



Athens Drive Magnet High School




Class of 2025 Senior Parent Information Session



Presented by ADMHS Student Services
September 24th, 2024





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Tonight's Agenda:

Info from Senior Class Advisor



Post-Secondary and Career Planning

College Planning and Application Process



Paying for College

Upcoming Events

Student Services Department

- Jasmine Pearson, Dean of Students
- Anita Crutcher, Counselor A-CL
- Paige Burnette, Counselor CO-HA
- Kirsten Long, Counselor HE-MC
- Michael Grabiec, Counselor ME-SAM
- Cheryl Hegarty, Counselor SAN-Z
- Savannah Gilbert, Student Services Intern
- Ally Stephenson, Intervention Coordinator
- Tommy Smith, Intervention Coordinator
- Melonie Carlton, Career Development Coord.
- Audrey Lee, Financial Aid Advisor



Senior Class Information and Updates

**Mr. Chris Remaley
Senior Class Advisor**



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2025



The
FRESH
SENIOR
Class of 2025

SENIOR
2025
squad

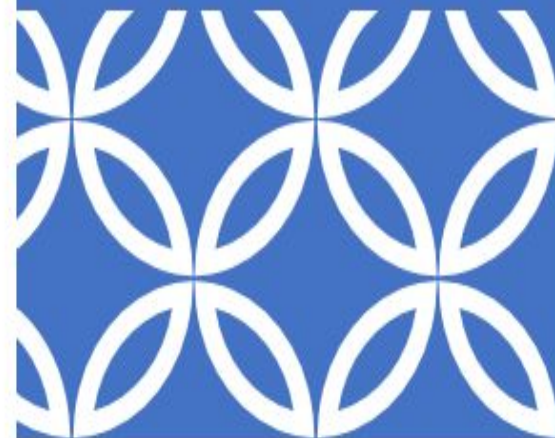
Join the Senior Remind!

*Best way to stay
connected to
what is
happening at the
Drive!*



Get the Remind App!
Enter the Class Code: @theremaley

Don't want the App?
Text the message: @theremaley
To the number: 81010





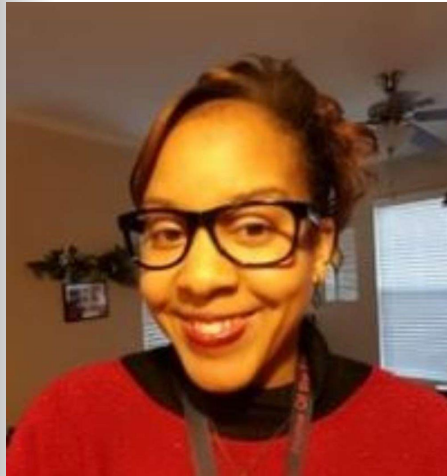
Information on Career Resources and Services

Website:

<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/21336>

**Ms. Melonie Carlton
Career Development
Coordinator**

Connect with Career Development Coordinator



Location: Media Center

***Telephone Number: (919)233-4050 ext.
24905***

Email Address: Mccarltton@wcpss.net

Schedule appointment:






Upcoming Events

- **September 26th**-Career and Job Fair in the Gym Lobby area during Lunches.
(Students interested in part-time, full-time employment, volunteer and apprenticeship opportunities).
- **October 9th- ASVAB**- Administration in Media Center for 10-12th grade
- **October 17th**- Wake Technical Community College Career Pathway Fair in the Gym Lobby Area during Smartlunch



Information and Updates from Student Services

Student Services Information and Updates

- Follow us on: 
Instagram: @athensdrive_studentservices
- Student Services Website:
<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/7640>
- Principal's Weekly Newsletter
- Connect with PTSA



Latin Honors Recognition

*Determined by GPA at end of 1st Semester



Summa Cum Laude

GPA of 4.25 and above



Magna Cum Laude

GPA of 4.0-4.2499



Cum Laude

GPA of 3.75-3.999



Transcripts/Class Rank

- **Beginning Rank: Sept. 23rd**
*Most accurate GPA and class rank. These transcripts are currently being used and uploaded into Common App/sent through CFNC
- **Mid-Year Rank: Feb. 10th**
**Honors determination, students must request this if needed for college/universities
- **Final Rank: June 20th**

Senior Conferences

September/October

- ❑ Individual conferences with Senior and assigned Counselor
- ❑ Review of transcripts and remaining graduation requirements
- ❑ Discussion of post-secondary goals, career planning, college application process, scholarship info





Preparing for College Applications




Things to Do Now

■ September

- **Register for the SAT and/or ACT**
- **Compile information needed for college applications**
 - Essays
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Prepare Brag Sheet or Resume
- **Narrow down your list of colleges**
 - Match
 - Reach
 - Safety
- **Start completing your college applications**
 - Some deadlines are as early as October

■ October

- **Check college deadlines for this month, including priority financial aid deadlines**
 - Early Decision deadlines (BINDING!!)
 - Early Action deadlines (early response, non binding)
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Personal Resume/Brag Sheet

Items to include on Brag Sheet:

- Work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- Community service
- Honors & Awards received
- Leadership positions held
- Interest & hobbies
- References

Brag Sheet is available on Student Services website:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/58048>



College Selection Checklist

- ☐ Programs and Degrees offered
- ☐ Location of school (In-State/Out of State)
- ☐ Cost of attendance and financial assistance available
- ☐ Size of School and Class ratio
- ☐ Athletic and Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Is this school the best fit for **the student**?



College Admissions Process



College Admissions Options

- **Early Decision:** Binding Option!
- **Early Action:** Not Binding
Deadlines: Oct - Nov!
Recommended for scholarship eligibility
- **Regular Admission:** General
deadline for all applications
- **Rolling Admission:** No set deadline
for applications

Factors in the Admissions Process

- Rigor of high school course work
- Grades (Weighted & Unweighted GPA through the end of Junior Year)
- Class Rank
- SAT and/or ACT scores, if required
 - many schools are still test optional
- Extracurricular activities/Leadership
- Essay (not required by all schools)
- Interview (not required by all schools)
- Recommendations (not required by all schools)





Community College Admission

- Rolling Admission for applications
- SAT and ACT testing are not required for admission
- Wake Tech Articulation Agreement with Universities
 - Associates degrees can transfer to the 16 UNC System schools
 - www.waketech.edu
 - [Fall 2024 Wake Tech Open House](#) on October 12th
 - Vittoria Brooks, vbrooks2@waketech.edu



College Application Process



Where do I go to apply to college?

■ CFNC: College Foundation of NC

- www.cfnc.org
- Application portal for colleges and universities in NC
- **Free application week for select schools: Oct. 21-27**
- Pros: Easily navigate between in-state schools
- Cons: Can be cumbersome, No out of state applications

■ Common App: www.commonapp.org

- Very popular, used for most colleges and universities
- Pros: Everything in one place, Easy to Navigate
- Cons: Costs can add up

■ The Black Common App:

<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

- For all HBCUs
- Pros: Low Cost, Multiple applications at once
- Cons: Must be completed separately from non-HBCU school apps

Where do I go to apply to college?

- Coalition App:

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

- Online via the university/college website





What “To Do” When Applying to College

- **Students** fill out applications.
- Pay attention to deadlines! Listed deadlines are for the student application – students will not be penalized for late teacher recommendations.
- When listing extracurricular activities, go for quality over quantity!
- Make sure you submit at least a week prior to the deadline and make/save copies!
- Take the SAT or ACT if required
- Use the Common Application if an option.
- Be honest!



Transcripts

■ What's included on a Transcript:

- History of high school courses and grades
- Weighted and unweighted GPA
- Class rank

■ Where to send Transcripts:

- To any school, including community colleges, that students are applying to
- Some scholarships require a transcript
- Final transcripts must be sent to college that student decides to attend – Final transcripts are requested at the end of the year through completion of Senior Surveys and are sent to colleges in mid/late June



Sending a Transcript

Scrib Online

Send transcripts through WCPSS.
Can be send to any entity of
choice (out of state college,
Scholarship, NCAA, etc.)

Free to Send on ScribOrder for
current WCPSS students

Unofficial and Official Transcripts

Resource:

<https://wcpss.scriborder.com/>

CommonApp

Your high school counselor
uploads a transcript on your
behalf that is then downloaded by
the colleges you've applied to.

Resource:

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

CFNC

Send transcripts electronically to
any college or university in North
Carolina.

Always free to send through
CFNC

Resource:

<https://www.cfnc.org/>

1. [ScribOnline](#) - NCAA, out of state, scholarships, etc.
2. [Common App](#) - Counselor will upload for you in this portal when you attach our email address to complete your Secondary School Report
3. [CFNC](#) - All NC colleges and universities - it sends immediately and also sends your final transcript at the end of the year



Letters of Recommendation

- **Students should ask someone who knows them well and with whom they have had positive encounters.**
 - Consider asking teachers from last school year
 - Some colleges ask for academic recommendations and give the option of additional letters from community leader (ex Boy Scout leader, Youth Group Leader, etc) or work supervisor
- **Give recommender a Brag Sheet or Resume**
- **Give at least two weeks notice**



Counselor Statements

- Some colleges will require a Counselor Statement form to be completed by your Counselor
- Sometimes called a “school report”
- Automatically done by your counselor if you add them to Common App
- Submit a Brag Sheet/Resume to your Counselor.
- Please give Counselors at least 2 weeks notice!



Sending Test Scores

Note: Some schools have changed their testing requirements and are now test optional. Confirm with each school what their testing requirements are.

CollegeBoard

Send scores to up to 4 colleges for FREE when you register for SAT and up to 9 days after the test.

Send via website later for \$14

Each score report contains all SAT scores for superscoring.

Resource:
collegeboard.org

ACT

Send scores to up to 4 colleges for FREE when you register for the ACT.

Send via the website later for \$18 each.

Have to send score report from each test session if superscoring.

Resource:
actstudent.org

AP

Send 1 FREE report when you set up account.


Send via the website later for \$15 each.

Score report contains all AP Scores.

Send to school you are enrolling in for college course credit and placement.

Resource:
collegeboard.org

Video Tutorials:

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- ☐ [How to send ACT Scores](#)
 - ☐ [How to send SAT Scores](#)
 - ☐ [How to send AP Exam Scores](#)



SAT & ACT Test Dates

- SAT Registration: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
 - Upcoming tests:
Nov. 2nd March 8th
Dec. 7th May 3rd
- ACT Registration: <https://www.act.org/>
 - You can use your scores from Junior year!
 - Upcoming tests:
Oct. 26th Feb. 8th
Dec. 14th

Contact your counselor for fee waivers for either test!



Decisions, Decisions!

- Accepted: You're In!
- Deferred: Student's application is moved to the next deadline.
 - Student may be asked to submit further info, such as 1st semester grades.
- Waitlisted: If space becomes available, you will be notified.
- Denied: It's ok, there is a better fit for you!

**If you are either denied or waitlisted, you may want to consider entering the [CFNC Redirection Pool](#) in the spring (usually available April 1).



Paying for College

Considerations in Paying for College

- Residency
- FAFSA
- CSS Profile
- Scholarships





Residency Key Points

- For NC Public Colleges the process will be part of admission (eligibility for in-state tuition)
- For NC Independent Colleges the process is part of financial aid (eligibility for state grants)
- [CFNC Infographic Timeline](#)



Residency Key Points

- www.ncresidency.org
- Students will access using CFNC account username and password.
- Upon completion, they will receive a residency confirmation number (RCN) that can be added to non-CFNC applications.
- Can be completed now.
- Only has to be completed once



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Just went through major overhaul to make process more user friendly
- 100% of students/families should complete regardless of income or whether you plan on attending college immediately
- Only way to access federal and state educational aid (including loans)
- Safeguard in case of change in situation
- studentaid.gov
- Must be completed every year



FAFSA

OPENS DECEMBER 1
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

THE FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID allows college students to access financial aid for college, including grants, scholarships, work-study and federal student loans

The 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available to all students on or before December 1, 2024. The application will be released in phases, with a limited number of students and institutions able to access it on October 1.

Information you'll need to fill out the FAFSA:



Your social security number and driver's license, and/or registration number



Student's 2023 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.



Parent's 2023 income tax returns, W-2 forms and 1040 forms if you're a dependent.



Bank statements and records of investments.

**The FAFSA will want information on available cash, balances in savings and checking accounts and any investment portfolios as of the date of the FAFSA.*

**All real estate holdings other than the house you live in must be listed. The net worth of Family farms and small businesses are assets a required part of the application*



Child support counts as an asset.

The number of family members in college is no longer considered in the needs analysis formula, but it is still a required question on the FAFSA® form.

Students & Contributors must provide consent to:



Have

their federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA® form via direct data exchange with the IRS.
(FA-DDX- Future Act Direct Data Exchange replaces the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)



Have

their federal tax information used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid, and



Allow

the U.S. Department of Education to share their federal tax info with postsecondary institutions & state higher education agencies for administering financial aid.

- ❖ *Even if students or contributors don't have a Social Security number, didn't file taxes, or filed taxes outside of the U.S., they still need to provide consent.*
- ❖ *If a student or required contributor doesn't provide consent to have their federal tax information transferred into the FAFSA® form, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid—even if they manually enter tax information into the FAFSA form.*



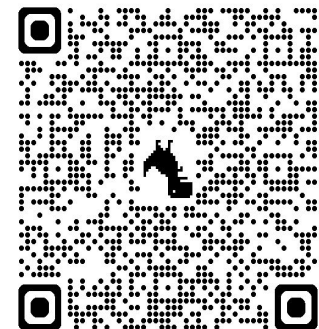
When to Complete FAFSA

- Students can begin completing FAFSA for the 2025-2026 school year on December 1, 2024
- Students can use tax information from 2023 to complete 25-26 FAFSA (Import Federal Tax Info)
- 3 Aid Deadlines (National/State/School)



Resources for Completing the FAFSA

- Federal Student Aid website:
<https://studentaid.gov/resources>
- CFNC.org: Paying for College Tab
<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/>
- **Audrey Lee**, ADHS Financial Aid Advisor
 - By appointment, Thursdays, Sept-April.
 - Anlee@wcpss.net





CSS/Financial Aid Profile

- CSS/Financial Aid Profile:
<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/about>
- ***Some*** schools use this to determine eligibility for non-federal institutional aid
- Deadlines set by college/university (opens Oct 1st)
- There is a cost (\$25 initial school, \$16 for additional schools – waivers are available)
- Schools in NC that use CSS Profile:
Davidson, Duke, Elon, UNC, Wake Forest



The Scholarship Search

- Where to begin?
 - Financial aid/scholarship pages of the colleges you are interested in
 - Athens Scholarship Bulletin– available on the Student Services website
 - Your church, local community organizations, parents' places of work
 - Scholarship database for Wake County students: www.scholarshipplus.com/wake
 - Scholarship Remind from Mr. Grabiec



Upcoming Events & Additional Resources





NACAC Virtual College Fair



Date: **Sunday, October 13th**

Time: **1:00-6:00 pm**

[More Info Here!](#)

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- ❑ Over 100 [participating institutions](#)
 - ❑ Financial Aid Sessions and Preparing for College Sessions
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CFNC College Application Week

- **Oct. 21st-Oct. 27th**
- Select NC colleges will **waive application fees** during this week, when applying through www.cfnc.org
- Counselors will be available to provide Seniors with application assistance
- More information to come!



References and Resources

- www.collegeboard.org
- www.act.org
- www.cfnc.org
- WCPSS Post-Secondary Planning Guide
<https://www.wcpss.net/high-school>

Questions?

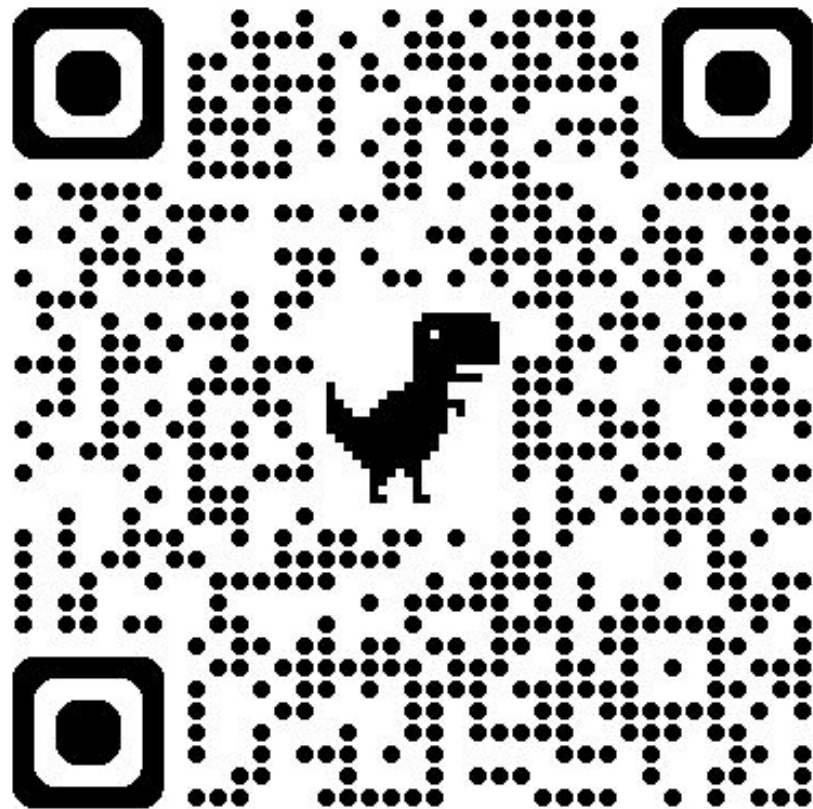
Please email your student's assigned counselor with any questions

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- ❖ Cheryl Hegarty, Counselor SAN-Z (chegarty@wcpss.net)
- ❖ Jasmine Pearson, Dean of Students (jnpearson@wcpss.net)





We value your feedback!
**Please scan the QR Code below to let us
know how we did!**



THANK YOU!

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