

Welcome to the Senior Parent Information Session

Class of 2021

Thursday, September 3, 2020



Virtual Meeting Protocol:

Please mute your computer microphone and turn off your computer camera.

***Silence/Mute your phone.**

Place all questions in the chat to be answered at the end of the presentation

- ***The Session will be recorded and placed on the Student Services Website under the Senior Tab for reference***

Thank you for your cooperation.

AGENDA

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- ▶ Community College, Military and Career Pathways
- ▶ Scholarships + Financial Aid
- ▶ Exam Exemptions
- ▶ Senior Conference Information



MEET THE STUDENT SERVICES TEAM

- Mr. Douglas, Dean of Counseling and Students, **Mid-Year Grads**
- Mr. Walker, Counselor, Grades 9-12, **Last Names A-EI**
- Ms. Harris, Counselor, **Last Names Em-Li**
- Ms. Ansbacher, Counselor, **Last Names Lj-Reh**
- Ms. Holliday, Counselor, **Last Names Rei-Z**
- Mr. Garry Hailey, SAP, **504 Coordinator**

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- Ms. Sowa, School Psychologist
 - Ms. Ruff, School Nurse
 - Ms. Joyner, Career Development Coordinator (CDC)
 - Ms. Waldrum, Financial Aid Advisor
 - Ms. Torres, Student Services Technician
 - Ms. Favors, Registrar
 - Ms. Cook, Data Manager
 - Ms. Underdue, Attendance
 - Ms. Keefer, Student Services AP



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



Students must have **26** credits to graduate!



Graduation Requirements

Content Area	Credits	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III/AP Language, & IV/AP Literature
Mathematics	4	Math I, II, III and 1 math beyond Math III (Math 4, Honors, AFM, Pre-Calculus, AP Stats)
Science	3	Earth/Environmental, Biology, and a Physical Science (Physical Sci, Chemistry or Physics)
Social Studies	4	World History, American 1, American 2, or AP US + 1 additional social studies elective and Civics & Economics
Health/Physical Education	1	Health and Physical Education
Additional Electives	10	Student Choice
World Language	0	** Not required for graduation** (2 credits required for admission to any UNC System school)
Total Credits Needed:	26	



Latin Honors System

- ▶ In compliance with the Wake County School Board, WHS will use the Latin Honors System to recognize Seniors graduating with Honors.
- ▶ The Latin Honors recognition is based on the **Mid-Year Rank Process** which is calculated at the end of the **1st Semester (2nd QUARTER)**
- ▶ Senior Honors Rank will be run on **Feb 11, 2021**



Latin Honors

▶ **CUM LAUDE**: Means to graduate with “Honor”, earning a cumulative weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) ranging from **3.75 to 3.99**.

▶ **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**: Means to graduate with “Great Honor”, earning a cumulative weighted GPA ranging from **4.0 to 4.249**.

▶ **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**: Means to graduate with “Highest Honor”, earning a cumulative weighted GPA ranging from **4.25 and higher**.



RANKING DATES



4-Year College Admissions

- ▶ Apply early in senior year, if possible. Know the difference between “Early” and “Regular” decision options, “Binding” vs. “Not Binding”, and “Rolling”.
- ▶ **How to Apply? ONLINE**, through portal options:
 - ✓ CFNC (cfnc.org). Create a CFNC account...this will also be important for RDS, sending in-state transcripts, Free College Application Week, Community Colleges
 - ✓ Common App (commonapp.org)
 - ✓ Coalition for College (coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)
 - ✓ Common Black College Application (commonblackcollegeapp.com)
 - ✓ The College’s/University’s website (Future 49er Portal, NC A&T undergrad admissions portal, SeaLevel Portal).



4-Year College Admissions

- ▶ Apply to at least 3 schools -> MATCH, REACH, TARGET.
- ▶ SAT or ACT scores are not required this year as part of the enrollment decision.
- ▶ Application Fees; see your Counselor for a fee waiver.
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation - someone who knows you and with whom you've had positive encounters 😊
- ▶ Develop a Resume and Senior Brag Sheet - this will help Counselors write letter(s) of recommendation. Brag Sheets should be submitted at least two weeks before the recommendation letter is needed.
- Not all colleges require a counselor to submit a letter of recommendation.
- College Essays - Essay prompts for Common App and Coalition available
- ❖ First-Generation Students <https://www.bettermakerroom.org/tools/>

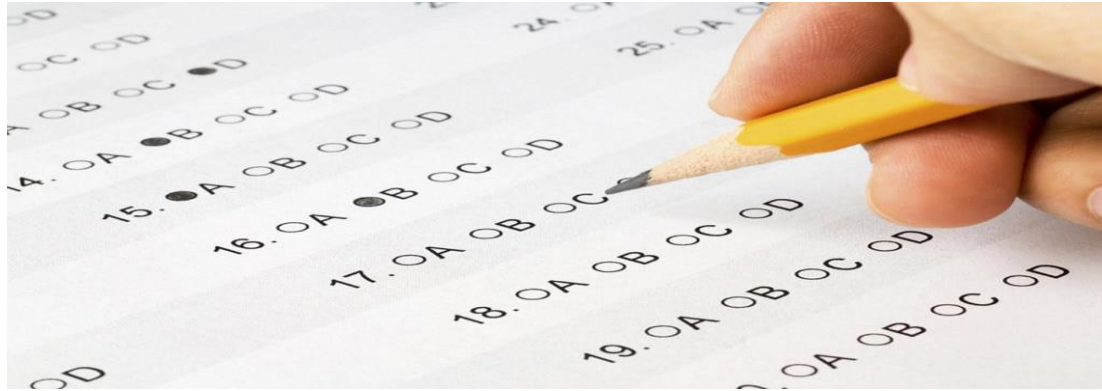


Requesting and Sending Transcripts

- ▶ Using Common App or Coalition App? Transcript will be uploaded by your Counselor after the Beginning Rank has been run (September 24th). *Students are still required to send their transcript through CFNC for all NC Colleges/Universities.*
- ▶ Applying to College in North Carolina not thru Common App or Coalition App? Student requests transcript through CFNC (www.cfnc.org). No fee and unlimited requests can be made.
- ▶ Applying to College Out of State, for Scholarships or for the NCAA? Student requests transcript thru WCPSS website (wcpss.scriborder.com). 3 requests for free; \$5 fee for each request thereafter.
- ▶ Final Transcripts: To be submitted by Student via **CFNC** or **ScribOrder**.



ACT & SAT Test Waiver for the class of 2021



UNC Board of Governors- Testing Waiver for Admissions

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on testing availability, the UNC Board of Governors waived the standardized test requirements for first year students applying for admission in **Spring 2021, Summer 2021** and **Fall 2021**.

Students have an option to submit test scores to the 16 public universities in the UNC System, but test scores **will not be required** for admission decisions. Students who do not submit an ACT or SAT test score must meet the minimum **weighted** GPA requirement of **2.5** to be considered for undergraduate admission.





SAT vs. ACT



- ✓ SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) measures critical reading, math, and writing ability and predicts college performance. Test has 2 sections (Math and Reading/Writing). Scores range from 200 to 800, per section. **Max score = 1600.**
- ✓ ACT (American College Test) measure educational achievement in English, Math, Reading, and Science. Scores range from 1 to 36 for each area. Your composite score is an average of your 4 scores. **Max score = 36.**



SAT and ACT

- ▶ Colleges will accept scores from either SAT or ACT. Official scores must be **sent directly** to the college from College Board (SAT) or from ACT. (Some schools now allow self-reporting for the application but will eventually require an official score).
- ▶ Not required to take both, but you can (*Note: WHS students should have already taken the ACT on campus in February 2020 and you can report this score*).
- ▶ Colleges will consider the higher score □ Super scoring.
- ▶ Counselors have fee waivers for both the SAT and ACT.
- ▶ SAT and ACT not required for admission to Community Colleges, but scores can be used to waive placement tests.



SAT & ACT

- ▶ Register for SAT tests online at www.collegeboard.org
- ▶ Register for ACT tests online at www.ACT.org

ACT & SAT Test Dates vary due to Covid 19

- Please check the ACT and SAT websites for updated testing information





THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

1. Appalachian State University
2. East Carolina University
3. Elizabeth City State University
4. Fayetteville State University
5. North Carolina A&T State University
6. North Carolina Central University
7. North Carolina State University
8. UNC-Asheville
9. UNC-Chapel Hill
10. UNC-Charlotte
11. UNC-Greensboro
12. UNC-Pembroke
13. UNC-Wilmington
14. UNC School of the Arts
15. Western Carolina University
16. Winston-Salem State University



UNC System Minimum Admissions Requirements

The UNC Board of Governors recently adopted a time-limited policy provision that allows a student to meet minimum eligibility requirements for admissions consideration. A student who earns at least a 2.5 weighted high school grade point average OR a minimum test score on either the ACT (19) or the SAT (1010) is eligible for review by any of the 16 UNC System universities. A student must still take either the ACT or the SAT to be considered for admission. All applicants must submit a valid score



Community College Admissions

- ▶ www.nccommunitycolleges.edu
- ▶ “Open Door” admissions to any person who is 18 years old or has graduated from HS.
- ▶ No application fee and financial aid is available.
- ▶ SAT/ACT is not required. Most CC’s will require a placement exam to evaluate your math and reading skills. Good SAT/ACT scores may exempt you.
- ▶ Wake Technical Community College, www.waketech.edu. Member of JC Athletics, Div. I/Region 10 - baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, X-country, golf, and cheer.



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Residency Determination Service (RDS)

- ▶ **What is RDS?** RDS is a centralized residency service for all students seeking admission to, and in-state tuition rate at, a North Carolina public college or university.
- ▶ **Do I have to complete RDS?** In order for a student to receive the benefits of in-state tuition and state financial aid, a residency determination is required.
- ▶ **www.ncresidency.cfnc.org**



Residency Determination Service

- ▶ Requirement for students applying to any state supported college or university.
- ▶ Every applicant is initially qualified as either a 'resident' or 'non-resident' for tuition purposes upon completion of an online RDS request.
- ▶ All students are required to provide a unique identification number (such as SSN) to complete residency determination.
- ▶ RDS will inform you of your residency status immediately following completion of the RDS online interview.
- ▶ Students completing the RDS process will receive a Residency Certification Number (RCN).



Residency Determination Service

- ▶ You can access RDS to complete the initial interview in one of three ways:
 - ❖ From your CFNC account (student log-in) using the CFNC Applications Hub.
 - ❖ Directly from your student's admissions application, through links provided by the campus to which s/he is applying.
 - ❖ Directly from the homepage of the RDS website, by selecting the 'Complete Residency Determination' tab.

<https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/>



Military Service

- ▶ Reps from the different branches of the military visit Wakefield HS periodically throughout the year.
- ▶ Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is an aptitude test to assess an individual's natural abilities and skills. Military branches require the ASVAB for entrance into the military.
- ▶ Contact Ms. Joyner if you are interested in taking the ASVAB. The Military Entrance Processing Center offers the ASVAB on a weekly basis.
- ▶ Contact Ms. Joyner in Career Services or your local recruiter for more info.



Paying for College – Financial Aid

- ▶ Ms. Susan Waldrum: swaldrum@wcpss.net
- ▶ All appointments must be made via email.
- ▶ WHS Financial Aid Night: **Tuesday, October 6th, at 6pm**



Exam Exemption

- ▶ Seniors should prepare seriously for all exams. For some, it could make the difference between graduating and not graduating.
- ▶ Final exams count between 20% (non EOC) and 20% (EOC) of final grades.
- ▶ Seniors **will be exempt** from their final exam for any course that does not require state testing (EOC, NCFE, CTE) for which the senior has a final average of **C** or better.



Senior Conference Information

- ▶ Senior Conferences will begin **Tuesday, September 8th** – **Friday, September 25th**
- ▶ Seniors are required to schedule their Senior Conference through their Counselor's Appointment Link
- ▶ Counselors' Appointment Links can be found on the Student Services Website under the ***[Senior Tab]***.
- ▶ Seniors are required to schedule their Senior Conference with their assigned counselor.
- ▶ Senior Conference Appointments are 20 minutes long.
- ▶ Seniors should not enter the Google Meet if their counselor is still meeting with another senior and parent.



Senior Conference Information cont...

- ▶ Senior Conferences will be held through **Google Meet**
 - ▶ The Google Meet Links for Senior Conferences are located on the Student Services Website under the ***[Senior Tab]***
 - ▶ Seniors should access the Google Meet Link only during their scheduled appointment time.
 - ▶ Please do not join the Google Meet Link early so you do not infringe upon other students/parents appointment time.
- ▶ Please do not join the Google Meet if your counselor is still meeting with another student.



Preparing For Your Senior Conference

- ▶ Seniors should review the Senior Planning Guide
- ▶ Complete the Academic Checklist (be prepared to review with your counselor during your interview)
- ▶ Complete Senior Brag Sheet only if a counselor recommendation is required as part of your college application process.
- ▶ Seniors should be able to access their CFNC Account.
 - ▶ If you have not created a CFNC Account this will need to be done prior to your senior conference. Please visit www.cfnc.org to create an account.



Preparing For Your Senior Conference cont..

- ▶ The counselor will email the senior his/her transcript prior to their scheduled senior conference appointment.
 - ▶ Seniors should review their transcript for accuracy and be prepared to discuss their remaining graduation requirements.
 - ▶ Seniors are asked to have questions prepared that they would like to discuss during their conference.
 - ▶ All Senior Forms can be found on the Student Services Website under the Senior Tab.



Senior Updates

For updates and forms related Seniors Conferences please go to:
Wakefield Website > Students > Seniors

Questions About Senior Events:

Senior Dues & Graduation Information

- ▶ Emily Scales escales@wcpss.net

Senior Pictures/Yearbook Information


- ▶ Rachel Bentley rbentley@wcpss.net

CAP & Gown Orders

- ▶ Jostens: www.jostens.com





- ▶ Weekly Messenger Call (Mr. Bazzell)
- ▶ Wakefield HS Website
- ▶ WHS Student Services link: Students - Student Services -**Seniors**
- ▶ **College** - Fin. Aid/Scholarships/Scholarship Bulletins
- ▶ Twitter: 
- ✓ @WakefieldHS
- ✓ @WHSStudentSvc
- ✓ @WHSCareerCenter

