



Congratulations Class of 2025!

After high school, you might choose a 2-year college, 4-year college/university, the military, or work. The right path is different for each student. Use the information on the following pages to help guide you on that path. The Student Services team has developed this document to support you as you transition to life after high school.

Student Services Team Contact Information

Mrs. Ewais, Dean of Student Services rorozcoewais@wcpss.net	Mrs. Blalock, Student Services Clerk tblalock2@wcpss.net
Mrs. Dupree, Counselor (Last Names A-Co) tdupree2@wcpss.net	Dr. Bradshaw, Counselor (Last Names Cr-Ha) gbradshaw@wcpss.net
Mr. Hendricks, Counselor (Last Names He-Me) mhendricks@wcpss.net	Mrs. Bartley, Counselor (Last Names Mi-R) nbartley@wcpss.net
Ms. Almanzar, Counselor (Last Names S-Z) calmanzar@wcpss.net	Mrs. Coble, Career Development Coordinator kcoble@wcpss.net
Mrs. Susan Wall, Dual Enrollment Coordinator smwall@wcpss.net	Mr. Meghan MArtinez, Career Academy Coordinator mmartinez3@wcpss.net
Ms. Lynch, SAP mlynch3@wcpss.net	Mrs. Terwana Donaldson, SAP tdonaldson2@wcpss.net

Important Events & Dates

Senior Class Meeting	September 12, 2024
NC Countdown to College Month CFNC.org	October 2024
NC Free College Application Week	October 21- 27
Individual Senior Meetings with Counselor	Starting September 16, 2024
FAFSA -Free Application for Federal Student Aid	On December 1st, 2024
Senior & FAFSA Night 5:00 pm-7:00 pm	October 15, 2024
Graduation Cap & Gown information	October 7, 2024
ASVAB Administration	November 19, 2024
Mid-Year Graduation at 6:30 pm	January 22, 2025, at East Wake Magnet High School Auditorium.
Senior Awards Ceremony & Senior Picnic	May 30, 2025, at 8:30 am Main Gym, Picnic following Awards Ceremony
Graduation Practice	June 16, 2025
Class of 2025 Graduation at 4:00 pm	June 17, 2025, in the Raleigh Convention Center

How to prepare for your senior year of high school?

- ☐ The key to a good senior year is being on top of things
- ☐ Meet with your school counselor as needed
- ☐ You should also start your college applications
- ☐ Keep the FAFSA date in mind as well and fill it out as soon as it opens
- ☐ There are a lot of moving pieces to your senior year, the best thing you can do is try to stay organized and on top of it all!

Senior Expenses to keep in mind:

- ☐ Senior Dues are ____ June Graduates \$60.00 ____ Mid-Year Graduates \$30.00
- ☐ Cap & Gown- Fee to be Determined
- ☐ Start shopping now for your graduation attire. Let your counselor know of any possible needs

Future Ready Course of Study Graduation Requirements

Content Area	Students Entering Grade 9 in 2020-21	Students Entering Grade 9 in 2024-2025
English 4 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> English I <input type="checkbox"/> English II <input type="checkbox"/> English III <input type="checkbox"/> English IV	<input type="checkbox"/> English I <input type="checkbox"/> English II <input type="checkbox"/> English III <input type="checkbox"/> English IV
Math 4 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Math 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Math 3 <input type="checkbox"/> A fourth math course aligned with post-high school plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Math 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Math 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Math 3 <input type="checkbox"/> A fourth math course aligned with post-high school plans
Science 3 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> An earth/environmental science course <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> A physical science course	<input type="checkbox"/> An earth/environmental science course <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> A physical science course
Social Studies 4 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> World History <input type="checkbox"/> Founding Principles of the US & NC: Civic Literacy/AP Gov & Politics <input type="checkbox"/> American History/AP US History <input type="checkbox"/> Economics and Personal Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> World History <input type="checkbox"/> Founding Principles of the US & NC: Civic Literacy/AP Gov & Politics <input type="checkbox"/> American History/AP US History <input type="checkbox"/> Economics and Personal Finance
Health/PE 1 credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthful Living I <input type="checkbox"/> CPR completion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthful Living I <input type="checkbox"/> CPR completion
World Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Not required to graduate, but 2 credits of a language other than English admission to a university in the UNC system	<input type="checkbox"/> Not required to graduate, but 2 credits of a language other than English are recommended for admission to a university in the UNC system
Electives	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional electives to total 26 credits to graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> A computer science course <input type="checkbox"/> An arts course <input type="checkbox"/> Additional electives to total 26 recommended credits to graduate

Have you thought about your future after high school? What is your “E”?

- ☐ Enlist - Armed Forces/Military
- ☐ Employment - Go into the workforce
- ☐ Enrollment - College/University

What is your E?

- ☐ Enlist

- Talk individually with recruiters – Typically, the different branches of the military visit the school monthly during the school year.
- Talk with current or ex-servicemen/women to gain a realistic idea of what type of commitment is required
- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is an aptitude test that helps you determine your own natural abilities and will assist you in making informed career choices.
 - The branches of the military use the ASVAB to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces.
 - Each branch has a different qualifying score, and numerous online resources help you prepare.
- The ASVAB is typically offered at EWHS during the school year.

For more information about joining the Armed Services

Army	goarmy.com
Marines	marines.com
Air Force	airforce.com
Navy	navy.com
Army National Guard	nationalguard.com
United States Coast Guard	https://www.uscg.mil/

For more information about ASVAB prep

ASVAB Practice Tests	https://www.asvabpracticetests.com/
Study for the ASVAB	uniontestprep.com/asvab
Free ASVAB Practice Tests	asvabtestbank.com

Recruiter Contact Information

Staff Sergeant Denee Taylor US Marine Corps, (252)266-8406 denee.taylor@marines.usmc.mil	SSG Joshyna Robbins National Guard, (919)368-6418 joshyna.r.robinson.mil@mail.mil	SSG Butcher United States Army charlie.d.butcher.mil@army.mil
TSgt Krystina King US Air Force, (919)302-6346 krystina.king.1@us.af.mil	Petty Officer Jeffers US Navy, (252) 724-0755 kenya.k.jeffers.mil@us.navy.mil	

What is your E?

☐ Employment

Mrs. Coble- Our CDC can help you connect the dots for your future. She can help you explore your future career interests. E-mail: kcoble@wcpss.net Phone: (919) 365-2625 ext. 24209

Steps for starting your job search:

- Ask yourself, “What is my goal? What am I good at doing? What makes me happy?” This means exploring what kind of work you most enjoy and performing at your best. This will help you to target the type of job or career that you are seeking.
- Write an effective resume. Focus on your qualifications for the type of work that you want to do. Consider adding specialty courses you have completed that relate to the job you are seeking. Show where you want to work, not just where you have already been working.
- Write a letter that will catch the attention of the person who is reading it. This is called a cover letter and should always be sent with your resume.
- Prepare a list of references. Call or personally visit the person whose name you plan to use as a reference. Ask them if they would be comfortable writing a positive letter of recommendation for you. If the person hesitates or informs you that they would prefer not to provide a reference, thank them politely. Also, ask your references if they will keep you in mind if they hear of some possible job openings.
- Research. Make a list of potential employers, do a little research on the store or company, and narrow your list to a manageable size.
- Visit the company for which you want to work. How do you feel in this environment? Do the employees make you feel welcome? Can you imagine yourself working there? If yes, introduce yourself. The goal is to be remembered, not to be forgotten. Make a good impression by being professional. This includes dressing nice, making eye contact, shaking hands, and using your elevator pitch to share how passionate you are about being hired.
- Network. This means that you need to be able to clearly talk about your strengths and abilities. As you speak with people, ask them if they are aware of anyone or any company that might need someone with your skills. If you receive the name of a possible employer, contact that person yourself. Do not leave the responsibility of finding a job to someone else. Remember to use a variety of job search methods, not just what you see online!

Resume Resources On The Web

Monster Jobs, find jobs and salary information	www.monster.com
Find, search, or browse across 900+ occupations based on your goals and needs	www.onetonline.org
Career Builder- Find job opportunities and career advice	www.careerbuilder.com
Major Clarity-Resume Builder	platform.majorclarity.com

What is your E?

☐ **Enroll -College/ University**

Some important items to note:

- As a senior, YOU should be creating/updating all your accounts and completing all applications, NOT your parents/guardians. Remember your ID & PW. Write it down!
- Check the email address that you provide on applications frequently. You don't want to miss out on an opportunity because you did not see an email.
- Please make sure you are reading all communication from school. You will receive a lot of important information.

Enrolling at a Community College

- Community colleges have an "Open Door Policy" which provides admission to any person who has reached the age of 18 or has graduated from high school.
- Local community colleges include Wake Technical, Wilson, Vance-Granville, Nash Community College, Johnston Community, and Durham Technical College.
- Information for all 59 community colleges can be accessed at: www.ncccs.cc.nc.us

Wake Technical Community College

- Wake Technical Community College (WTCC) has an Open Door Policy.
 - This policy provides for the admission of any person who has reached the age of 18 or has graduated from high school.
 - WTCC offers programs for all educational levels.
 - There are Certificate Programs, Diploma Programs, and the Associate Degree Programs.
 - More information on WTCC can be accessed at: www.waketech.edu or by phone at (919)866-5000
 - Ms. Bass from Wake Tech is on our campus every Wednesday.
 - Visit Student Services for more information.

College Transfer Program

- Community College/University Transfer programs are designed for students who wish to earn an associate's degree and transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree.
- The programs offer general education courses as well as elective courses.
- Four degrees are offered: Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Engineering (AE) and Associate in Fine Arts (AFA)
- The degrees are awarded upon successful completion of 64 semester credit hours, including the minimum in each of the areas indicated on the specific curriculum outlines.

UNC System Minimum Admissions Requirements

Academic Requirements to apply to a 4-year public college/university:

- On May 23, 2024, the UNC Board of Governors approved [Policy 700.1.1](#) revising the test score requirements for admissions.
- To be eligible for review by any of the 16 [UNC System](#) universities, a student must earn at least a 2.5 weighted high school GPA
- Effective Fall 2025, students with a weighted GPA between 2.5 and less than 2.8 **must** submit SAT or ACT scores. Students with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or higher have the option to submit these scores.
- While these are the minimum requirements for consideration, they do not guarantee acceptance.

English	4 units
Math	4 units – at least Math 1, Math 2, Math 3 & a fourth higher-level math *The UNC System strongly encourages future students to take at least one mathematics course unit in the 12th-grade
Science	3 units
Social Studies	4 units
Foreign Language	2 units (in the same language) Not required but strongly recommended *Two additional academic courses from English, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages, or computer science.

Senior Rank and GPA

Rank is calculated after the first 20 days of school. The senior rank and GPA information will be ready in **September 2024**.

Private Colleges/Universities are not subject to the same requirements.

- Individual UNC institutions may require other courses in addition to the minimum requirements.
- Even if not required, it is a good idea for students to take more than the minimum number of courses in the subject areas listed above in order to be not only competitive in the admissions process but also successful upon entrance into the college or university.

Senior Honors Recognition *Determined by GPA at end of 1st Semester

Latin System

- 3.75 - 3.99 weighted GPA - cum laude
- 4.0 - 4.249 weighted GPA - magna cum laude
- 4.25 or higher weighted GPA - summa cum laude

Senior Exam Exemption Agreement

- Students in Grade 12 may be exempt from exams based on the following criteria:
- Students must have a projected final grade of B or higher
- Students must have 10 or fewer absences in the course
- Students cannot be exempt from state testing including field testing
- The principal (consistent with GS 115C-288) has the final authority to determine a student's exemption status

Applying to College

- The Common Application <https://www.commonapp.org>
- The Common Black College Application <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- The Coalition Application <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- CFNC www.cfnc.org
- CFNC is your best option for all non-Common App NC schools
- You may apply and send your transcript through a free CFNC account. If you have not created an account – make that a priority.
- Check the college's website - some schools have their own portal to apply. Most college websites end in ".edu"
- Dates and deadlines differ with each school. Check specific applications and/or websites for details. Make a list or chart to stay organized. **Do not miss a deadline!**
- Application fees vary for each college/university – check the information for each school

College Entrance Exams

- Visit the testing website to view testing locations and register online SAT at www.collegeboard.org & ACT at www.act.org

Sending Test Scores to Colleges

- Some colleges allow students to self-report their scores, while others require these scores to be sent to them directly from the CollegeBoard or ACT.
- There are instructions online from SAT/ACT about sending score reports.
- When you register to take the test – request your scores be sent automatically. Otherwise, official score reports cost approximately \$11-15 each.

When choosing colleges, these are some of the things you should consider:

- In what region of the country do I want to attend college?
- What type of school do I want to attend (2 years, 4 years, technical school, military, etc)?
- How big would I like my school to be (under 1,000, students, 1001-4999, 5000-9999, etc)?
- What majors am I considering? o Do I want to play sports in college?
- Based on GPA and test scores, how competitive should the school I apply to be?
- What extracurricular activities do I want to participate in?

Narrow down your list of colleges and begin to consider

- A **safety** school is one in which the student's credentials are within a range above what the college is looking for.
- A **target** school is one in which the student's credentials are within a range above or below what the college is looking for.
- A **reach** school is one in which the student's credentials are below what the college is looking for. Ivy League schools are reaching schools for all applicants, as their applicant pool is made up of top students from all over the country and the world.

College Admissions Options

- **Early Action** is an admissions procedure to notify students of early admissions to the college.
 - Students do not need to accept the college's offer of admission but may file other applications (used by UNC, NCSU, Georgetown, Yale, etc.).

- Early-action candidates can be rejected, Financial awards are made in April and candidates must have superior records because the process is highly selective.
- **Early Decision** is a plan under which you may submit your credentials early to one college.
 - You are usually notified of your status by December 1.
 - As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission.
 - You must also withdraw your application from other colleges if accepted under Early Decision. (Used by Duke, Elon, Wake Forest, etc.)
- **Regular Admission** option for candidates to submit their application usually during November to February, depending on the individual and college.
 - Check the deadline for each individual school.
- **Rolling Admission** this option allows candidates to submit applications at their convenience up to a certain date.
 - An offer of acceptance or rejection is received within 4-6 weeks. (Used by Community Colleges).

College Admissions Decisions

- **Admitted** you are granted entrance to the college.
- **Offer of Conditional Admittance** is acceptance to a college provided you maintain your academic performance throughout the year.
- **Denial** is a final decision by the college to not offer admission.
 - Students who are denied can apply again after completing at least a semester of college coursework elsewhere.
- **Deferment** is a delay of admissions decision until a later time.
 - Many competitive schools will defer fall applications to the spring in order to receive additional grades and other information.
- **Wait Listed** occurs after the regular admissions process is complete.
 - There is no guarantee a college will go to the waitlist or that an applicant will rank on the waitlist.
 - Students on a waitlist for one college should plan to attend another college and then reconsider if offered admission.
- **WARNING!!! Even if a student is accepted to a college**, the institution has the right to withdraw acceptance based on:
 - The student's final transcript
 - A college can withdraw its offer if your grades fall significantly
 - If your course rigor changes after admission, Or if you are involved in an activity that results in disciplinary action by the school or law enforcement.

College Redirection Pool

- Available Each Year April 1 - August 31
- The College Redirection Pool is a system that can help students find colleges that have open admissions slots.
- You can find more information by visiting the [College Redirection Pool site](#)

How to send a transcript

- If the college is on Common App, Common Black App, Or Coalition, invite your counselor to be a recommender and they will send your transcript for you. These transcripts are free of charge.
- If your college is In-State (not using Common App/Coalition), send your transcripts through www.CFNC.org. These transcripts are free of charge.
- If your college is an Out-Of-State school (not using the Common App/Coalition), go to <https://wcpss.scribder.com/> click on Current Student and follow the prompts. The first three requests are free. After the third request, each transcript will cost \$10.00 payable with a PayPal account.
- All students will be responsible for sending their FINAL transcripts via CFNC.org (all in-state) or Scribder (all out-of-state) at the end of the year.

College Rep Visits

- You will receive emails with updates and opportunities to sign up to meet with college representatives who visit EWMHS throughout the school year.
- See Ms. Almanzar in the Student Services if you have questions about College Rep visits.

Scholarships

- Stay up to date about scholarship offers by checking the [EWMHS](#) scholarships page
- Scholarships are posted and announced as received
- **Scholarships are competitive and based on the following:**
 - High school academic record
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - Financial need (in the case of many scholarships)
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Community involvement
- **Some useful places to look for scholarships:**
 - Check with your parents to see if their place of employment has a scholarship
 - Program for the children of employees
 - Civic and church scholarships
 - Check the schools you are applying to and find out what kind of scholarship opportunities

Financial Aid

- Learn About The Financial Aid Process- If you plan to apply for financial aid, it's a good idea to learn about the types of aid available and how to apply for it.
- Start learning about how colleges figure the [cost of attendance](#),
- Get familiar with the application forms students use to apply for financial aid:
 - the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
 - and the [CSS Profile](#).
- Ms. Winters is available for in-person appointments on Thursdays from 8:00 to 1:00.
- Residency Determination Service (RDS) www.ncresidency.org
 - Required to qualify for in-state tuition for any NC college/university.
 - Your RDS and CFNC username and password are the same.

Student-Athletes

- Be sure to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan to play sports in college.
- The website is www.eligibilitycenter.org

College Foundation of North Carolina www.cfnc.org

- Every senior should have a CFNC account!
- Explore and apply to over 100 NC colleges & universities
- Send and track your transcripts online
- Search For Scholarships
- Use FREE test preparation for the SAT and ACT
- Learn which careers match your interests and personality,
- Research careers that you have an interest in
- Track progress toward meeting college entrance requirements
- Get tips on how to navigate through the financial aid process

Helpful Websites

www.cfnc.org	NC College Application Dates/Deadlines
Collegesimply.com	College Board.org
MajorClarity.com	Interactive College Admissions Data Dashboard
NCAA eligibilitycenter.org	www.bls.gov

Recommendation Letters

- Give your references at least ONE WEEK (5 school days) before your earliest deadline to complete and send your letters.

Whom to Ask

- Ask a counselor, teachers, and your family who they think would make good references.

NC College & University Admissions Statistics 2024-2025

Updated 9/10/2024- Gathered from CFNC, College Board Big Future, Interactive Dashboard (IS) & Major Clarity

College/University	SAT Range/Average	ACT Range/Average	GPA Range/Average	Location
NC Public Universities				
Appalachian State University	1100-1270/1223	22-28/25	4.02 (W); 4.0 (UW)	Boone
East Carolina University	1040-1200/1195	19-24/24.7	3.77 (W); 3.3 (UW)	Greenville
Elizabeth City State University	750-970/1028	19.9/17	3.45 (W); 3 (UW)	Elizabeth City
Fayetteville State University	868-1025/994	15-20/17.6	3.38 (W); 3.3 (UW)	Fayetteville
NC A&T State University	970-1140/1113	17-23/20.8	3.91 (W); 3.6 (UW)	Greensboro
NC Central University	820-970/1092	17-18/21.1	3.46 (W); 3.2 (UW)	Durham
NC State University	1280-1430/1392	25-31/30.5	4.37 (W); 3.8 (UW)	Raleigh
UNC Asheville	1180-1330/1247	22-29/25.7	3.85 (W); 3.5 (UW)	Asheville
UNC-Chapel Hill	1360-1520/1452	30-34/31.6	4.54 (W); 4 (UW)	Chapel Hill
UNC Charlotte	665-1310/1249	21-27/25	4.04 (W); 3.6 (UW)	Charlotte
UNC Greensboro	1110-1240/1228	22-27/25.4	3.76 (W); 3.6 (UW)	Greensboro
UNC Pembroke	910-1130	16-21/23.2	3.63 (W); 3.5 (UW)	Pembroke

UNC School of the Arts	1175-1345/1272	24-27/27.1	3.582 (W); 3.8 (UW)	Winston Salem
UNC Wilmington	1230-1340/1237	24-28/27.3	4.11 (W); 4 (UW)	Wilmington
Western Carolina University	1050-1230/1185	19-26/23.3	3.86 (W); 3.4 (UW)	Cullowhee
Winston-Salem State University	920-1020/994	15-19/17.5	3.53 (W); 3 (UW)	Winston Salem
NC Private Colleges & Universities				
Barton College	970-1150	17-23	3.2 (UW)	Wilson
Belmont Abbey	1028-1206	NR	3.3 (UW)	Charlotte
Bennett College	900	17	NR	Greensboro
Brevard College	1070	20	3.1 (UW)	Brevard
Campbell University	1033-1230/1113	19-25	3.5 (UW)	Buies Creek
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	970-1083	16-22	NR	Concord
Catawba College	1038-1185	20-25	3.7 (UW)	Salisbury
Chowan University	800-950	14-17	2.9 (UW)	Murfreesboro
Davidson College	1360-1490/1422	31-34/32	3.8 (UW)	Davidson
Duke University	1520-1570/1510	34-35/34	NR	Durham
Elon University	1200-1360/1233	26-31/27	4.0 (UW)	Elon
Gardner-Webb University	960-1215	21	3.7 (UW)	Boiling Springs
Greensboro College	NR	NR	3.4 (UW)	Greensboro
Guilford College	960-1170/1026	18-25	3.1 (UW)	Greensboro
High Point University	1120-1280/1199	23-29/25	3.4 (UW)	High Point
Johnson & Wales - Charlotte	n/a	16-22	NR	Charlotte
Johnson C. Smith University	894	13-18/16	2.5 (UW)	Charlotte
Lees-McRae College	930-1260/1103	21-26/23	3.6 (UW)	Banner Elk
Lenoir-Rhyne University	NR	18-24	NR	Hickory
Livingstone College	830-980	14-21/15	NR	Salisbury
Mars Hill University	950-1140	19-24	3.5 (UW)	Mars Hill
Meredith College	1093-1270/1120	23-30/22	3.5 (UW)	Raleigh
Methodist University	800-1160	21	3.6 (UW)	Fayetteville
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	760-1160	15-19	NR	Elizabeth City
Montreat College	1030-1220/1036	NR	3.1 (UW)	Montreat
North Carolina Wesleyan College	860-1120	15-21/19	3.2 (UW)	Rocky Mount
Pfeiffer University	895-1150	18-25	3.2 (UW)	Misenheimer
Queens University of Charlotte	1130-1280/1176	24-29/26	NR	Charlotte
St. Andrews University	NR	NR	3.1 (UW)	Laurinburg
Saint Augustine's College	NR	13-17	NR	Raleigh
Salem College	1083-1315	18-27/21	3.6 (UW)	Winston-Salem
Shaw University	NR	NR	2.6 (UW)	Raleigh
University of Mount Olive	990-1150/950	NR	2.8 (UW)	Mount Olive
Wake Forest University	1410-1500	32-34	NR	Winston-Salem
Warren Wilson College	NR	25-30	3.6 (UW)	Asheville
William Peace University	1145-1275	22-27	3.2 (UW)	Raleigh
Wingate University	970-1210	18-24	3.3 (UW)	Wingate