

# Welcome!



**Senior College Info**

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# Sr. College App. Meetings

How does my student make this process less stressful?

- Counseling Office hosts informational meetings during the year:
  - **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - Transcript distribution & general app. info**
  - **Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - UC, CSU, & Common App information**
- Utilize 2019–2020 Senior College Calendar (pink handout) ([rbhs.org>academics>college planning](http://rbhs.org/academics/college_planning)) select “collegebound senior”
  - **Financial Aid Night - Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 6PM Poway PCPA (parent)**
  - **Financial Planning - Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 8AM PAC (student)**
  - **PUSD College Fair - Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 6PM @ RBHS**
  - **NCAA Athletics Night - Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 RBHS LPR**
  - **Community College Night (Parents) - Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 6PM RBHS PAC (make correction on pink calendar)**
  - **Community College Presentation (students) - TBA**

# Bronco Center

- Follow [@broncocenter90](https://www.instagram.com/broncocenter90/) 
  - sign up for college visits
    - see link in instagram bio to sign up via google docs
    - walk-in and sign up in Bronco Center
    - no instagram account? Click the link:  
<https://www.instagram.com/broncocenter90/?igshid=1dvxxo67711xs>
  - learn about local and national scholarships
  - financial aid info
  - job postings, volunteer opportunities, and internships

# Transcripts

- Transcripts not needed for application window
- CSU/UC – Self Reported – no transcripts unless attending \*June (send to final college)
- Common App. – Counselor Includes with SSR
- Send if asked, after applying, or if required by others (read the app)

## How to order a transcript:

Request at Records Office in person, or  
[www.rbhs.org](http://www.rbhs.org)>academics>transcripts

- Create a Parchment account
- Transcripts can be sent virtually or by mail anywhere in the USA
- \$3.75 (varies depending on where) per transcript (Parchment)
- 2 weeks (working school days) notice is required
- Unofficial – instructions on Transcript page at website

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Parchment Exchange website. The logo 'parchment EXCHANGE' is on the left. To the right are links for 'Home', 'Tracking', 'Support', 'Contact Us', 'SIGN IN', and 'Blog'. Below the navigation bar are category links: 'K12', 'Higher Education', 'State Projects', 'Professional', and 'Students'. The main content area features the heading 'Need your transcript?' followed by the text 'If you're a student, it's easy! Sign up here to immediately request your transcripts:'. There are two prominent buttons: a yellow one for 'High School Transcript' and a green one for 'College Transcript', each with a document icon. At the bottom, there is a footer with links for 'Support', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Terms of Use', and a copyright notice '©2013 PARCHMENT'.

# ACT/SAT – AP Scores

- Send to all colleges – low scores do not matter – send all scores
- Strategic ACT/SAT sending: (You get 4 reports of your test sent free)
  - UC – send 1 report to same campus as 1<sup>st</sup> choice on main app.  
\* must check “**share info with other campuses**”
  - CSU – send 1 report to college # 3594 = sends to all CSU’s
  - 2 more school reports remain free for other institutions

# Common Application

- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - Not sure if your school is on the common app: <https://www.commonapp.org/explore/>
- Create an account (keep track of username and password)
- Add schools
- Waive FERPA
- Invite Recommenders & Counselor (email addresses)
- Gather information
  - While each school may have different college-specific requirements, the general application information will be the same for each school: high school grades and courses, activities, entrance exam scores and exam dates, and parent or legal guardian information.

# Answers to Common Questions

...and some misconceptions...

- We do not rank
- Senior class size is 581
- Highest GPA in class 4.4583
- We are considered a Semester block system, NOT quarters. Enter grades accordingly (i.e. RB has 4 “semesters” a year)
- Counselors upload: Secondary School Report (SSR), **TRANSCRIPT**, and letter of recommendation for student after being invited by student.
- Early Apps = no advantage other than finding out early

# Letters of Recommendation?

- CSU/UC = none, personal essays for UC
- Private colleges often give optional opportunity – usually Common App. Schools – use as requested (invite teachers, counselors, other during account setup)
- Print a “Brag Packet” **FINAL DUE DATE 11/15/19**
- Find it at: [www.rbhs.org](http://www.rbhs.org) ->[academics](#)>[college planning](#)>hyperlink “Brag Packet”
- May be useful for scholarships during the year.
- Minimum 2 weeks notice is required (10 Work days)
- Visit recommender personally with completed brag packet – genuine info



# Financial Aid / Scholarships

- Fin. Aid Night (parents)
- Fin. Aid Workshop at school (students)
- Search Engines (rbhs.org>academics>fin.aid>at bottom - Fastweb.com)
- Career Cruising account @ [www.rbhs.org](http://www.rbhs.org) (check weekly updates beginning in November)
- College specific – automatic offers, academic, athletic, check websites, contact college financial aid offices
- Transcripts and essays as requested – same methods as before
- FAFSA – opens Oct.1 – fill out regardless of need or college (i.e. Palomar and Miramar require FAFSA for promise eligibility)

# Questions?

