Preparing for the College Fair
40th Annual Cooperative College Fair
March 12, 2026 - 6:30-8:30pm
Reading Memorial High School Field House - 62 Oakland Road, Reading

Before the Fair:

1) Review the list of colleges and develop a plan of which schools you would like to interview.
2) Think about your interests and what you would like to learn about the colleges. Create a list of questions to ask the representatives.
3) Create labels with your name, address, email, phone number, name of high school and year of graduation. This will help avoid spending time filling out the send me information cards (this is only a suggestion not a requirement).
4) Bring a pen or pencil and a notebook to jot down notes from each of the colleges.

During the Fair:

1) At the entrance, pick up the college fair brochure with the list of colleges present and a bag to carry all the flyers you receive.
2) Students should speak directly with the reps and ask questions to learn more about the college. Do not just walk by and pick up the flyers. Colleges want to see RMHS students taking the initiative and engage in conversation about what they are looking for in a school and ask questions!
3) Fill out the send me information cards if you would like a college to send you more information.
4) Be polite and courteous to the representatives. Your behavior may leave a lasting impression on what the college reps think of Reading Memorial High School students.

Sample Questions to ask regarding: (asking specific questions will help the college rep know what information to share with you. Maybe pick 2 or 3 questions to ask)

<u>Admissions:</u>

___ What is your school known for?
___ What are the admissions requirements?
___ What are the most popular majors?
___ I am looking for a college with _____. Do you have this program?
___ How can I arrange a campus visit?
___ Are SAT required or optional?
___ What qualities are you looking for in a student applying to your school?

<u>Student Life/ Housing:</u>
___ Do you have dorms? Are students required to live on campus?

___ What types of activities are available to students?
___ I enjoy _____. Do you have a similar program, club or team?
___ What is it like campus like on the weekends?
___ Are there a lot of students that go home on the weekends?
___ Can you tell me a little bit about the meal plans and dining halls?
___ How safe is the campus and surrounding community?
___ Can you tell me a little bit about the diversity on campus?

Majors/programs:
___ What majors are offered at your college?
___ Can students study abroad? When, where?
___ What is the faculty/student ratio?
___ What percentage of instructors are professors, graduate students, teaching assistants, etc?
___ When do students typically choose a major?
___ Do you have a career center to help students find a job after graduation?

Support services/tutoring:
___ What support services do you offer for students with disabilities?
___ Are there special admissions procedures for students with learning disabilities?
___ What types of documentation are needed to receive accommodations?
___ Is it better to send in my IEP or 504 with my application or reveal the information after I have been accepted?
___ Are there extra fees for support services at your school?
___ Can the SAT's be waived if I am on an IEP and have a learning disability?

At the end of the fair, go home and sort through all the information you gathered. Feel free to contact the colleges directly if you would like more information.

We hope you enjoy the fair!
- RMHS Counseling Department