



Dear RLHS Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents - and community - as you show your support and encourage your son or daughter to always strive to be their best. At RLHS, our role is to provide a high-quality instructional experience to prepare your son or daughter for the next step in life. We do not want each student to just get a job but to obtain a career that compliments an individual's strengths and interests. As parents, you know this is a challenging task, and there are also many obstacles. So, how do we overcome these issues? I feel that due to the size, support, and people in our community, we can. This does take a coordinated effort and will not happen just by chance. At RLHS, we are always looking for ways to provide relevant opportunities for our students to explore their interests and identify their strengths.

Additionally, with the cost of post-secondary education and limited funding support, it is very important to be sure our students' plans are intentional. Any debt they would accrue should be manageable, given their career aspirations and passion for their future goals.

Given these objectives, the state of Wisconsin made some changes for graduates. The law requires all school districts to provide Academic and Career Planning (ACP) services to all students in grades 6 - 12. As a district, we have defined Academic and Career Planning as a student-driven process supported by caring adults where students cultivate their own informed decisions for post-secondary success. Students utilizing ACP also improve their understanding of post-secondary options, better connect their goals to educational coursework and career-oriented activities, and engage in long-term planning for life after high school graduation.

Beyond traditional goal setting, RLHS has developed a scope and sequence, so all students going through their four years will have a coordinated plan. I encourage you to review the Academic and Career Planning resources on our website. [Academic and Career Planning](#)

As you can see by the adjustments made, we could not do this without the support of our community and businesses. We are very fortunate to have these opportunities for our students. We all want the best for our youth to be prepared and have an advantage as they enter the world beyond RLHS.

Respectfully,

Curt Pacholke, Principal
Rice Lake High School