

Welcome to
Senior Night
CLASS OF 2026



STUDENT SERVICES

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements

- Student Services
- Post-Secondary Plans
- Senior Year Timeline

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IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

North Carolina law now requires all rising 12th graders to receive a meningococcal vaccine booster before starting 12th grade. The vaccination must be done before the 25-26 school year begins. Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's immunization record showing proof that the meningococcal vaccine has been completed prior to the first day of school. This is a 2-dose immunization; the 1st dose was required in the 7th grade in Wake County schools. Please send your immunization updates to hestrada@wcpss.net - Fax: 919-589-6734 Attention- Records.....
More information is located [HERE](#)

*Post-Secondary
Plans*
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SENIOR CONFERENCES

Senior Conferences will start September 4th
Counselors will be assigning students randomly to a **group**
appointment time via Google Calendar.

Students: Please be sure to check your WCPSS email!

Purpose: Counselors intentionally meet with students to discuss post-secondary plans and resources.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Earn a career certificate and get to work. Look for apprenticeship, internships and job-shadowing from employers who may offer tuition reimbursement.

Resource:
Mr. McAuliffe, CDC

EMPLOYMENT



Start your journey after high school in Military service. We will have Military recruiters on campus during lunch to talk about options and enlistment.

Resource:
Mr. McAuliffe, CDC and/or Recruiter

ENLISTMENT



Find a school that is right for you and apply. Start your college tours, take your SAT/ACT and look into potential majors.

Resource:
Caseload Counselor

ENROLLMENT



EMPLOYMENT



After graduation, enter straight into the workforce!



Current part-time jobs may lead to full time jobs.



Look for jobs on GLHS Career Development (Indeed.com, LinkedIn, GlassDoor, Google for Jobs, NCWorks, and many more.)



Not sure what career to enter into after graduation? Schedule an appointment with me to take a Career Assessment or to work on Resume



QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SENIOR



What career path would I like to have?



How do I see myself becoming qualified for this career path?



Why do I want to go down this career path?





ENLISTMENT



Army



**National
Guard**



Air Force



Marine Corp



Space Force



Coast Guard



Navy

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SENIOR



What necessary steps have you taken (ASVAB, speaking with recruiter, etc)?



How do I see myself accomplishing my desired rank (Enlisted soldier vs. commissioned officer)?



Why is this the path I've decided to go down?



ENROLLMENT



Certification

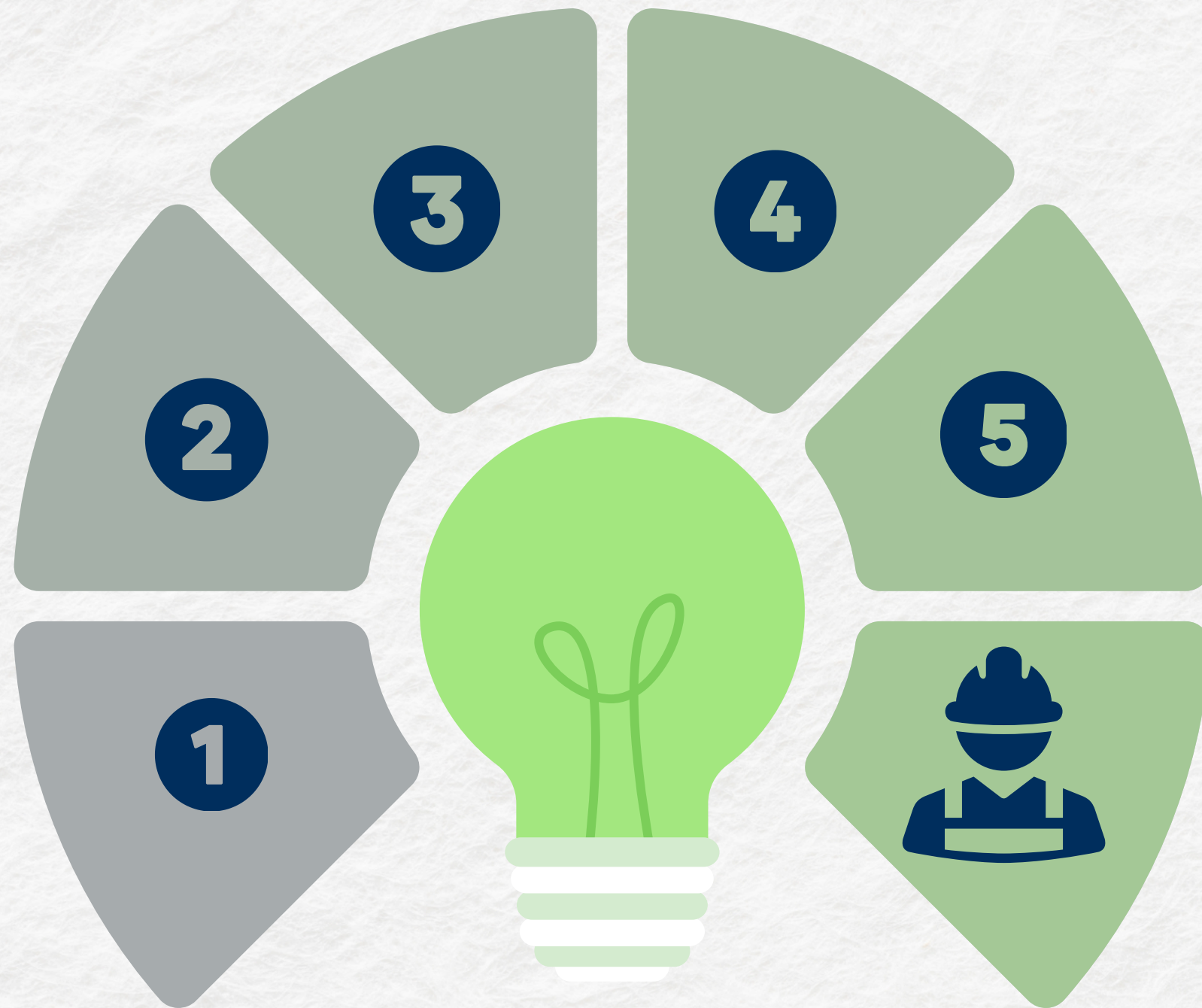


**Two Year
Degree**



**Four Year
Degree**

CERTIFICATION



- **Prepares graduates for a specific professional career path**
- **Programs take between 6 week to 2 years to complete**
- **Emphasizes practical skills and fieldwork**
- **Types of certifications: Dental Assistant, Information Technology , Pharmacy Technician, Veterinary Assistant, and so much more!**
- **You can earn credentials at all of our North Carolina Community Colleges (ex: Wake Tech, Durham Technical, and Johnston County Community College)**
 - **Private trade Schools: Miller Motte, Paul Mitchell School of Raleigh**

TWO YEAR DEGREE

- **Community Colleges award certificates and associate's degrees**
- **Complete in 2 years or less**
- **Average annual cost of tuition & fees is \$3,440; No residential dorms**
- **Less strict admissions requirements. Specific program may have additional requirements.**
- **Average class size is 25–35 students**

Wake Tech Community College has **University Partnerships** with all UNC System Schools to allow students to transfer to a 4-year university as a junior after completing their associate's degree at Wake Tech.

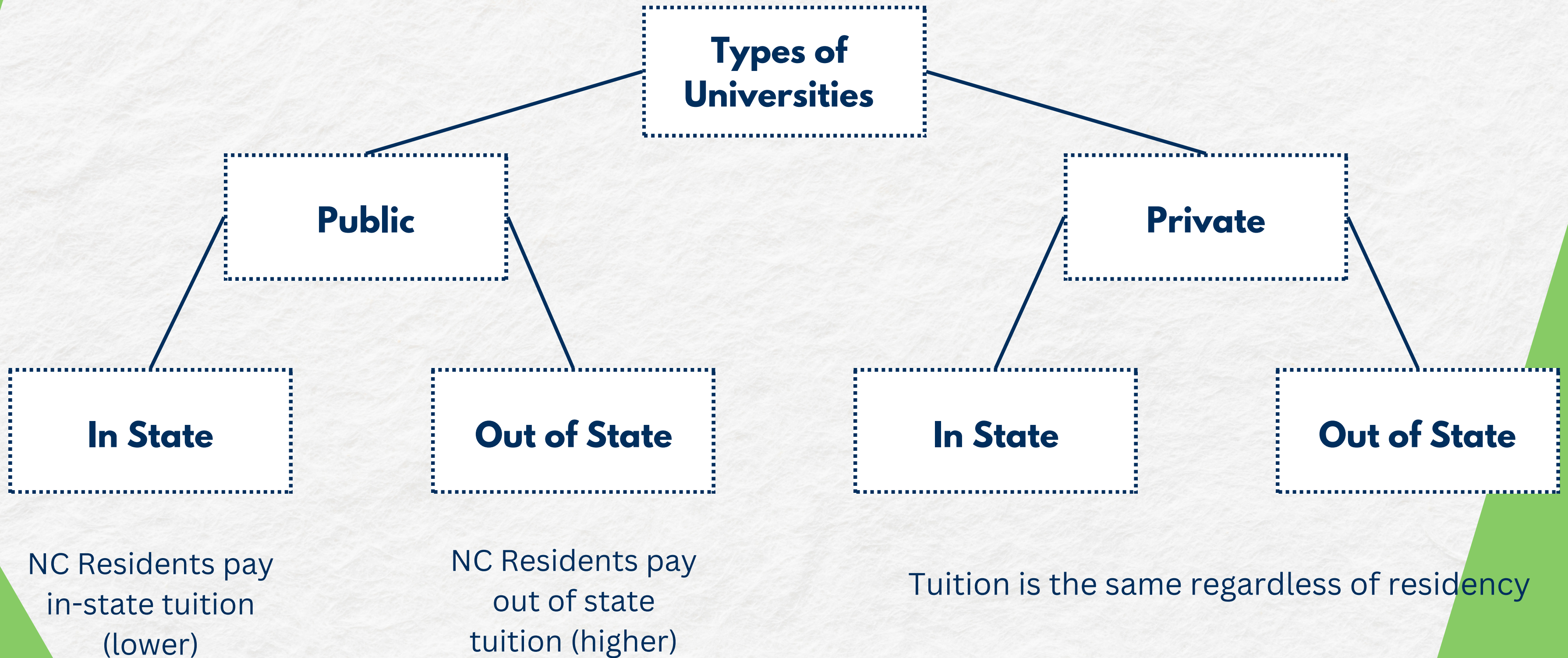




FOUR YEAR DEGREE

- **Typically complete in 4 years**
- **Average annual cost of attendance is ~ \$20,000 (for NC public universities)**
- **Look at grades, test scores, essays, extracurricular activities, & more**
- **Typically offer on-campus housing**
- **Class sizes may vary from 20–300 depending on the school**

THINGS TO CONSIDER: 4 YR



UNC SYSTEM & TEST SCORES

For students entering in the Fall 2026 and beyond – **based on a weighted GPA:**

- GPA above 2.8 Test scores are optional
- GPA below 2.8: Students must submit either an ACT score of 17 or higher or an SAT score of 930 or higher.

Please note that, while these are the minimum requirements for consideration, ***they do not guarantee acceptance.***

UNC SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES



QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SENIOR



What is your list of schools you are considering?



How can I help you narrow the list down when the time comes?



Why is this the right school for you in the end?



Senior Year Timeline
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SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

September

- Create a list of deadlines
- SAT/ACT Testing opportunity
- Resume/list of activities/essays
- Senior Conferences begin
- Follow up with recommenders
- Competitive Scholarship deadlines may start

October

- FAFSA Opens October 1
- CSS Profile
- Begin work on RDS
- ASVAB
- Finalize test scores
- Finalize college and scholarship applications
- Early Action and Early Decision deadlines
- College Application Week-CFNC
- Scholarship Interviews

November

- Early Action and Early Decision deadlines
- **Keep a check on your email** for any communication from colleges/recruiters/employers
- College Fairs (CACRAO)
- Career Fairs

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SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

December

- Finalized FAFSA
- Continue conversations with recruiters
- Take a rest as you've worked so hard this first semester!
- If you're an mid-year grad-make preparations for your plans in January!

January

- Finalize any Regular Decision Applications
- Finalize any Rolling Decision Applications
- Community College Applications
- Scholarship Interviews may begin/wrap up
- NCAA Transcripts sent

February

- Finalize FAFSA, if not complete
- Keep a check on your email
- Counselors send Mid-Year Reports on your behalf
- Scholarship Applications
- Job Applications
- Continue working any rolling admission or Community College Applications

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SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

March

- Finalize FAFSA, if haven't already
- Scholarship Applications
- Job Applications
- Career Fairs or Career Interviews

April

- Scholarship Deadlines
- Job Interviews may continue
- Continue to meet with Recruiters to ensure proper placement

May

- Submit Deposits (Enrollment, Housing, etc.)
MAY 1 DECISION DAY
- Complete any Financial Aid Documents
- Complete any required forms for Enrollment
- Complete any necessary forms for Enlistment and Employment

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SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

June

- Finish our last semester strong
- Graduation!
- Final Transcripts and reports submitted on your behalf
- Sign up for orientation
- Course selection for upcoming year
- Solidify job placement/selection

July

- Attend orientation
- Attend basic training

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ROTATIONS

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COLLEGE REPS



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Important
DOCUMENTS

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Sending
TEST SCORES

SAT VS. ACT

Components of Testing

SAT

Digital
Reading, Math , Writing



ACT

Paper (can be Digital)
Reading, Math, English,
Science



BREAKDOWN OF CONTENT



5 reading passages

**Calculator active and
inactive**

More time per question

Analyzing - tricky!



4 reading passages

**Science - Assessing
Critical thinking**

Math - Calc active only

**Less time per question
(faster pace)**

SAT vs ACT

Scoring Information

SAT

- 400–1600 Scale
- Math is 200–800 Scale
- Reading/Writing (Evidence based reading and writing) – 200–800 scale

Both

- Both tests award +1 for correct answers and no points (+/-0) for incorrect answers
- Offer SuperScoring (the best subscore of each test will be added together to create your best highest score)

ACT

- 1–36 Scale
- Scores from the 4 sections are averaged together for overall score
- Each section is given a subscore

WHICH ONE?

SAT

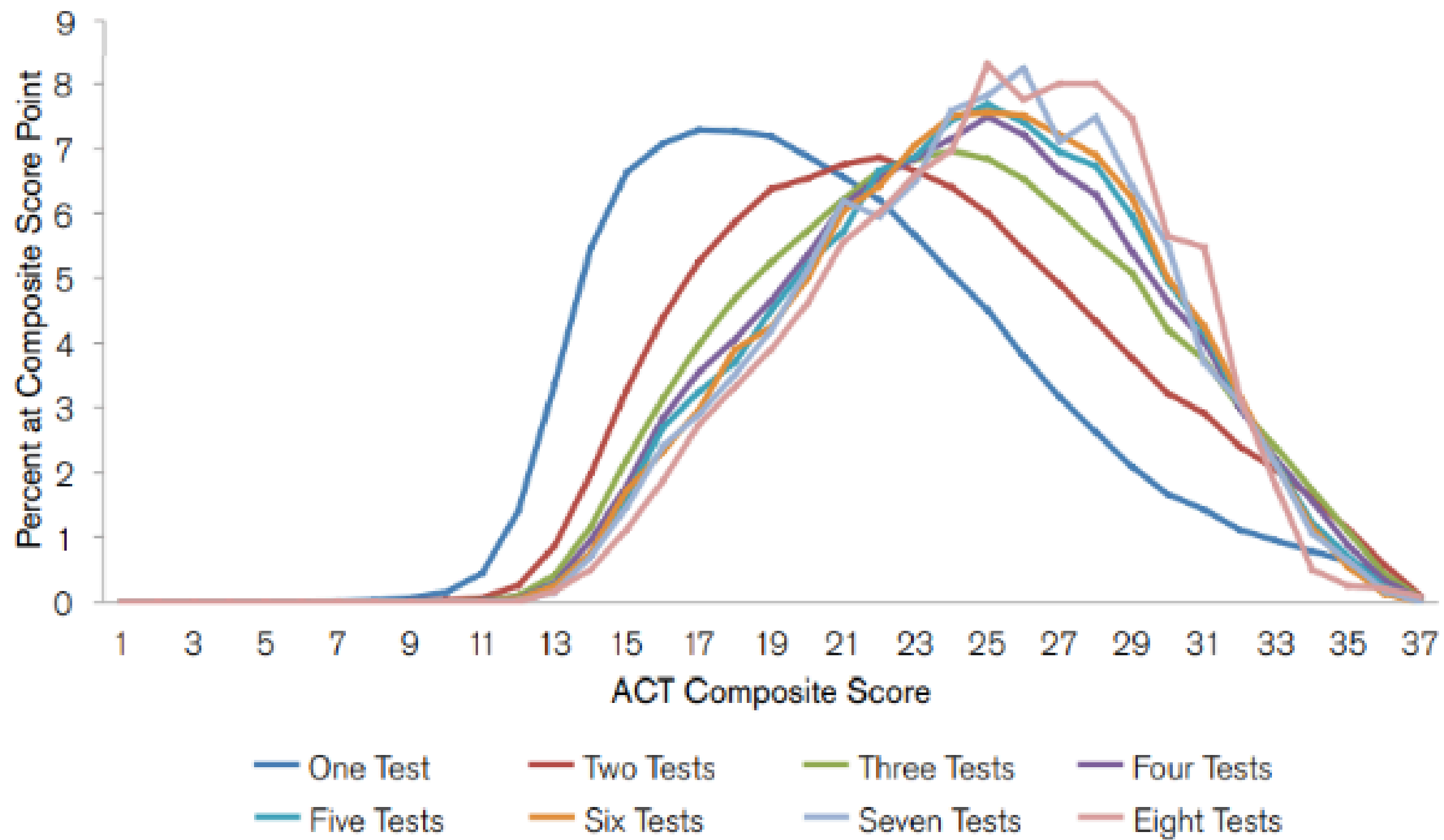


Studies show an average of a 15 point increase on a 2nd test attempt.

ACT



50% of students show a score increase on a 2nd test attempt.



*Times tested was truncated above 8 because N-counts dipped below 1000

Table A1: SAT Total to ACT Composite.

SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT	SAT	ACT
1600	36	1250	26	910	16
*1590	36	*1240	26	900	16
1580	36	1230	26	*890	16
1570	36	1220	25	880	16
1560	35	*1210	25	870	15
1550	35	1200	25	860	15
*1540	35	1190	24	*850	15
1530	35	*1180	24	840	15
1520	34	1170	24	830	15
1510	34	1160	24	820	14
*1500	34	1150	23	810	14
1490	34	*1140	23	*800	14
1480	33	1130	23	790	14
1470	33	1120	22	780	14
*1460	33	*1110	22	770	13
1450	33	1100	22	*760	13
1440	32	1090	21	750	13
*1430	32	*1080	21	740	13
1420	32	1070	21	730	13
1410	31	1060	21	720	12
*1400	31	1050	20	*710	12
1390	31	*1040	20	700	12
1380	30	1030	20	690	12
*1370	30	1020	19	680	11
1360	30	*1010	19	*670	11
1350	29	1000	19	660	11
*1340	29	990	19	650	11
1330	29	980	18	640	10
1320	28	*970	18	*630	10
*1310	28	960	18	620	10
1300	28	950	17	610	9
1290	27	940	17	600	9
*1280	27	*930	17	*590	9
1270	27	920	17		
1260	27				

*Use this SAT score when a single score point comparison is needed.

Note: Concordance tables for the ACT Composite were derived from concordances of the ACT sum score.

Table A2 : ACT Composite to SAT Total.

ACT	SAT	SAT Range
36	1590	1570-1600
35	1540	1530-1560
34	1500	1490-1520
33	1460	1450-1480
32	1430	1420-1440
31	1400	1390-1410
30	1370	1360-1380
29	1340	1330-1350
28	1310	1300-1320
27	1280	1260-1290
26	1240	1230-1250
25	1210	1200-1220
24	1180	1160-1190
23	1140	1130-1150
22	1110	1100-1120
21	1080	1060-1090
20	1040	1030-1050
19	1010	990-1020
18	970	960-980
17	930	920-950
16	890	880-910
15	850	830-870
14	800	780-820
13	760	730-770
12	710	690-720
11	670	650-680
10	630	620-640
9	590	590-610



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Standardized
TESTING



SHOULD I SEND MY SCORES?

TEST OPTIONAL

A wide variety of schools have indicated they will remain test optional through this application cycle (including the UNC System).

This means test scores are not required for a complete application.

Use previous years averages to determine if you should send your score—if your score is above their average standards it is a good indicator to include your scores

TEST BLIND

Test scores are NOT REQUIRED nor INCLUDED as part of the application.

SENDING TEST SCORES

SAT



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

collegeboard.org

ACT



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

Send via website later for \$18 each

Have to send score report from each test session if superscoring

actstudent.org

AP



Send 1 FREE report when you set up account

Send via website later for \$15 each

Score report contains all AP scores

collegeboard.org

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Sending
TRANSCRIPTS

TRANSCRIPT UPDATE

Transcripts will be updated at the end of September with updated rank and GPA – Including summer CCP courses!

All transcript requests for colleges will be fulfilled after this date. We will inform students in Advisory when the transcripts are ready!



Scrib Online

Send transcripts through WCPSS. Can be sent to any entity of choice (out of state colleges, scholarship, NCAA, etc.)

First 3 are FREE to send on ScribOrder - then \$5 per copy - for current WCPSS students.

Unofficial & Official Transcripts

wcpss.scriborder.com

Common App

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

commonapp.org

CFNC

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

Always free to send through CFNC.

cfnc.org

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Application **COMPONENTS**

PLATFORMS



Common App

- Commonapp.org
- App for phones now
- 915 participating colleges
- All use same platform only essay and supplemental questions are different
- Application fee for application



THE COALITION

GET EDUcated!



CFNC

- CFNC.org
- NC Colleges, Community Colleges, and Universities
- Same application for each college (typically no supplemental questions)
- Application fee for each application
- Send Electronic Transcripts
- College Application Week (**some** FREE TO APPLY OCTOBER 20-26)

Coalition

- Coalitionforaccess.org
- 6 participating colleges in NC
- 1 application for multiple colleges

Common Black College App

- Commonblackapp.org
- Used for HBCUs across the US
- \$20 application for up to 67 HBCUs

COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

Profile/Info

- Personal Info
- Demographics
- Language
- Citizenship
- Household/parent information

Stats

- High school information
- Current courses
- College courses
- GPA/Rank
- Official score reports from SAT/ACT/CollegeBoard AP

Activities

- Arts or Music
- Clubs/Community Engagement
- Family Responsibilities
- Hobbies/Sports
- Work/Volunteering
- Other meaningful experiences

Essays

- Personal statement
- Essay Options
- Short Questions

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Not using space wisely

- "Member of varsity soccer team for 3 years"
- "Member of national honor society for 2 years"
- "Worked as hostess at Olive Garden"

VS

Using space wisely

- "Attend practice and workouts 4x/week. As a captain, I led the warmups, communicated game plays, and assisted with tryouts"
- "Completed 15 hours of community serviced at local animal shelter assisting with pet adoptions and veterinary care during COVID-19"
- "Greeted customers, organized seating chart to maximize use of servers, responded to incoming phone calls, and assisted with take out orders"

RECOMMENDATION TYPES

COUNSELOR

- Completed by your academic counselor
- Overview of who you are as a student
- Overview of school
- Guided form
- Often required for college applications and scholarships
- Includes a School Profile and upload of Transcript

VS

TEACHER

- Completed by teacher who can best speak to your abilities
- Not necessarily the teacher who you earned an "A" with but the teacher who can best speak to your abilities
 - maybe you contributed to class discussions, lead activities, participated in extracurriculars, or worked hard to master the subject area
- Often required for college applications and scholarships

ESSAY REMINDERS

Hook

Give admissions
a reason to keep
reading

Narrow

Keep your
focus

Personal

Be
YOURSELF

Specific

Provide examples,
details and stories

Final Essay

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Thank You
FOR ATTENDING!

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