

AMHERST REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE ADVISING PROGRAM

Important Dates for Seniors 2015-16

Below is a list of deadline and special event dates that are very important for seniors. Register for required tests, and attend events that have been designed to support you through the college and financial aid application processes.

ARHS CEEB and ACT Code:220015

September 3	Registration deadline for October 3 SAT w/ no late fee; waivers good until Sept. 18
September 12	ACT (Deerfield, NMH, Brattleboro)
September 17	Smith College essay-writing presentation; Campus Center Carroll Room; 7-9 p.m.; all seniors welcome
September 18	Registration deadline for Oct 24 ACT w/ no late fee (Oct 2 w/ late fee, even if using a fee waiver)
September 20	Early applicants should have completed questionnaire and made appointments w/ college advisor for planning, and guidance counselor re. required recommendation.
September 20	Western New England University NACAC college fair; Springfield; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Alumni Healthful Living Center.
September 24	Workshop for Early Decision/Action Candidates and Parents/Guardians; 2:30– 3:30 p.m.; ARHS Choral Room.
September 29	Hampshire County College Fair; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; South Hadley High School
September 30	Naviance and college applications; required presentation; Advisory period; auditorium
October 1	Signed lime green release forms with completed Teacher Recommendation Prioritization due in Guidance.
October 3	SAT; ARHS; registration deadline Sept. 3 w/ no late fee (Sept. 18 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
October 9	Registration deadline for November 7 SAT w/ no late fee (Oct 23 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
October 12	Requests for school portion of applications (transcript, recommendations) must be in Naviance for November 1 st college deadlines.
October 13	ARHS College Admissions Night; important professional panel presentation for Seniors and Parents/Guardians; 7:00– 8:30 p.m.; ARHS Cafeteria.
October 18	UMASS Open House for Seniors; all programs; 9:30 a.m. ; Mullins Center; register in advance at umass.edu
October 24	ACT; registration deadline Sept 18 w/ no late fee; Oct 2 w/ late fee, even if using a fee waiver.
October 26	Teacher recommendations due in Naviance for students w/ November 1 deadlines.
October 26	Request for school portion of application (transcripts, recommendations) must be in Naviance for November 15 th college deadlines
October 28	Boston NACAC Performing and Visual Arts Fair: 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Boston U. Fuller Building
October 29	Athletes and College Recruiting Presentation; 7:00 p.m.; ARHS library.
November 1	All 4-year college applicants should have appointments w/ college advisor for planning, and guidance counselor regarding your required recommendation.
November 1-15	Early decision and early action deadlines at many colleges
Week of Nov. 2	Essay Day; Amherst College students assist seniors w/ college essays; 30-minute conferences;

	sign up in advance
November 5	Teacher recommendations due in Naviance for students w/ November 15 deadlines.
November 5	College Advisor presentation to ARHS PGO; 7:00 p.m. ARHS library
November 5	Registration deadline for December 5 SAT w/ no late fee (Nov 20 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
November 6	Registration deadline for Dec 12 ACT w/ no late fee (Nov 20 w/ late fee, even if using a fee waiver)
November 7	SAT; ARHS; registration deadline Oct 9 w/ no late fee (Oct 23 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
November 12	Request for school portion of application (transcripts, recommendations) must be in Naviance for December 1 st college deadlines
November 19	ARHS Financial Aid Night professional MEFA presentation; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.; ARHS Cafeteria.
November 23	Request for school portion of application (transcripts, recommendations) must be in Naviance for December 15 th college deadlines
December 2	Request for school portion of application (transcripts, recommendations) must be in Naviance for January 1 st college deadlines
December 5	SAT; ARHS; registration deadline Nov. 6 w/ no late fee (Nov 20 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
December 12	ACT; registration deadline Nov. 6 w/ no late fee (Nov 20 w/ late fee, even if using a fee waiver)
December 15	Teacher recommendations due in Naviance for students applying after December 1
December 15	Request for school portion of application (transcripts, recommendations) must be in Naviance for January 15 college deadlines
December 28	Registration deadline for Jan 23 SAT w/ no late fee (Jan 8 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
January 1	2016-17 FAFSA available for completion; complete 2015 federal income tax forms and FAFSA ASAP. Meet deadlines, amend later if necessary.
January 1-15	Regular decision application deadlines at most 4yr colleges
January 11	Request for school portion of application materials must be in Naviance for Feb 1 st college deadlines
January 15	UMass-Amherst regular decision application deadline – all materials DUE by Feb 1.
January 23	SAT; Northampton HS; registration deadline Dec. 28 w/ no late fee (Jan 8 w/ fee waiver or late fee)
January 28	ARHS FAFSA-completion event –bring completed tax return and W2 and leave w/ your FAFSA almost complete.
February 1 or 15	Financial aid application deadline at most 4yr colleges (some earlier)
Early February	GCC and HCC individual “Decision Day” admission conferences at ARHS
February 12*	Local Scholarship packet e-mailed to seniors.
March 1	UMass financial aid application deadline
April 1	ARHS Scholarship Application deadline (3:30 p.m.).
April (TBA)	MEFA “After the Acceptance” program about comparing financial aid awards and making college decisions
May 1	Candidate reply deadline: students must inform 4yr colleges about enrollment intentions, and

	deposit at only one college.
May 1	FAFSA filing deadline for eligibility for Mass grant, available only to Pell grant recipients
June 3	Last day of school for seniors
June 10	Graduation!!

* = tentative date