Needs Improvement

Attendance and Punctuality: _____ Regular _____ Irregular

COMMENTS IF NECESSARY:

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Position: _____ Phone: _____

This Evaluation has been discussed with Student:

Student Signature

Students Rise. We all Rise

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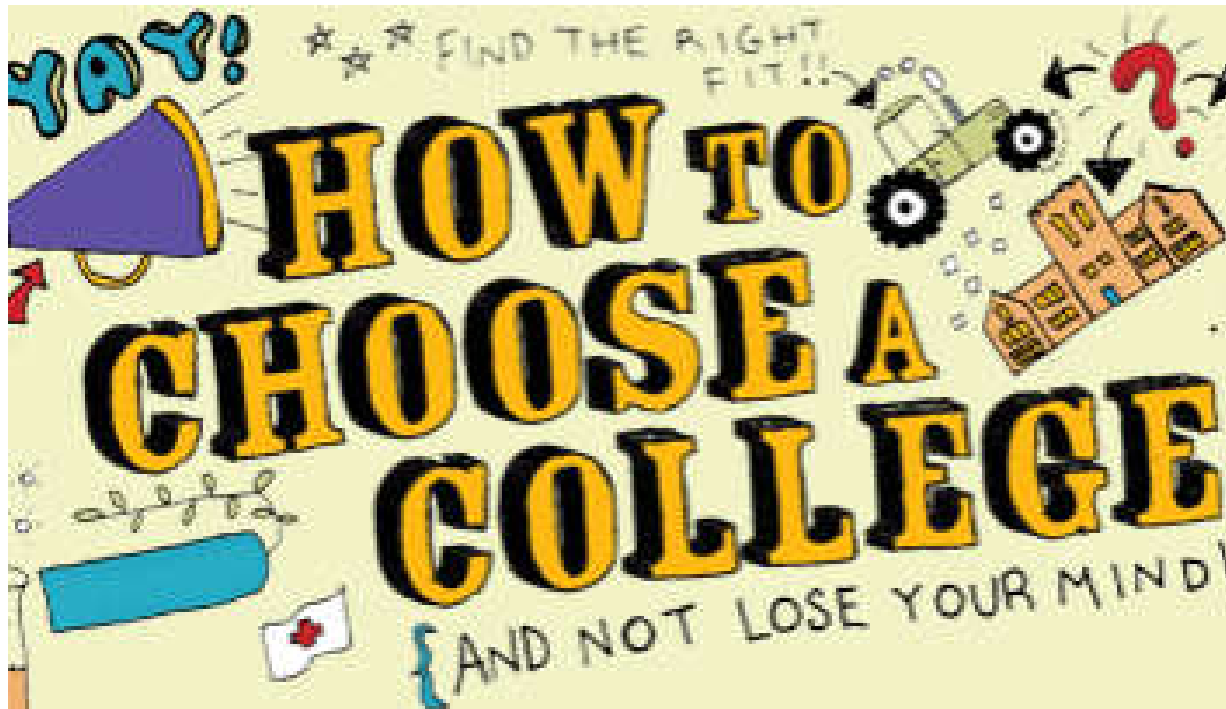


College Application Process

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- Be Organized
 - Application Deadline is Priority!
 - Essays (have teachers' proof)
 - Application Fees (waivers are available)
 - Talk to your Teachers and Counsel about Letters of recommendation
 - APPLY



Researching and Selecting Colleges



- Research each college by going to University Website
- Visit the college (Virtual/ In person)
- Each student should apply to 7- 10 schools
- In State/Out of State
- Safety, Match, Reach
- Things to consider:
 - In state vs. Out of State Tuition
 - Housing options
 - Types of Financial Aid



BUILD YOUR COLLEGE LIST

REACH

- The university's average is above your GPA and test scores

MATCH

- Your test scores and GPA match the university's average.

SAFETY

- Your test scores and GPA are above the university's average

SUGGESTIONS

- By creating this list, teachers, counselors, and parents will be able to better recommend schools

College Visits

Registration link will be sent in the Senior chat on Teams 1 week in advance.

Link CLOSSES 2 days prior to the event.

All students MUST pre-register. No Exceptions!

Dedicate 1 notebook for college visits/information, applications, scholarships!

Arrive to meeting on time! After 5 mins the representative will begin, and doors will close.

If a visit is scheduled during lunch, come to the meeting first, then you will have C lunch. No eating during visits.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY ACTION

- apply early, find out early
- can apply elsewhere
- not binding: can still choose another school
- indicates strong interest

EARLY DECISION

- apply early, find out early
- apply ED to only one school
- binding: obligated to go if admitted & withdraw other applications
- indicates strong interest
- no chance to compare financial aid offers

REGULAR DECISION

- apply by deadline & find out in spring
- deadlines vary
- commit by May 1

ROLLING ADMISSION

- application open until college meets capacity
- apply when you wish, though there may be priority deadlines
- find out in a few weeks

The Common Application How it Works

1

Create your profile **Your Common App** **profile at**

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

List everything from your academic coursework to your extracurricular activities.

- Almost 900 colleges and universities use Common App universities
- 62 international universities in 18 countries
- More than 325 without application fee optional/flexible

2

Add colleges to your list.

Find out what's most important to you in a college or university. and add colleges that align with them.

3

Gather requirements.

Make a checklist of everything required. Each college and university is different.

4

Submit applications.

Remember to finish the academic year on a high note, apply for financial aid and prepare for the future.

- 204 public colleges and
- 12 HBCUs
- Nearly 250 test



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"To date, over 100,000 students have completed the Common Black College Application (CBCA). I want to thank all of the School Counselors who have encouraged their students to complete the CBCA. Please add a link on your school website to www.CommonBlackCollegeApp.com."

Robert Mason - Founder
Common Black College Application



Apply to any number of the 50 HBCUs below, at the same time, for only \$35.

2018-2019 MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

- 1- Alabama A & M University
- 2- Alabama State University
- 3- Alcorn State University
- 4- Arkansas Baptist College
- 5- Bethune-Cookman University
- 6- Benedict College
- 7- Bennett College
- 8- Bowie State University
- 9- Central State University
- 10- Charles R. Drew Univ. of Med & Sci.
- 11- Cheyney University
- 12- Clark Atlanta University
- 13- Dillard University
- 14- Edward Waters College
- 15- Florida Memorial University
- 16- Fort Valley State University
- 17- Grambling State University
- 18- Harris-Stowe State University
- 19- Huston-Tillotson University
- 20- Jackson State University
- 21- Johnson C. Smith University
- 22- Kentucky State University
- 23- Lane College
- 24- Lincoln University (MO)
- 25- Livingstone College



- 26- LeMoyne-Owen College
- 27- Mississippi Valley State University
- 28- Morris College
- 29- Morgan State University
- 30- Norfolk State University
- 31- Paul Quinn College
- 32- Paine College
- 33- Philander Smith College
- 34- Rust College
- 35- Saint Augustine's University
- 36- Shaw University
- 37- South Carolina State University
- 38- Southern Univ. and A&M College
- 39- Talladega College
- 40- Tougaloo College
- 41- Tuskegee University
- 42- Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff
- 43- Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore
- 44- University of the Virgin Islands
- 45- Virginia State University
- 46- Virginia Union University
- 47- Voorhees College
- 48- West Virginia State University
- 49- Wilberforce University
- 50- Wiley College

ORDER YOUR TRANSCRIPT

IN THREE EASY STEPS

1 Register For Your Free Account

If you received a registration code handout, go to parchment.com/register.
If you received an email, just click the link

1. Visit [Parchment.com](https://parchment.com)
2. Find your school
3. Build your profile



2 Request Your Transcript

1. Choose *Order*
2. Select Destinations such as colleges, Common App or yourself
3. Review your Order and Check Out

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1. Watch your email for updates
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How Is Your Application Evaluated?

Colleges usually store your application in an electronic file.

Other pieces of your application, such as teacher recommendations and transcripts, are added to the file when they arrive. If data is missing, the college's admission staff will let you know. If you believe the information was sent, don't panic. The college may not have yet noted in their database that a piece of your application has arrived.

Most colleges will standardize your grades.

Colleges will can compare your grade point average with the GPAs of students attending high schools that use different grading methods. They will also note how difficult the curriculum is at your high school.



How Do Colleges Evaluate Students?

- Essay, short-answer, and extracurricular sections. Readers look to these sections to get a better idea of who you are. If you have only an average academic record but are strong in a couple of extracurricular activities, or if you wrote a great essay, this section could give your admission chances a boost.
- Letters of recommendation and reports from your teachers and counselor. The letters and reports help application readers learn more about you as a student and as an individual. They provide a critical context for your academic performance by documenting the efforts you have made in and out of class, or any personal issues that might have affected your studies.

Letters of Recommendation

We are currently accepting recommendations, there is a **10-day completion time** and students will receive notification through email upon completion.

Letter of recommendations submitted through email **before October 19th**, are available for submission for colleges accepting early admission.

Letters are completed by order of submission .

We will begin to accept requests for **new** letters of recommendations after October 19th starting on **November 1**

New requests will require a **10-day** completion time from the date they were requested through email.

Students must email responses typed within in the body of the email, do not use google docs.

What to include in email when requesting a letter of recommendation

Each student's letter of recommendation will be unique to them, but there are a few things that are helpful for everyone to include.

- Your name and contact information
- Your school information (name, expected graduation date)
- Your GPA
- Three words to describe yourself
- What impact did you have at Renaissance
- Why should you receive the scholarship (If asking for a scholarship also include the name of the scholarship)
- Activities you have participated in and when
 - Academic clubs
 - Sports teams
 - Extracurricular clubs
 - Out-of-school clubs
- Leadership roles you have held
- Work experience and when
- Any awards you have won (academic, athletic, etc.)
- Your goals for the future as it relates to your college applications
- Additional notes or insights that may help them understand more about you

How Do Colleges Evaluate Students?

01

Academic background section.
Next, they will review your GPA, honors and AP participation, test scores, and sometimes class rank. They assess your GPA, considering your high school's level of academic rigor.

02

Strength of your transcript.
Readers look for a consistent effort to take challenging courses. If you are planning to major in a specialized field, such as engineering, reviewers may want to see that you have fulfilled additional requirements, such as certain math or science courses.

03

Admission is based on satisfactory completion of senior year –
Universities **CAN RESCIND ADMISSION** for poor senior grades or dropped classes!

2022–23 School Year Test Dates

To register for the SAT, send and view SAT scores students should visit go to [college board.org](https://collegeboard.org)
(2 fee waivers per student)

To register for ACT ,find testing dates, view and send score, students should go to my.act.org
(No fee waivers available at this time)

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation , and Late Registration
Oct 1, 2022	Sept 2, 2022	Sept 20, 2022 Register
Nov 5, 2022**	Oct 7, 2022 Register	Oct 25, 2022
Dec 3, 2022	Nov 3, 2022 Register	Nov 22, 2022
Mar 11, 2023	Feb 10, 2023	Feb 28, 2023

ACT Test Date	Regular Registrati on Deadline	Late Registrati on Deadline Late Fee Applies
September 10, 2022	August 5	August 19
October 22, 2022	September 16	September 30
December 10, 2022	November 4	November 11
February 11, 2023	January 6	January 20

Financial Aid Applications FAFSA - Opens October 1

How to create an **FSA ID**

The FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one when logging in to fafsa.gov, the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) at www.nslds.ed.gov, StudentLoans.gov, StudentAid.gov, and Agreement to Serve (ATS) at www.teach-ats.ed.gov.



Step 1 When logging in to one of the websites listed above, click the link to create an FSA ID.

owner of the FSA ID should create and use the account. Never share your FSA ID.

Step 2 Create a username and password, and enter your e-mail address.

Step 3 Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.

Step 4 If you have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you will be able to enter it and link it to your FSA ID. You can still create an FSA ID if you have forgotten or do not have a PIN.

Step 5 Review your information, and read and accept the terms and conditions.

Step 6 Confirm your e-mail address using the secure code, which will be sent to the e-mail address you entered when you created your FSA ID. Once you verify your e-mail address, you can use it instead of your username to log in to the websites.



Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

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Returning User?

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[View your *Student Aid Report* \(SAR\)](#)

[Log In](#)



NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

If you are interested in practicing, competing and receiving an athletics scholarship during your first year at a Division I or II school, you must be certified as eligible by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Contact your Counselor for additional help if needed.



NCAA Requirements

- 2.3 minimum gpa

- Must complete 10 of the 16 core classes before spring term of junior year.

DIVISION I - 16 Core Courses

4 years of English.

3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)

2 years of science

1 year of additional English, math or science

2 years of social science.

4 years of additional academic courses





Scholarships!!



Who is eligible for the Detroit Promise?

- High school seniors who have both attended any high school in Detroit and lived in Detroit for at least their junior and senior year. **Students must meet both requirements.**
- All Detroit high schools are eligible (public, private, charter, parochial, etc.) if the school has a Detroit address.
- Students who attended multiple schools are eligible if *all of* the schools were located in Detroit.
- Detroit Promise funding is not competitive. Every student who registers and meets the requirements will receive funding.

ACT/SAT Scores Update

If the school says “**Test optional**” whether you upload your test score is up to you!

- For many schools, additional scholarships are based on your test scores

Detroit Promise

Two-year funding

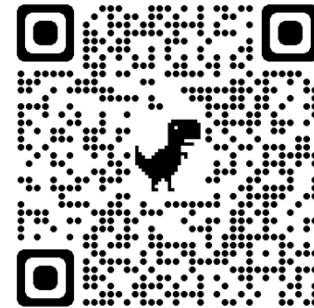
- Neither a GPA nor exam score requirement and
- Supports eligible students for up to three years as they pursue a two-year degree or a technical certificate at a community college.
 - May take a gap year
- Programs must be eligible for Pell in order to be eligible for Detroit Promise funding.

Four-year funding

- Requires high school seniors to have a 3.0 overall GPA
- At least a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT exam score by April 30 in order to be eligible for Detroit Promise funding.
- Eligible for four years of funding at a participating four-year institution in Michigan to which they are accepted.
 - There are select schools that will accept at 2.7GPA

Scholarships!

- <https://www.goingmerry.com/c/cionnej-nxv06y>
- \$20 billion database of scholarships and aid. Lots of local scholarships
- Bundled scholarships - One application applies you to multiple opportunities!
- Apply directly on site, with auto-filled forms
- Filter, favorite, or ignore scholarships





Strategies for Winning Scholarships

- It's a numbers game
 - To win more scholarships, apply to more scholarships
 - One in four students never applies for financial aid
- Start searching as soon as possible (right now!)
 - If you wait until spring to start searching, you will miss deadlines
- Essays can be reused and tailored to each new application
 - Tailor your application to the sponsor's goals
- Don't miss deadlines!
- Go into interviews prepared!

Additional Assistance

Ms. Cionne Jones, College & Career
Advisor
cionne.jones@detroitk12.org

- CAREER CENTER: Students' must have an appointment to meet with Ms. Jones.
 - Appointments can be made via email: cionne.jones@detroitk12.org or Teams: Cionne Jones







What Parents/Guardians can do to support their high school senior?

- Support regular student attendance.
- Communicate with your child's teachers.
- Check Parent Portal and discuss grades and academic progress
- Help them stay Organized — Have they mapped out tasks and deadlines on a calendar? Do they need a tutorial on checking and responding to email from colleges?
- Help them refine their list.
- Essay Help — Brainstorm topics with them and provide feedback on their drafts.
 - Resist the temptation to tell them what to write about, or rewrite what they produce. It's fine to proofread.
- Encourage your child to talk about what they are learning and feeling
 - Be open to their Journey
- Enjoy This Year With Your Senior.



QUESTIONS

ANSWERS