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The Junior Presentation: Looking Ahead

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What We'll Discuss:

- ❑ Understanding Student Services
- ❑ Promotion and Graduation Requirements
- ❑ Scholastic Opportunities
- ❑ Planning for Your Future
- ❑ Factors Important to the College Admissions Process
- ❑ Taking the SAT and ACT
- ❑ Financing College

Who's in Student Services?



Kari Kite
Dean of Students



Mrs. Guinn & Mrs. Tomey
Career Development
Coordinators



Quzette Butler
Counselor, A-Co



Gretchen Krueger
Counselor, Cr-He



Ashley Wilson
Counselor, Hi-Mc



Jennifer Conley
Counselor, Me-R



Billy Lane
Counselor, S-Z



Steve Sapienza
SAP Coordinator

What we Do:

Academic

- ❑ Academic advisement and support
- ❑ Course selection
- ❑ Graduation requirement tracking
- ❑ Postsecondary plans

Personal/Social

- ❑ Problem Solving
- ❑ Crisis Intervention
- ❑ Peer Mediation

Career Planning

- ❑ Career Exploration
- ❑ Interest Inventories
- ❑ Career Pathway Research

What we *Don't* Do:

Discipline Therapy

How Students May Book an Appointment with Their Counselor!

1. **Visit:** <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/36544>
2. **Select:** Click on your counselor's name
3. **Schedule:** Choose a time to meet

Position	Staff Member	Email @wcpss.net	919-694-0500 Ext.
Dean of Students	Kari Kite	kkite	20012
Counselor (A-Co)	Quzette Butler	Qbutler	29021
Counselor (Cr-He)	Gretchen Krueger	gkrueger	20043
Counselor (Hi-Mc)	Ashley Wilson	awilson6	29022
Counselor (Me-R)	Jen Conley	jconley	20010
Counselor (S-Z)	Billy Lane	blane	20011

Other People to Know



Chanda Maxwell

Students Services
Receptionist



Christie DeBerry

School Nurse



Amy Matthews

Intervention Coordinator



Linda Colhoun

Registrar



Katie Elliott

Data Manager



Susan Parker

School Psychologist

Promotion Requirements

- ❑ To become a Senior, a minimum of 18 credits are needed:

- ❑ Three English Credits (English I, English II and English III)
- ❑ You must have a schedule that, if successfully completed, will result in the fulfillment of graduation requirements.



Graduation Requirements

- ❑ You **MUST** have 26 credits to graduate.
- ❑ 2 of your elective credits must be any combination of courses in Foreign Language, the Arts, or CTE
- ❑ 2 consecutive foreign language credits are only required for students planning to attend a 4-year college or university following graduation

Curriculum	Units	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, and IV
Mathematics	4	Math I, Math II, Math III, and 4th course beyond Math III
Science	3	Earth Science/ AP Environmental Science, Biology, and Physical Science/Chemistry/ Physics
Social Studies	4	World History, Civics and Economics, and American History I <u>and</u> American History II -or- AP US History and a Social Studies Elective
Health & PE	1	Health and PE
Requisite Electives	2	2 electives of any combination from either CTE, Arts Education, or Second Language
Additional Electives	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 8 elective courses from any area ▶ 4 electives <i>strongly recommended</i> to concentrate in one area (CTE, Arts, or any other subject area) ▶ You may select CTE courses that complete a Career Cluster
Total	26	MINIMUM required to graduate

Good Grades: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

- ❑ Strong Academic Record (e.g. your Transcript)
- ❑ Good GPA
- ❑ Grade Promotion
- ❑ Athletic Eligibility
- ❑ Driving Privilege
- ❑ Junior/Senior Privileges (Off-Campus Lunch Pass, Late Arrival/Early Release)

GRADE	Academic	Honors	AP/CCP
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

Early Release/Late Arrival

- ☐ You may request up to two periods off at the beginning or end of the school day for work, internship, and/or other approved opportunities.
- ☐ You must be on track for graduation.
- ☐ You may submit this form at the end of your Junior year or during the first week of school during Senior year.
- ☐ Please note this is a request and that completing an application does not guarantee that you will receive early release/late arrival; schedules may not be able to be rearranged to accommodate an early release/late arrival request.
- ☐ Dropping courses from your schedule may impact a college or university's decision to admit you.

Wake Tech's Career and College Promise

- ❑ GPA and Test Score requirements (College Pathway)
- ❑ Take community college courses for free
 - Online and hybrid courses available
- ❑ Summer courses also available
- ❑ Dual credit

To get started, attend an information session: bit.ly/WakeTechCCP



Mid-Year Graduation

- ❑ Must meet with your counselor to discuss graduation requirements and post-grad plans.



- ❑ Must be approved by Mr. Wight.
- ❑ Priority Deadline: Friday, May 22nd, 2020.

What's Next for You?



- ☐ Workforce?
- ☐ Military?
- ☐ 2-year Program?
- ☐ 4-year University?
- ☐ ???

Work

- ☐ Start Your Search Early!
- ☐ Meet with Mrs. Tomey or Mrs. Guinn, our Career Development Coordinators (Rm 2233) to Discuss Options and Opportunities
- ☐ Ask Teachers and Faculty Members for Letters of Recommendation



U.S. AIR FORCE

Military

- ☐ Meet with Branch Recruiter
- ☐ Take the ASVAB

Planning to Attend a College or University?

- ❑ Begin exploring 2 or 4-year university/college options and research the admissions requirements for the schools you are interested in attending.
- ❑ Take the ACT and/or SAT in the Spring of this school year and Fall of 2020.
- ❑ Schedule college visits and campus tours.
- ❑ Look into finding a summer program, job, or internship in your career field of interest.

Planning to Attend a College or University Continued....

- ❑ Create a resume of all activities and employment since 9th grade for teacher and counselor recommendations.
- ❑ All applications should be completed online through the college's website, the Common App, or on CFNC. Most students apply to 3-5 schools (Reaches v Target v Definites).
- ❑ Know the **application deadlines and fees** **BEFORE** you apply and **adhere** to those dates and submit payments in a timely manner!

Early Decision v. Early Action

Early Decision	Early Action
Binding: must withdraw all other applications if admitted to attend that school	Non-binding: must commit or decline typically by May 1
Can apply only for Early Action and Regular Decision to other schools	No restrictions on applying to other schools for Early Action and Regular Decision
Due usually between Oct 15 - Nov 1; notified by Dec 1-Jan 1	Due usually between Oct 15 - Nov 1; notified by Dec 1-Jan 1
Early Decision II is offered by some schools; similar rules but later application	A great way to take the pressure off! Beneficial for financial aid candidates!

What are Colleges Looking for?

- ❑ Challenging course selection
- ❑ Course grades
- ❑ Standardized test scores
- ❑ Strong Application
 - Personal Statement
 - Supplemental Essays
 - Recommendations
- ❑ Extracurricular activities
 - Sports
 - Clubs
 - Work, internship, etc.
- ❑ Community service



Minimum UNC System Requirements to Apply

- 2.5 Weighted GPA
- 880 Composite for the SAT
or
- 17 Composite for the ACT

Admission Profiles for AFHS Students

<http://bit.ly/afhsdata>

What are YOU Looking for in a College?



Academic and Professional Opportunities



Cost



Your Intended Major



Location/Geography



Type/Size



Campus Life



Test Scores



GPA

Testing

- ❑ Most four-year colleges use test scores in their admission decisions
- ❑ Test scores are not the most important factor – grades are!
- ❑ Most colleges publish their test score data
- ❑ Admission tests let colleges find you
- ❑ Don't test numerous times on the SAT or ACT
- ❑ Your test scores can earn you scholarships
- ❑ Scores can be used to determine your placement in college courses
- ❑ Most four-year schools require scores, most two-year schools *recommend* them
- ❑ You are responsible for submitting your scores
- ❑ Subject Area Tests (SAT only)

SAT Testing

- ❑ Three hours; plus an additional 50 minutes for the *optional* essay
- ❑ Three test components: Reading, Writing and Language, and Math; optional essay.
- ❑ Composite scores range from 400 to 1600, with 1600 being the highest possible score. The essay is scored separately, on a 2 – 8 scale.
- ❑ Register and send scores via collegeboard.org

ACT Testing

- ❑ Two hours and 55 minutes; plus an additional 40 minutes for the *optional* writing test
- ❑ Four Test Components: Reading, English, Math, and Science
- ❑ Scores range between 1 and 36. The writing section is scored separately on a 1 – 36 scale as well.
- ❑ ALL Juniors will take the ACT on February 25th for free during the school day and students will receive their scores by April.
- ❑ Register for additional testing sessions and send scores via actstudent.org

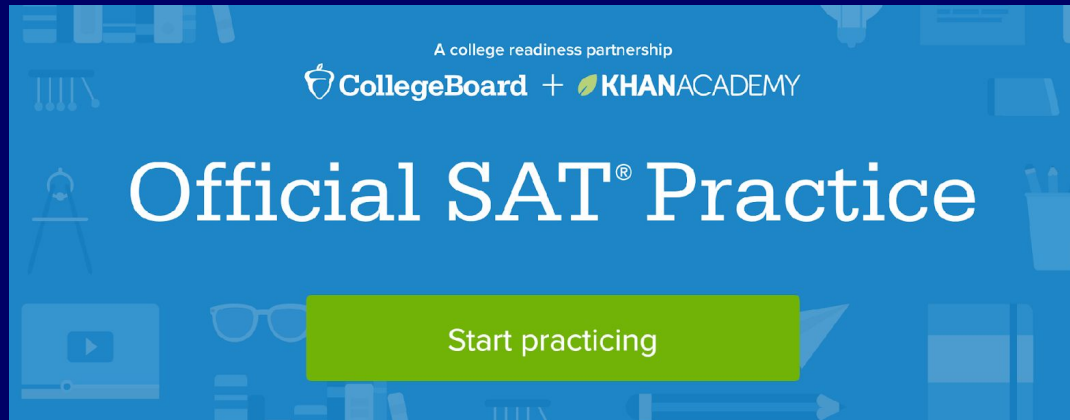
ACT Updates

□ Beginning in September 2020:

- Online Testing/Faster Score Results***
 - Students will, for the first time, have the option of online or paper testing on national test dates at ACT test centers. Online testing will offer faster results – as soon as two business days.
- ACT Section Retesting***
 - Students who have taken the test at least once will be given the choice to retake individual ACT section tests (English, Math, Reading, Science or Writing), rather than the entire ACT test.
- Easier Superscore Reporting
 - For students who have taken the ACT test more than once, ACT will automatically report a superscore showing the best scores from all test administrations (and a superscored composite score).

***These changes do not apply to the on-campus administration we give.

Test Prep



www.satpractice.org

The logo for ACT Academy. "ACT" is in a large, bold, dark blue serif font with a red swoosh under the 'A'. "Academy™" is in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

academy.act.org

Paying for College

- ❑ FAFSA!!! Opens October 1 of your Senior year!
- ❑ Grants
- ❑ Scholarships
 - College specific
 - Program specific
 - Club specific
 - More information on Financial Aid and Scholarships available under College Resources under the Student Services on the AFHS website
- ❑ Loans
- ❑ More in-depth information will be provided at the beginning of your senior year.



PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN DIVISION I OR DIVISION II ATHLETICS IN COLLEGE?



**YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE
NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE ONLINE at
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>**

**If you have questions, please contact
your **counselor** or your **sports coach**.**



Jr. Conferences

- ❑ Juniors will receive a newsletter detailing the information shared tonight during their conferences.
- ❑ Counselors will begin meeting with students in November.

Questions for the good of the group?

For individual questions we
recommend contacting your
counselor via email.