

# Holly Springs High School Student Services



Junior/Senior Parent Night  
Class of 2018 & 2019

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Military, Community College, and Career  
Development Specialist

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# Post-Secondary Options

- Workforce
- Military
- Vocational/Technical Colleges
- Community College
- Four-Year College/University

# Making College Choices

- What is a “good” school?
  - Meets the student’s interests academically, geographically, financially, etc.
  - Has a variety of activities of interest to your student
- How do students find a good school?
  - Visit [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) (college matchmaker) and [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org)
  - Visit college websites
  - Visit college campuses

# College Admissions

- Based on academic achievement and potential
  - SAT and ACT
  - Strength of curriculum
  - GPA and Rank
- Additional considerations (be specific)
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Community involvement
  - Leadership

# ACT vs. SAT

Both the SAT and ACT are accepted by all schools

- SAT:
  - Aptitude test with math, critical reading, and optional writing section
  - Do not lose points for questions answered wrong
  - Register at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- ACT:
  - Achievement test with math, critical reading, science, and optional writing section
  - Do not lose points for questions answered wrong
  - Register at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

# Early Action vs. Early Decision

- Early Action:
  - Simply means early notification
  - Automatically considered for merit scholarships based on student's grades
- Early Decision:
  - Binding
  - Only use if students are 100% sure they are attending this school regardless of financial aid at other schools



# Starting the Application Process

- Step 1: Research college choices on [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org) and [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- Step 2: Re-take SAT's or ACT's if necessary
  - Choose 4 colleges to send scores to or NCAA Eligibility Center
- Step 3: Narrow choices to 3-5 schools based on college admissions requirements
- Step 4: If applicable, begin providing information to teachers for letters of recommendation

# Application Process (continued)

- Step 5: Begin completing applications
  - Write essays and personal statements
- Step 6: Pay the application fee by the deadline
- Step 7: Send official transcripts

# Sending Transcripts

Question:

What is it for?

1. On Common App
2. In-State Schools (not on common App)
3. Out-of-State Schools (not on Common APP)
4. Scholarship or Personal Records

Common Application

Insert Counselors  
name and email  
address in  
Common App

In-State  
(Not on Common App)

[www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)  
Create an account on  
College Foundation  
of North Carolina

Out-of-State or Scholarships  
(Not on Common App)

[www.wcpss.net/  
transcripts](http://www.wcpss.net/transcripts)

# Application Process (continued)

- Step 8: Send SAT or ACT scores through [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) or [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)
- Step 9: Research and apply for scholarships
- Step 10: Continue to check your college account for status notifications
- Pay attention and wait:
  - College admissions offices will contact you if they require more information
  - Be cognizant of application due dates

# The Search for Scholarships

- Check for scholarships regularly
  - Student Services Web site
  - [www.scholarshipplus.com/wake](http://www.scholarshipplus.com/wake)
  - [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
- Register online at [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) for a free national scholarship search
- Check college websites
- Contact employer, church and community organizations

# Financial Aid Process

- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive any aid
  - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Submit October 1<sup>st</sup> and after
  - Check the priority deadline at each college
- Check with each college for institutional forms such as the CSS PROFILE


# For Help with Financial Aid

- Make an appointment with our Financial Aid Expert, Tori Sharpe, starting late September
- Email for appointment at [vsharpe@wcpss.net](mailto:vsharpe@wcpss.net)
- Check out [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
- Financial Aid Night: October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – HSHS Auditorium

# Dates to Remember

- October 10<sup>th</sup> – ASVAB Testing
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Support Day #1
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Senior Support Day #2
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Class Meeting
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Seniors Awards & Senior Picnic
- May 31st – Graduation Practice
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Ceremony
  
- Check announcements, HawkBlast and website for upcoming senior information



Make sure to join our  
 remind  
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