

Rising Senior Parent Night

April 18, 2017



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Future Ready Core

English

English I, II, III, IV

Mathematics

Math I, Math II, Math III & one math course beyond Math III

Science

Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, & a Physical Science

Social Studies

World History, Am Hist I, Am Hist II (or AP US History), Civics &
Economics

Electives (8-10)

World Languages: Not required to graduate, BUT at least two
credits in the same language is required to meet UNC system
minimum requirements.

Healthful Living

26 Total



Registration for Senior Year

- Choose your senior classes with care. Colleges will expect you to maintain the rigor of your courses. Continue to challenge yourself.
- Find out what your anticipated college feels about early release/late arrival (forms available now – get it in by June)
- As a reminder, student athletes **MUST** pass at least 3 classes **EACH** semester in order to be eligible to play sports. See your coach if you have questions about eligibility.



Mid-Year Graduation

December Grads – take exams before winter break – must have verified reason (college enrollment, military commitment, etc.)

January Grads – take exams at semester break – typically enter the workforce

Ceremony in January for all!



Things to do in the Spring

- All Juniors have taken the ACT at school. There is still time to sign up for the June SAT and/or ACT. Recommended to take ACT/SAT again depending on score.
- Don't forget test prep options with CFNC.....IT'S FREE!!!!!!
- Begin college visits, ask lots of questions!!!!!!
- Stay involved with your school and community



**For more information on the
SAT visit.....**

www.collegeboard.org



May 9th is the regular registration deadline
for the June 3rd SAT - the last SAT of the
school year.



**For More information on
the ACT visit.....**

www.actstudent.org



May 5th is the regular registration deadline
for the June 10th ACT - the last ACT of
the school year.



CFNC and How It Can Benefit Me

By creating and accessing a CFNC account you have access to a wide variety of services:

- Interest inventories to explore how your interests match up with potential college majors and careers.
- Explore the programs offered at the various colleges in NC.
- Apply to NC 2 and 4 year colleges
- Send transcripts to NC colleges
- Access to financial aid resources such as the FAFSA and searching for scholarships.
- Free test prep for the SAT and ACT
- And much more

As a junior you should visit CFNC.org to create or log into your account.

If you are planning on attending a college in NC, you **will** be using the services provided through your CFNC account.



The College Search

- REMEMBER you are seeking a college where the goals and personality of the student are well matched with those of the college. Consider what is important to you: cost, location, size, residential life, major, etc...
- EVALUATE & EXPLORE interests, majors, and careers by taking interest inventories and assessments (CFNC.org)
- LIST abilities, preferences, personal qualities, and potential college majors
- Visit the colleges in which you are interested



Making the Most of a College Visit

- Visit a campus on a normal day when students are around
- Spend time in the community
- Talk with students
- Visit the student center, read campus publications
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria
- Sit in on a class or two and talk with professors
- Talk with an admissions officer
- Visit the financial aid officer



WHAT'S IN AN APPLICATION

- A typical college application packet may contain all or some of the following:
 - Transcript
 - A listing of activities in school and community.
 - An Essay
 - Letters of recommendation
 - A Secondary School Report to be filled out by your counselor
 - SAT and/or ACT scores

****REMINDER - Most early applications are due mid October to early November.****



Transcript Requests and Counselor Statements:

Most Counselor Statements are done electronically

- Common Application widely used
- You will need your counselor's email address.
- Submit your 'Brag Sheet' to your counselor.
- In-state transcripts: sent through CFNC.org
- Out-of-state: sent through wcpss.scriborder.com

**PLEASE GIVE YOUR RECOMMENDERS A TWO
WEEK NOTICE PRIOR TO YOUR APPLICATION
DUE DATE**



NCAA Clearinghouse & Student Athletes

- The clearinghouse certifies your eligibility to compete as a student athlete, but your college must accept you as a student.
- The clearinghouse evaluates your academic record based on 16 core courses and ACT/SAT to determine if you are a full qualifier, academic redshirt, or non-qualifier
- You can review the new eligibility requirements and register at www.eligibilitycenter.org
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Potential Scholarship Sites

Students should independently research scholarship opportunities.

There are numerous scholarship search sites. Below is small sample.

- Student Services Web Site
- Fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com
- Scholarshipexperts.com
- Scholarshipplus.com/wake



4yr College is not for everyone...

- 2 yr community college – certificate, Assoc. Arts degree, college transfer program.
- Military – Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard.
- Entry into the work force



So....What Do I Do Now?????

- Make connections with teachers/coaches/counselor/boss (letters of recommendation)
- Begin working on your resume and Brag Sheet (you'll forget a lot of what you have done by next year)
- Get SAT/ACT tests done.
- College Visits
- Finish strong academically



So....What Do I Do Now?????

- Take advantage of the fall college representatives that visit HSHS (**Listen for Announcements**)
- Begin thinking about YOU! (ie: Who am I? How do I define myself? What is important to me? These might be questions on applications or scholarships)



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Questions??

