



AFHS

SENIOR YEAR

2022-2023



Objectives for Today

- Review who your counselor is and how to make an appointment with him/her
- Understand WCPSS Graduation Requirements
- Consider Post-Secondary options
- Important Calendar Dates for your Senior Year
- The College Admission process (applications, admissions testing, expectations, etc)
- How to request your High School Transcript
- The basics of Financial Aid and Scholarships
- And much, much more!



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

* Students unable to achieve a higher level of Math past Math III will be considered for a Math Substitution Process. Ask your counselor for more information if you think this might be you.

*** Students applying directly to a 4 year college or university **MUST** have taken a minimum of 2 levels of a World Language before graduating.



Curriculum	Units	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, and IV
Mathematics	4	Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and 4th course beyond Math 3*
Science	3	Earth Science/ AP Environmental Science, Biology, and Physical Science/Chemistry/ Physics
Social Studies	4	World History, Civics and Economics, and 2 of the following: American History I, American History II (or AP US History), a Social Studies Elective (ie. Psychology)
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

Important People to Know!

School Counselors: 10th-12th Grade

- A-Co - Ms. Butler
- Cr-He - Ms. Krueger
- Hi-Mc - Ms. Davidson
- Me-R - Ms. Conley
- S-Z - Mr. Lane
- SAP Counselor- Ms. Hughes
- Dean of Students - Ms. Wilson

Other Student Services Staff:

- Registrar - Mrs. Wall
- Receptionist - Mrs. Connors
- Career Development
Coordinator - Mrs. Guinn
- Financial Aid Advisor -
Ms. Brannan



What's Next for You?

- 4 yr College/ University
- 2 yr College (Tech or Community)
- Career/ Trade
- Military





Military



- Meet with a branch recruiter to explore opportunities and requirements for enlisting.



- Take the ASVAB



- Students should sign up with Mrs. Guinn to take the ASVAB test or visit a recruiting office.



U.S. AIR FORCE



Military



Navy:

919-460-0457



Marine Corps:

919-460-0090



U.S. AIR FORCE

Air Force:

919-380-7242



U.S. ARMY

Army:

919-467-2500



Coast Guard

919-878-4303



United States Space Force

910-599-8132

There are a wide variety of career and educational opportunities within each branch, explore what's available to you!

Work

- Start your Search Early!
 - Begin to consider short-term vs. long-term job opportunities
- Mrs. Guinn can help with career inventories, resumes, interview skills, and leads on job opportunities.
- Consider who may provide a reference for you.
- Contact our CDC to schedule an appointment:
 - Mrs. Guinn: tguinn@wcpss.net



Two-Year College

- The North Carolina Community College System has an open enrollment policy-- **all high school graduates** are admitted.
- Community colleges offer various post-secondary programs including short term certificates, Associates Degrees and college transfer pathways.
- We encourage you to apply by early Spring semester to ensure you are able to enroll in your preferred courses, as well as to secure the best financial aid package.
- Explore Wake Tech's numerous degree and certificate programs here:
<https://www.waketech.edu/programs-courses>
- Planning to be a college transfer student? Meet with an admissions advisor to review course and credit requirements, along with your timeline for transferring.

Four-Year College

- How many schools should a student apply to?
 - 4-8
 - Reaches vs. Targets vs. Definites
 - Be mindful of application fees
- How do I narrow my choices?
 - Understanding a school's profile
 - Do your research!
 - What do you want to get out of your college experience?
- Campus Visits
- Colleges and Universities visiting AFHS



Parts of the Application

- Application Form
- Essay
 - Types and number required varies between schools
 - Some may be optional, but we highly recommend you do them.
- High School Transcript
- Test Scores
 - Students are responsible for submitting their ACT or SAT Scores (**optional at many schools this year**)
- Application Fees
 - Fee waivers available based on income, see counselor for details

Parts of the Application

- Interviews and/or Auditions
 - Required by select schools
- Counselor School Report/ Teacher and Counselor Letter(s) of Recommendation
 - Different due date for counselor and teachers
- Digital Portfolio
 - Recommended by WCPSS
- Ways in which to apply:
 - The Common App
 - The Coalition App (relatively new, utilized by less schools)
 - CFNC (for NC schools only)
 - Directly through the school's website

NC Residency Determination Service

- What is Residency?
- RDS Policies
 - All North Carolina Students must complete this form for NC Colleges and Universities
 - Students must provide a unique identification number such as a Social Security Number, Taxpayer ID Number, Alien Registration Number, or US Citizenship and Immigration Service Number.
 - Students may also be required to submit supplemental documentation.
- 3 Ways to access the RDS Form:
 - The RDS website (<https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/>)
 - CFNC.org Application Hub through student's account
 - Student Application Portal on respective colleges' websites

- **Early Decision vs. Early Action**

- Early Decision is binding
- You may only apply to one school as Early Decision
- No restriction on the number of schools you may apply to as Early Action



- **Out-of-State Schools - Things to Consider:**

- Travel Costs
- Healthcare Costs (i.e. Insurance acceptance)
- Clothing Cost (Regional differences)
- Financial Aid (often times less)
- Transferring to a Different School

SENDING TRANSCRIPTS

- Students are responsible for requesting to have their transcripts sent to colleges.
- Means for sending your transcript:
 - CFNC (cfnc.org) - Used for all NC schools **even** for NC colleges applied to on the Common App
 - Scriborder (<http://wcpss.scriborder.com>) - All out-of-state schools that are not on Common App
 - **FINAL** Transcripts - Students must request through CFNC for IN-STATE schools and Scriborder for OUT-of-STATE.

****If you need a transcript for a scholarship or for personal use, either request via Scriborder or contact the Registrar, Mrs. Wall, in Student Services.

Student's Roles & Responsibilities

- Keep up with deadlines
- Make good decisions (personally, socially, academically)
- Research college/universities and admissions requirements
- **Requesting teacher recommendations and counselor reports**
 - Includes filling out Senior Google Form for Counselors
 - Students should have requested a recommendation at least 3 weeks prior to the college deadline
 - Verifying recommenders and counselor's email address before submitting on your college recommendation.
 - Giving resume to teacher
 - Requesting test scores from College Board and ACT
 - Requesting transcripts
 - Completing applications including writing essays

Counselor Recommendation Letter

If you are applying to a school that requires a counselor recommendation **in addition** to the general School Report, please complete the form below.

<https://bit.ly/counbrag23>

FYI: Counselors' deadlines for submission vary from students deadlines (1-2 weeks after students' deadline)

NC Countdown to College Free Application Week



- Apply to select NC colleges and universities for free during the week of Oct. 17th - 21st 2022
- Must complete and submit college application via CFNC.org's Application Hub
- Application must be submitted by 5:00pm Oct. 21st to qualify for waived fee
- **List of participating schools: found on CFNC.org**

Financial Aid (FAFSA and CSS Profile)



- **ALL** Financial Aid starts with the submission of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) fafsa.ed.gov
- Application open October 1, 2022. First come first serve! (**Do not submit prior to this date.**)
- You will use the most current year's 1040 income tax information (2022).
- Will receive confirmation that your FAFSA has been processed.
- Confirmation tells you your **eligibility** for grants, loans, etc.
- Award letters typically arrive in the early to late Spring from colleges.
 - Some colleges require you indicate that you will attend before they will send an award letter.
- Select institutions require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA. The CSS Profile is not free to complete and send. The initial report and submission to one college is \$25, submission to additional colleges is \$16 each, but the College Board does offer fee waivers to those who qualify.

Other Types of Financial Aid

- **Grants**- a financial award usually given by a company, foundation, or the government
- **Loan**- Money that is borrowed and expected to be paid back with interest
- **Work Study**- part-time employment while in school. It is allowed for students that qualify for financial aid.
- **Scholarships**-are financial aid awards designed to help students pay for an undergraduate degree. Sometimes a scholarship is a one-time check. Other school scholarships are renewable and provide money for students each semester or school year. These awards differ from student loans in that they don't have to be repaid.

Scholarships

- Always research scholarship opportunities offered through the colleges to which you plan to apply.
- Make use of online scholarship search engines: **Fastweb, Big Future, CFNC, Cappex, Scholar Snapp, CollegeNet, Scholarships.com, Niche, Scholarship Monkey, Moolahspot, Unigo, Zinch, Peterson's**, and many others.
- AFHS Student Services website with listing of national local scholarship opportunities for AFHS students:
(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LuSqVVaC3OAtd-FeZ-IXPgKCspyiBH2EoX5J63L_41o/edit)
- **APPLY TO ALL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE.**
- Students should submit all scholarship offers to Student Services even if they are not accepting them. This is important for data collection for WCPSS.



Financial Aid- FAFSA

- FAFSA Presentation....
- Linda Brannan is our Financial Aid Representative for AFHS. She can help you and your family with FAFSA questions.
- Ms. Brannan is also available via email for brief questions: lbrannan@wcpss.net.
- Appointments can be made through Sign Up Genius for an online appointment.

College Application Timeline

FALL

- Review High School Transcript for Accuracy (Updated transcripts will be available after Sept. 26th.)
- Apply to college(s) of your choice
- Complete a Personal Information Sheet and/or résumé, then SHARE with your counselor
- Request Transcripts to be sent to the college(s) you are applying to. Must use **CFNC** for IN State and **ScribOrder** for OUT of State
- Must fill out the **Residency Determination Form**
- Complete the **FAFSA** (the earlier you have this filled out- the more chance you have for receiving financial aid). Opens for the 2022-2023 school year on October 1st and closes June 30th.
- Fill out the CSS Profile- **only if required from college(s) you apply to**
- Continue to look for scholarships and APPLY for them!
- Meet ALL admissions deadlines, especially critical for early admissions (Oct 15th for some NC schools, Nov 1st for many others) **KNOW YOUR DEADLINES**

NCAA Eligibility Center

- You must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have plans to play Division I or Division II college athletics.
- First step....register at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Once registered AFHS will send your first six semesters, and later your final transcript, to the NCAA Clearinghouse.



- YOU must send your SAT/ACT scores to NCAA.... (Code 9999)
- Students must maintain amateur certification.
- NCAA Eligibility is based on a “Core” GPA (16 core courses) and a corresponding SAT/ACT score on a sliding scale.
- See Mr. Lane in Student Services for any questions.

College Application Timeline (cont'd)

END OF 1ST SEMESTER

- Request Mid-year transcripts as needed per school
- Keep your Grades up!
- Inform colleges if 2nd semester classes have changed since sending out initial transcript.
- Prepare for applications due in January- ensure that all recommendations are complete
 - Remember to have your scores sent from Test Organizations (CollegeBoard/ACT) to colleges
- **Verify** that colleges have received your application and that nothing is missing!
- Fill out the FAFSA if you have not already done so!

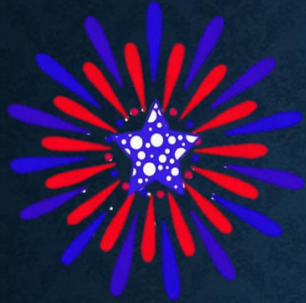
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- Go on final college visits to accepted schools to help solidify your college decision.
- Make final college decision by May 1st deadline
- Take AP/SAT Subject Tests, as needed
- Request Final Transcript for out of State Colleges (CFNC automatically sends final transcripts to in-state schools)
- Complete NCAA requirements (athletes)
- **KEEP YOUR GRADES UP!!!!**

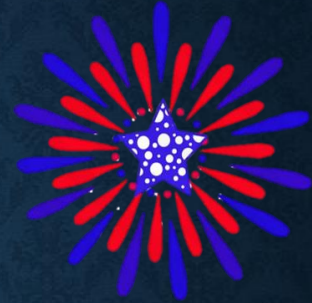
Senior Exam Exemption Policy 2022/2023

Per WCPSS, the following guidance for senior exam exemptions in 2022-2023 will be:

*Students will be **exempt** from their exam for **any course that does not require state testing** and for which the student has a final average of C or better. Absences **will not** be considered in the determination of senior exam exemptions.*



Graduation



MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal:

TO BE DETERMINED

Students should not plan College Orientations, Vacations, or anything else that conflicts with this date!

Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, June 10th at 8:00 pm

***Must arrive 1 hour before Ceremony**

*****The Graduation Newsletter, with more details, will be provided in the Spring.**