

My school counselor is: (circle the correct one below based on last name)

My last name starts with: A-G H-O P-Z
 Mr. Cummings Mrs. Campbell Mr. Clark

Future Ready Core Graduation Requirements Class 2018

__English I __English II __English III __English IV

__World History __Civics & Economics

__American History I & __American History II **OR** __AP US History & __SS Elective

__Earth/Environmental Science __Biology __Physical Sci./Chem./or Physics

__Math I __Math 2 __Math 3 __4th Math above Math 3

__Healthful Living

__World Lang. 1 __World Lang. 2 **OR** __CTE/Arts 1 __CTE/Arts 2

Students interested in attending a 4-year college/university must take 2 levels of the same language.

TOTAL of 26 credits needed to graduate!

Credits required for promotion to Senior status: **18** (Credits must include Eng. I, III, III, 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, and student must be enrolled in a program which, if successfully accomplished, will result in the completion of all graduation requirements)

What are your plans after graduation? (Check all that apply or that you are considering)

- Four-year college Military Work Community College

<p>List 5 colleges you are interested in: NOT SURE? Go to www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 	<p>List Branch: NOT SURE? Go to www.todaysmilitary.com</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 	<p>List Potential Employers: NOT SURE? Take a career assessment at www.cfnc.org</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 	<p>List degree program: NOT SURE? Take CFNC career test & go to: www.nccommunitycolleges.edu</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
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What is/are your intended future career(s)? _____
 Not sure? That's ok. Start exploring now! **Take a career inventory (CFNC)**, attend career fairs, job shadow, do an internship, volunteer. **Make an appointment to talk with your school's Career Advisor-** Mrs. Joyner sjoyner@wcpss.net and check out her website for tons of great info and job postings! <http://whscareerservices.weebly.com/>

Three people I could ask to write a letter of recommendation (work or college) for me are:
 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Make connections with teacher, counselors, coaches, and employers so you have people you can ask for GREAT letters of recommendation senior year! Be aware of how you present yourself in person and online.

College Visits!

Perhaps the most influential factor in college selection is the campus visit. A visit allows you to get a feel for the campus and to see how you might feel living there for the next four years. To schedule a visit go to the school's website. Most will have a way to sign up for a tour or an upcoming Open House.

3 colleges I plan to visit this year: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Admissions Tests:

ASVAB- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test is a multiple-choice exam that helps determine for which careers an individual is best suited. Planning on going to the military? **MUST TAKE!** However, students with ANY post-secondary plan can take this test to help them determine future career options. Offered at Wakefield in Fall and Spring!

COMPASS- Community College placement test. Please visit the specific college's website for additional information.

SAT- Standardized test used in college admissions process. Beginning March 2016, the SAT will have 4 sections; Math, Evidence Based Reading, Writing and an optional essay. No penalty for incorrect answers. Register at www.collegeboard.org

ACT- All Juniors take on February 28, 2017 (tentative date)! Can use this score for college admissions. ACT has 4 sections; Math, English, Science, Writing and an optional essay. No penalty for incorrect answers. Register at www.actstudent.org

Remaining SAT Test Dates 2016-17	
Test Date	Registration Deadline
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017

Remaining ACT Test Dates 2016-2017	
Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 11, 2017	January 8, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 4, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 6, 2017

UNC System Schools (16 public universities/colleges in NC) Minimum Admissions Requirements:

GPA (Weighted)	SAT (Verbal and Math Scores Combined)	ACT (Composite Score)
2.5	800	17

Financial Aid: The **Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)** must be completed by all students wishing to be considered for any federal financial aid. **The FAFSA form is the gateway to all federal money—including grants, loans, work-study programs, and some scholarships.** To initiate the financial aid process, you and your parents must submit a financial aid application. The FAFSA is a confidential document used to collect information for determining a student's need for financial aid. Only US Citizens should complete the FAFSA. Go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships: There are many private scholarships out there—the trick is finding which ones are applicable to your individual situation. To do this you need to look through many postings while thinking about the things that make you and your family unique. Then follow the instructions for applying as listed, they vary among scholarships. Websites to find scholarships: www.fastweb.com, www.schoolsoup.com, www.scholarshipplus.com/wake, www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org, www.cappex.com

I am planning on playing a sport in college? Yes No NCAA Eligibility Center: www.eligibilitycenter.org

-Division I: Sliding scale for core GPA and Test Scores

-Division II: min. SAT score of 820 (verbal and math) or ACT sum score of 68 and min. core GPA of 2.0

Interested in graduating a semester early? Make an appointment to see your counselor to discuss options.