

Wakefield High School Senior Planning Guide

Class of 2021

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**Wakefield High School
Student Services Directory**

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NORTH CAROLINA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/>

Students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2012-13 and beyond are required to meet the **Future-Ready Core** requirements for graduation.

- 4 English
- 4 Math (Algebra I/Math I, Math II, Math III, and one advanced math beyond Math III—unless a student has principal permission to utilize the Math Substitution Option)
- 3 Science (Earth, Biology and a Physical Science)
- 4 Social Studies (World History, American History I, American History II and Civics & Economics **OR** World History, AP US History, Civics & Economics and a social studies elective)
- 2 Electives from Career-Technical Education, Art, or World Languages curriculum
- 8 Electives (four are recommended to be in Career Technical, Arts, or Core Subject Areas)
- 1 Healthful Living

26 Credits Total

SELECTIVE SERVICES REQUIREMENT

All young men in the U.S., with very few exceptions, are required to register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18 years old. Registration is federal law. Failure to register is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or five years in jail. Registering with Selective Service is also required in order to remain eligible for many federal and state benefits, including student financial aid, job training, and jobs in the Executive Branch of the federal government, such as a Postal Service job.



For more information on Selective Service and to complete your registration, go to <http://www.sss.gov>. You may also call toll-free: 1-888-655-1825.

****Individual Senior Conferences will be conducted virtually this year, and are set to begin the week of September 8th****

Seniors will schedule conferences online using their alpha counselor's appointment link -- links coming soon.

SEPTEMBER:

****Create a CFNC account at CFNC.org, if you haven't done so already.****

Register for the SAT (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (www.actstudent.com) if needed.

Double-check that your classes meet graduation requirements (with your counselor).

Start working on your college applications.

Start asking for shining letters of recommendation from your fan club of teachers (typically 2 teachers).

Create a Resume and Brag Sheet and share copies with your teacher and counselor recommenders to help them learn more about you and your passions/interests/activities outside of school.

It is likely that you were unable to visit campuses in person this summer, but most campuses now have virtual college tours in place. There are also Virtual College Fairs and Virtual Info Sessions/Webinars for students and families.

Research/apply for scholarships. (see website resource list)

Complete the RDS process To qualify for in-state tuition or to establish eligibility for state grant determination under North Carolina law.

Prepare to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) @ www.fafsa.ed.gov

Write it on your calendar – the FAFSA is open to file on October 1, 2020

Make sure your parents can find their tax returns from last year, and update/file current year.

Schedule a time to meet with the WHS Financial Aid Advisor, Ms. Susan Waldrum. Email Ms. Waldrum at swaldrum@wcpss.net to schedule an appointment. Both students and their families can attend.

Thinking about enlisting in the military? Sign up for the ASVAB by emailing MS. Joyner (sjoyner@wcpss.net).

OCTOBER:

Be aware of early college admissions deadlines!! At many schools, meeting the early application deadline ensures you'll be in the applicant pool for their merit-based scholarships.

If you haven't registered/taken the SAT or the ACT, do it now!

Are you eligible for an ACT/SAT/College Application fee waiver? Discuss with your counselor.

Thinking about the military? Make sure you sign up to take the **ASVAB**.

Speak with your school counselor as often as you can.

Start, or continue, working on your applications.

CFNC.org College Application Week (www.cfnc.org), also known as NC Countdown to College – many NC independent colleges/universities will temporarily waive their application fees during this special week this month...you must create an account and apply through CFNC to take advantage of this opportunity.

OCTOBER 19-23, 2020 Visit <https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

Get to writing! Attempt a first draft of your application essay(s) and student resume. Ask an English teacher to proofread your 1st draft.

Don't let your schoolwork suffer! Colleges will ask for **all** senior year grades.

Early Admissions and Early Decision deadlines begin this month/early November.

Schedule a time to meet with the WHS Financial Aid Advisor, Ms. Waldrum. Email her to set up an appointment.

Research/apply for scholarships – Check the WHS website for monthly scholarship bulletins.

NOVEMBER:

Finish up your applications for any schools with Regular admission deadlines.

Research/apply for scholarships – Check the WHS website for monthly scholarship bulletins.

DECEMBER:

Okay procrastinators: Holiday break gives you lots of time to finish your essay and resume, not to mention those applications. Regular admission deadlines are around the corner!!

Research/apply for scholarships – Check the WHS website for monthly scholarship bulletins.

JANUARY:

Are all your college applications submitted? Are any other due dates approaching?

Check your mail/email for decisions on those early admission applications.

Bring in copies of any college admission and/or scholarship award letters to Student Services so we can recognize you at Senior Awards.

Research/apply for scholarships.

FEBRUARY:

If required, send your mid-year high school grade report to colleges (CFNC.org Transcript Manager, WCPSS Scribborder, or Counselors via Common App).

It's due! This month is the deadline for many colleges' regular admission applications.

Bring in copies of any college admission and/or scholarship award letters to Student Services so we can recognize you at Senior Awards.

Research/apply for scholarships.

MARCH:

Do you need to register for Advanced Placement (AP) exams? If so, get to it!

Bring in copies of any college admission and/or scholarship award letters to Student Services so we can recognize you at Senior Awards.

Research/apply for scholarships.

APRIL:

Colleges should be letting you know the deal soon. Try not to stress!

If you haven't done so yet, it's time to make an enrollment decision (May 1st is typically the cut off), accept the financial aid offered, and send in housing and tuition deposits!

When you get your financial aid package, review it with your choice college's advisor until you completely understand it.

Bring in copies of any college admission and/or scholarship award letters to Student Services so we can recognize you at Senior Awards.

Research/apply for scholarships (this process never ends – even once you're in college, if you want money – you have to continue to look for it!)

FILL OUT THE SENIOR SURVEY

MAY:

Notify the colleges that you're choosing not to attend.

If you get an aid package from one of your "No" schools, let them know so another lucky student can reap the award.

Send thank-you notes to those who have helped you out along the way.

FILL OUT THE SENIOR SURVEY

JUNE-AUGUST:

Request your final transcript be sent to the school you will be attending. Students should request Final Transcripts via CFNC.org for NC colleges, universities and community colleges. For out-of-state schools, go to <https://wcpss.scribborder.com/>

Remember that summer job? Put some money away -- you'll need it for education funding and books!

All of your college preparation has paid off. Get ready for your first year of college!

WEBSITES

COLLEGE PLANNING

www.cfnc.org	All North Carolina Colleges/Universities
www.northcarolina.edu	NC Public Colleges/Universities
www.nccommunitycolleges.edu	NC Community Colleges
www.ncicu.org	NC Independent Colleges/Universities
www.commonapp.org	Common Application
http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/	Coalition Application
https://www.collegeboard.org/	National college search/planning
www.nacacnet.org	National college search/planning
http://www.usnews.com/education	College rankings and ratings
www.petersons.com	Colleges, scholarships, test prep
http://www.princetonreview.com/	College admissions, test prep
https://collegesteps.wf.com/	College planning magazine
http://ecampustours.com/	Virtual college campus tours
www.collegeparents.org	College Parents of America

CAREER PLANNING

https://www.cfnc.org	http://www.bls.gov/ooh/
http://www.actstudent.org/career/	http://mappingyourfuture.org/
https://www.onetcenter.org/	https://www.nccareers.org/

MILITARY ENLISTMENT

www.todaysmilitary.com	Explore all branches of the armed forces
https://www.marines.com/	Marines
https://www.navy.com/navy.html	Navy
https://www.goarmy.com/	Army
https://www.airforce.com/	Air Force
https://www.gocoastguard.com/	Coast Guard

ADMISSIONS TESTS AND TEST PREPARATION

http://www.collegeboard.org	SAT registration and prep
http://www.act.org	ACT registration and prep
http://www.princetonreview.com/	http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/
www.khanacademy.org	https://www.number2.com/

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

http://scholarshipplus.com/wake/	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/
https://www.cfnc.org	http://www.finaid.org/
https://fafsa.ed.gov/	https://www.fastweb.com/
www.hispanicfund.org	http://www.collegescholarships.org
https://unconf.org/	https://www.brokescholar.com/
https://www.collegeboard.org/	https://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/
https://www.nasfaa.org/	https://yconic.com

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGER

EDUCATION

STUDENTS: Which college admission process best suits you?

<u>NON-RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS</u>	<u>RESTRICTIVE APPLICATION PLANS</u>
<i>Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1st to consider their options and confirm enrollment.</i>	<i>Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.</i>
Regular Decision: Students apply by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time. <i>Commitment: Non-binding</i>	Early Decision (ED): Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early. <i>Commitment: Binding</i>
Rolling Admission: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle. <i>Commitment: Non-binding</i>	Restrictive Early Action (REA): Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm. <i>Commitment: Non-binding</i>
Early Action (EA): Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. <i>Commitment: Non-binding</i>	

UNC SYSTEM UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS – NC PUBLIC

UNIVERSITIES

Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, UNC Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, UNC School of the Arts, UNC Wilmington, Western Carolina University, Winston-Salem State University

MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to the requirement that students should hold a high school diploma or its equivalent, the UNC Board of Governors has, since 1988, established minimum course requirements for undergraduate admission. These requirements are summarized below. They are based on actions taken by the Board on April 14, 2000.

6 units/credits in language	4 in English composition/literature 2 in a language other than English (World Language)
4 units in Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, 1 Advanced Math ● Algebra I, II, 2 Advanced Math courses ● Math I, II, III, 1 Advanced Math
3 units in Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Life/Biological Science (Biology) ● Physical Science or Chemistry or Physics ● A laboratory course
2 units in Social Studies	One must be in US History (American History I and II)
Minimum GPA (weighted)	2.5
Minimum SAT (EBRW + M)	880** (note change due to COVID-19)
Minimum ACT Composite	17** (note change due to COVID-19)

****Due to the impact of COVID-19 on testing availability and the likelihood of additional cancellations, the UNC Board of Governors waived the standardized test requirement for first-year students applying for admission in Spring 2021, Summer 2021, and Fall 2021. Students have the option to submit test scores to the 16 public universities in the UNC System, but test scores will not be required for admissions 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 admissions.****

UNIVERSITIES **NC INDEPENDENT COLLEGES &**

NCICU represents 36 colleges and universities. Each is different, with a distinct character, student body, degree offerings, and campus opportunities. This range of options means that whether you're looking for a particular academic or athletic program, a specific region of the state, a traditional co-educational college or university, a women's college, or a historically black college or university, you can find the right fit for you in one of North Carolina's independent colleges or universities.

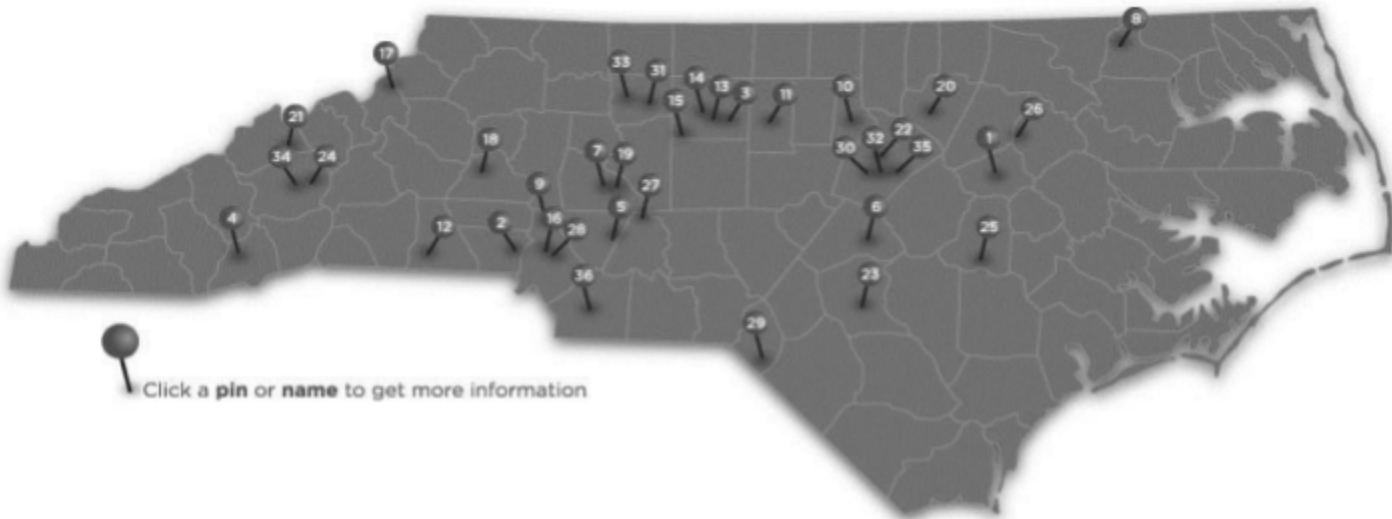
WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER AN INDEPENDENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

Because of the small sizes, a close-knit family atmosphere is present on these campuses. This atmosphere enables students to develop close, personal relationships with their professors—contacts that will be valuable as you enter the job market or apply to graduate school.

Much of your education, especially that which helps you develop leadership skills, comes through access to extracurricular programs like student government, service clubs, performing arts and religious groups, and intercollegiate and intramural athletics. Because you aren't competing with thousands upon thousands of other students for limited spaces to fill a particular activity, you are freer to participate in a variety of these special interest programs.

YOU CAN AFFORD A PRIVATE COLLEGE!

The important thing to remember is that the amount your family is expected to contribute to your education may be the same, whether you choose a public or private institution. Eligibility for federal financial aid is determined by national standards that take into account family income and other financial information.



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| 1. Barton College | 10. Duke University | 19. Livingstone College | 28. Queens University of Charlotte |
| 2. Belmont Abbey College | 11. Elon University | 20. Louisburg College | 29. St. Andrews University |
| 3. Bennett College for Women | 12. Gardner-Webb University | 21. Mars Hill University | 30. Saint Augustine's University |
| 4. Brevard College | 13. Greensboro College | 22. Meredith College | 31. Salem College |
| 5. Cabarrus College of Health Sciences | 14. Guilford College | 23. Methodist University | 32. Shaw University |
| 6. Campbell University | 15. High Point University | 24. Montreat College | 33. Wake Forest University |
| 7. Catawba College | 16. Johnson C. Smith University | 25. Mount Olive College | 34. Warren Wilson College |
| 8. Chowan University | 17. Lees-McRae College | 26. N.C. Wesleyan College | 35. William Peace University |
| 9. Davidson College | 18. Lenoir-Rhyne University | 27. Pfeiffer University | 36. Wingate University |

POLICY

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. For the 2020-2021 school year, absences will not be considered in the determination of senior exam exemptions.

SENIOR HONORS and RECOGNITIONS

Latin Honors

In compliance with the Wake County School Board, Wakefield High School will use the Latin Honors 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 **1st Semester (2nd Quarter)**. Wakefield HS will run the Mid-Year Rank on **Feb 11, 2021**. Seniors will be recognized at the senior award ceremony and receive special notation on the graduation program.

- **Cum Laude**: Means to graduate with “Honor”: Student(s) with weighted Grade Point Averages (GPA) ranging from **3.75 – 3.99**.
- **Magna Cum Laude**: Means to graduate with “Great Honor”: Student(s) with weighted Grade Point Averages (GPA) ranging from **4.0 – 4.249**.
- **Summa Cum Laude**: Means to graduate with “Highest Honor”: Student(s) with weighted Grade Point Averages (GPA) ranging from **4.25 and higher**.

North Carolina Scholars Program Requirements: Seniors who meet the North Carolina Scholars will be recognized at the senior awards program and on the graduation program.

Course	Credits
English	4 credits (English I, II, III and IV)
Math	4 credits (Algebra I/Math I, Math II, Math III, and one advanced math beyond Math III and an advanced math course)
Science	3 credits (Biology, Chemistry /Physics and Earth/Environmental Science)
Social Studies	4 credits (World History, American History I, American History II and Civics & Economics OR World History, AP US History, Civics & Economics and a social studies elective)
Foreign Language	2 credits (same language)
Healthful Living	1 credit
Electives	3 credits (Higher level courses taken <u>during junior and/or senior years</u> which carry 5 or 6 quality points such as: -AP -IB -Dual or college equivalent course -Advanced CTE/CTE credentialing courses -On-line courses -Other honors or above designated courses)
Electives	4 credits (elective credits constituting a concentration recommended from one of the following: Career and Technical Education (CTE), JROTC, Arts Education, Second Languages, any other subject area)
TOTAL	24 credits, minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA

****DUE TO COVID-19, MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE TEST-OPTIONAL FOR 2020-21. THIS INCLUDES THE 16 UNC-SYSTEM SCHOOLS.****

****The NCAA Eligibility Center has also announced that students who initially enroll during the 2021-22AY and intend to play NCAA Division I or II athletics will not be required to take a standardized test to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements****

The **SAT Reasoning Test** (Scholastic Aptitude Test) measures critical reading, mathematics and writing ability and predicts college performance. Colleges select the best critical reasoning, math and writing score for admission criteria. The **SAT Subject test** measures performance in specific subjects. Some highly competitive colleges require SAT Subject tests for placement, and even admission into certain programs.

The **ACT** (American College Test) measures educational achievement in English, math, reading, science, and writing. Colleges select the best scores from each area for admissions criteria. The ACT also predicts performance of the freshman year in college.

The **Test of English as a Foreign Language** (TOEFL) is an admissions test administered by computer that focuses on listening, structure, reading, and writing. It is for students whose native language is not English. This includes English as Second Language (ESL) students and non-English speaking students who have been living in the United States for less than five years.

Check with colleges to see which test they prefer. Students can register on-line. Scores can be automatically sent to four colleges that you indicate when registering for the test. If you decide to send scores to a college after the test date, you must notify the testing service to make the request.

Testing accommodations for students with disabilities may be available. Check for accommodation information on the testing center website or in the registration bulletin. Our WHS Testing Coordinator is Ms. Amy Russell at arrussell@wcpss.net.

Wakefield High School test code or CEEB code is 343244.

To register for the SAT go to www.collegeboard.com To

register for the ACT go to www.act.org

To register for the TOEFL go to www.toefl.org

Fee

Waivers

*SAT and ACT fee waivers are available for economically disadvantaged students. Students on free/reduced lunch or meet other criteria may qualify. See your counselor or the College Board website for details and guidelines.

*Fee waivers cannot be used for late test registration.

~~*Students using a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT may also qualify for College Application Fee Waivers and NCAA Eligibility Waivers. See your counselor for details and guidelines.~~

What do admissions officers consider when reviewing an application?

- Difficulty of course work selected relevant to what was offered (did you take the most challenging course load you could have at your school?)
- Grades (GPA both weighted & unweighted)
- Class rank
- SAT and/or ACT scores
- Extracurricular activities
- Community/ volunteer service
- Recommendations from counselor and/or teacher(s) or other(s)
- Interview (not required by all schools)
- Essay (not required by all schools)

Tips on Completing Your College Application

- ✓ **Be cautious of how you represent yourself in social media and even in your email address.** Your email address should be professional or formal (yourname@ . . .). Do not present yourself in a way that shows questionable character.
- ✓ Provide a contact email and phone number that you check regularly - this is how the schools will get in touch with you if they have follow-up questions, etc. You don't want to miss any important info!
- ✓ Most colleges and universities are now encouraging applicants to **apply on-line**. Be sure to go to the college's website for instructions.
- ✓ If you apply on-line, **print a copy** of your submitted application (if possible). Don't forget to print out the signature page and mail that in, if required.
- ✓ **Keep a list of college application deadlines** for those in which you are applying.
- ✓ **Complete your own applications** – colleges know if your parents fill it out.
- ✓ Though a scanned or typed/online application makes a better impression, it is acceptable to handwrite your applications as long as they are neat – print legibly in blue or black ink (NEVER use pencil or colored ink).
- ✓ **Make a “sloppy copy”** on which you can practice.
- ✓ If your list of extracurricular activities exceeds the allotted space, list your top activities or those where you've had a leadership or other significant role. If your application allows, submit your extracurricular resume as an additional sheet.
- ✓ If you're an athlete, send a highlights DVD to the athletics department.
- ✓ When you have finished your application, **make a photocopy for your records**. Applications can sometimes get lost in the mail or in the college admissions office.

College Application Portals

Many colleges now offer students the option of using application portals. These portals allow the student to complete one application online which then submits the same information to all the schools the student designates within that portal. You need to set up accounts and passwords for each.

- ★ For CFNC (NC Colleges and Universities), go to CFNC.org
- ★ For the Common Application website, go to www.commonapp.org.
- ★ For the Coalition for College website, go to <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- ★ For the Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) Common Application website, go to commonblackcollegeapp.com. – Students can apply to 50 HBCUs for one flat fee.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DECISIONS

OFFER OF CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE is acceptance to a college provided you maintain your academic performance throughout the year. 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.

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.

WAITLISTING occurs after the regular admissions process is complete. There is no guarantee a college will go to the waitlist or where an applicant will rank on the waitlist. Students on a waitlist for one college should plan to attend another college and then reconsider if later admitted.

SENDING TRANSCRIPTS AND

SAT/ACT SCORES

How to Send Transcripts to any North Carolina College/University & Community College:

For all North Carolina Colleges & Universities, **transcripts must be sent electronically by the student** through the CFNC website, www.cfnc.org. There is no charge for transcripts to be sent from CFNC.

1. Go to www.cfnc.org
2. If you do not have a CFNC account, you will need to create one by clicking on “Create My CFNC Account.”
3. Once you have created an account, click on the “Apply” tab and select “To College.”
4. In this section, click on “Application Hub”
5. Verify that the following information in your “This is Me” part of your Student Planner is correct: First & Last Name, Student Number, Student ID, Email address, Gender, Date of Birth, and current high school. **Your demographic information must match 100% with your information in your high school’s database. You can pull up your demographic information in PowerSchool to match with CFNC.**
6. Click SAVE at the bottom of the screen if you make any changes in the “This is Me” section.
7. Go back to the “Transcript Manager” link and follow the directions.
8. **Students should request the final transcript be sent using this link above.**

How to Send Transcripts for Scholarship Applications, NCAA, and Out-of-State Colleges/ Universities & Out-of-State Community Colleges

1. All transcripts for out-of-state schools and scholarship applications **must be ordered by the student** from www.wcpss.net/transcripts. Click “Request Transcripts and Student Records.” Click on the first backpack icon for “Current Student.”
2. Students can request 3 transcripts for free; each subsequent transcript is \$5.
3. The Student Services secretary or registrar will receive a daily summary of requests and completes those requests within 2-3 days.
4. **Students should request the final transcript be sent using this link above.**

How to Send Transcripts to Colleges/Universities Using the College Application Portals:

1. Within the portal (for example, Common App), list your counselor’s email address.
2. **In the Fall, the Counselor will upload a copy of the transcript and complete the counselor section of recommendation. Students are responsible for sending final transcripts in the Spring to their college of choice.**

How to send CCP Courses and Transcripts:

If you participated in the CCP program at any point during HS, you are required to send your Community College transcript(s) directly to the colleges/universities to which you are applying. Even though the CCP courses and grades will appear on your Wakefield HS transcript and they will be reflected in your GPA, the colleges/universities require official transcripts from all institutions.

How to Send Standardized Test Scores (SAT/ACT scores):

In order for test scores (SAT, ACT) to be official, *they must be sent directly to the college from College Board (SAT) at www.sat.collegeboard.org or from ACT at www.actstudent.org*. Remember that schools may be *test-optional* this year, but they are not *test-blind*, which means if you have strong standardized test scores and you think they would strengthen your application, send them in.

Students may decide to begin postsecondary education at a community college. NC residents pay in-state tuition at all of NC's 58 community colleges. 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.

Programs for all educational levels are offered including non-credit programs for personal and professional enrichment and credit programs where one can earn a certificate, diploma, or Associate's degree in a field of study. Most community colleges have also established relationships with several universities for students who wish to transfer after receiving an Associate's degree or the required number of credit hours for transfer.

Financial aid is available.

Students wishing to enroll at a community college should contact the respective college's admissions office to set up an appointment with an academic advisor. Information for all 58 community colleges can be accessed at: www.nccommunitycolleges.edu

The College Transfer Program

Two degrees are offered: Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.)

By enrolling in this program, you may complete coursework equivalent to the general education requirements (freshman and sophomore years) to apply toward a Bachelor's degree at a four-year school.

The A.A. or A.S. is awarded upon successful completion of 64 semester credit hours, including the minimum in each of the areas indicated on the specific curriculum outlines.

Any course deficiencies MUST be made up at Wake Tech prior to transfer to the senior institution. Earning the A.A. or A.S. degree fulfills the MCR (Minimum Course Requirements) for NC four-year college admissions.

Wake Technical Community College

Wake Tech offers over 180 Certificate Programs, Diploma Programs, and the Associate Degree Programs. More information on WTCC and the admission application can be accessed at: www.waketech.edu. For a listing of for-credit programs, go to: <http://curred.waketech.edu/>

Wake Tech is a member of the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA), Division I, Region 10, and offers baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, cross country, and cheerleading.

The Office of Volunteerism & Leadership (OVAL) helps students build the knowledge and skills to become active local and global leaders. Service and leadership training programs include: Fostering Bright Futures, Pathways Male Mentoring, Scott Scholars, Student Ambassadors, and Student Government Association.

Representatives from the different branches of the military visit Wakefield High School periodically throughout the year. This year is obviously different, however, you can visit local recruiting stations for more information and/or if you are interested in taking the ASVAB:

Wake Forest Recruiting Station: 10427 Ligon Mill Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587
 Raleigh Recruiting Station: 6350 Plantation Center Dr Suite 111, Raleigh, NC 27616

At other times the Military Representatives may be reached in their Raleigh Offices. For information on all branches of the military and all ROTC programs, go to www.todaysmilitary.com.

Air Force	919.872.7692	www.airforce.com
Army	919.562.4936	www.goarmy.com
Army Reserve	919.562.4936	www.goarmy.com/reserve
Coast Guard	919.878.4008	www.gocoastguard.com
Marines	919.872.9955	www.marines.com
Navy	1-866-628-7327	www.navy.com
Naval Reserve	1-866-628-7327	www.navyreserve.com
N.C. National Guard	919.790.1908	ww.nationalguard.com

The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is an aptitude test to access an individual's natural abilities and skills. The military branches require the ASVAB for entrance into the military. Whether you are considering the military or other career options, the ASVAB is an excellent tool to help determine your own natural abilities that will assist you in making an informed career choice.

The Military Entrance Processing Service Center offers the ASVAB on a weekly basis. Contact your military recruiter to schedule an appointment. **You can also email Mrs. Joyner at sjoyner@wcpss.net if you have questions or for more information about taking the ASVAB test and whether it may be a good option for you.**



CHOOSING A CAREER PATH

Career Inventories – Taking a career inventory can be a good way to begin exploring careers. Inventories often ask you questions about your interests, preferences, and values. They may also ask about your abilities and talents, and perhaps even attempt to measure some of your skills. The PLAN tab at www.CFNC.org allows you to learn about yourself and to explore careers.

Career Fairs – Attend school-sponsored career fairs as well as ones in the community to talk with various professionals in various careers. Pick up brochures and other valuable information at these fairs.

Informational Interviews – You may be interested in several careers. One of the challenges of exploring careers is that the descriptions you read on the internet or the impression you have in your mind might not match what that career is like in real life. Consider scheduling some interviews with people who have jobs that you find interesting.

Job Shadowing – Another helpful way to see what certain jobs are really like is to job shadow someone. As the term implies, you simply find a person who would be willing to let you follow along while he or she works – typically for a half-day or full day.

Volunteering – Maybe an organization or business is not able to offer you a paid job. Volunteering may help you gain experience that you would otherwise not be able to get.

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Entering the Workforce

If you have decided to get a job immediately after high school, you will need to:

- Find out what kinds of jobs are available.
- Develop some very necessary job-finding and job-keeping skills.
- You may speak to your counselor or to Ms. Joyner about job possibilities.
- Visit your career center, library and company websites.
- Contact the NC Employment Security Commission located at 700 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 919-733-6700.
- Adapt your resume to reflect the needs of the potential job. Identify skills you possess that the company has in the job posting.

STUDENT RESUME INFORMATION

The development of your student resume is an important step in planning for your future. You will use your student resume for many pursuits, including, but not limited to: after-school and summer employment, volunteer work, job shadowing and internships, college applications, and scholarship applications. Your counselor, teachers and other adults may use your resume (during your senior year) to write recommendations and to help you with the scholarship process.

Resume Do’s and Don’ts

Do	Don’t
Be concise, accurate, positive	Lie or exaggerate
List your most recent activities or job first	Include salary history or expectations
Stress skills and accomplishment	Use pronouns, abbreviations
Research and use keywords	Overdo the use of bold and italics
Make the resume attractive to read	Use small type or overcrowd margin
Have someone proofread before submitting	Include references

Resume Writing Tips

Why do I need a Resume?

- It provides a clear breakdown of high school activities for college admissions representatives and can be included with your application.
- Offers recommendation writers a review of your accomplishments

What do I include?

- Awards and honors
- Extracurricular activities (ones offered in high school such as Honor Societies, Newspaper, etc.)
- Sports
- Community Service/Volunteerism
- Leadership
- Work Experience

What order do I put activities in and what format should I use?

- Enter activities from most recent to least recent

- Do not include middle school
- Indicate if you have held an office position or elected position
- Community Service is by school year (2012, 2011...)

Overall Tips

- Use Times Roman or Arial Font
- Use 12-point size, no smaller than 9
- Use professional looking bullets (not hearts, stars)
- Spell out acronyms (NHS= National Honor Society)
- Make Headings in bold
- Keep it to one page if possible

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Raleigh, NC 27616
Telephone Number: 919.123.4567
E-mail: Sallysue@wakefield.com

Objective: To obtain admission into University of North Carolina--Charlotte

Education: Wakefield High School (9-12)
GPA: 3.5 weighted 3.2 unweighted
Rank: 130/ 400

Awards and Honors:

- ◆ North Carolina Scholar (12)
- ◆ Latin Honor Society (11-12)
- ◆ Regional Swimmer (10-11)
- ◆ A/B Honor Roll (10-11)
- ◆ Federalist Violin Competition (9)

Extracurricular Activities:

- ◆ Junior Classical League (11-12)
- ◆ Student Government (11-12)
 - Junior Class Council Prom Committee Chair
 - Senior Class Council Second Vice President
- ◆ Pep Club (11-12)

Athletic Participation:

- ◆ Varsity Swim Team (9-12)

Community Service & Leadership:

- ◆ YMCA Leaders Club (2009-2013)
- ◆ Led Wake Forest Baptist Church Youth Group (2010-2013)
- ◆ Tutored Elementary School Students (2011-2013)
- ◆ Served in Governor's Page program (2010)

Employment:

- ◆ YMCA Camp Seafarer--Camp Counselor (summer 2010)

FINANCIAL AID

All students applying for any federal financial aid must file the FAFSA form. The FAFSA is the only application students must complete to be considered for all federal financial aid, to include:

- ✓ Pell Grants
- ✓ Supplemental Educational Opportunities
- ✓ Stafford Loans
- ✓ Perkins Loans
- ✓ Work Study
- ✓ Grants
- ✓ Other Federal Financial Aid Programs

You can access the FAFSA form online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and it becomes available on October 1st.

How can student services help?

Ms. Susan Waldrum (swaldrum@wcpss.net) is Wakefield's Financial Aid Advisor. Her role is to assist parents/guardians and students with the Federal Financial Aid Process and she can also assist with the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Students can make an appointment to see Ms. Waldrum by emailing her at the above address.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Private sources make up a small slice of the total financial aid pie. Nonetheless, there are a number of scholarship opportunities—the trick is finding which ones are applicable to your individual situation. **Monthly scholarship bulletins are available on the WHS Student Services Website and are updated regularly.** This is not an exhaustive list; websites are listed in this section of the planning guide to assist with other scholarship searches. Be forewarned—the application process for scholarships is often as detailed as applying for college and sometimes the rewards are not large. Warning: Never pay for a scholarship or for scholarship information.

Individual colleges and universities also offer their own merit-based scholarship programs which will be offered to qualified students once accepted. Check with colleges for specific information.

Examples of Scholarship Criteria:

- Academic merit or good grades
- Leadership activities
- Community service
- Extracurricular activities/athletics
- Work experience
- Honors and achievements
- Financial need
- Personal Statement

American College Test

www.act.org

American Indian College Fund

www.collegefund.com

Asian and Pacific Islander American

w.apiasf.org

Big Future

http://Bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Black Excel

www.blackexcel.org

Broke Scholar

www.brokescholar.com

College and University Search

www.studentrewards.com

www.cfnf.org

College Board

www.collegeboard.com

CollegeNet

www.collegenet.com

College Parents

www.collegeparents.com

CollegeView

www.collegeview.com

FastWeb

www.Fastweb.com

FinAid

www.finaid.org

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Kaplan www.kaplan.com

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

www.naicu.edu

NC State Education Assistance Authority

www.ncseaa.edu

National Collegiate Athletic Association

www.ncaa.org

National Association of Student

Financial Aid Administrators

www.nasfaa.org

National Center for Educational Statistics

www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

Peterson's

www.petersons.com

Princeton Review

www.review.com

Sallie Mae

www.salliemae.com

Scholarships.com

www.scholarship.com

Scholarships 101

www.scholarships101.com

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org

US Department of Education

www.ed.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov

Wake County Public Schools

Scholarships Plus

www.scholarshipplus.com/wake

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Go College

www.gocollege.com

Hispanic Fund

www.hispanicfund.org

www.hsf.net

The Wakefield High School Website

Check here often for announcements for seniors and for scholarships.

<http://www.wcpss.net/wakefieldhs>

The College Foundation of North Carolina

Research and apply to four- and two-year colleges in North Carolina, send transcripts to in-state community colleges and four-year universities, learn about careers and college majors.

www.cfnc.org

The North Carolina Community College System

Research the 59 community colleges in North Carolina.

www.nccommunitycolleges.edu

Wake Tech Community College

www.waketech.edu

Accredited Online Colleges Resources

Comprehensive and informative resources that rank each university in America by size, degrees offered, tuition costs, admission rates, graduation rates, and retention rates.

<http://www.accreditedonlinecolleges.org>
<http://www.edudemic.com/affordable-online-colleges>

The College Board

Register and prepare for the SAT, SAT subject tests, find out about college admissions, AP testing, financial aid and scholarships.

www.collegeboard.com

The American College Test

Register and prepare for the ACT.

www.act.org

Peterson's

Search colleges by GPA, tuition, sports and more.

www.petersons.com

The Princeton Review

Prepare for standardized tests, research colleges and majors.

www.princetonreview.com

The NCAA Eligibility Center

Register for Division I and Division II College athletics and monitor academic eligibility.

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Find information on the use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is the primary way to find out if the family/student qualifies for grants, loans, and work study programs. The FAFSA also screens for a limited number of state-based scholarships. Only students who are US citizens should apply.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Fast Web

Use this free, searchable scholarship database.

www.fastweb.com

Wake County Scholarships

Search the Wake County database of scholarships

www.scholarshipplus.com/wake

Send Transcripts:

(out-of-state)
(in-state)

<http://www.wcpss.net/transcripts>
www.cfnc.org

Wakefield High School Senior Brag Sheet for Counselor Recommendation

The *Counselor Letter of Recommendation* provides colleges and other organizations a holistic picture of your character, personal qualities, passions or challenges that can't be conveyed by grades or test scores. It provides insight into your personality and potential to thrive in a college setting. This is in contrast to the teacher letter of recommendation, which focuses on your performance and involvement in a particular class or subject area.

Do I need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation?

- Not all colleges require a counselor letter of recommendation to accompany your application. Check the freshmen admission website for each college on your list to see if one is required.
- **If a counselor letter is not required,** ask your counselor if one is necessary to explain how your particular circumstances affected your academic record. Otherwise, do not ask for or send more letters than are required.
- **NOTE:** If applying to schools on the Common Application, the counselor letter of recommendation will automatically be completed by your counselor if the school(s) you are applying to requires it.

Instructions & Additional Information

- To request a letter of recommendation from your counselor, you must submit your answers to the questions below, a copy of your resume and any required forms (if applicable) **at least 2-3 weeks in advance.**
- Please type your responses and spell out your awards and activities if they take place outside of Wakefield High School so that your counselor can be familiar with that particular activity/organization.
- Be honest and take your time. Answering these questions is a good starting point for your applications.
- Counselors will not complete a letter of recommendation without your brag sheet and resume.

Brag Sheet Questions (Form can be located on the Student Services Website under the Senior Link)

Your detailed answers to the questions below will help your counselor tell an admissions officer accurate information about you. Please carefully consider your responses to the following questions, as they are extremely valuable in helping your counselor assist you through your college admissions process. ***We ask that you please fill this form out yourself; however, your parent/guardian is welcome to review your responses.***

1. What are your academic strengths? Please provide an example.
2. Regardless of the grade received, what has been your favorite class? Why was it interesting?
3. What are your personal strengths/skills? Please provide 2 examples.
4. List 3 adjectives that best describe you and explain why, using concrete examples.
5. What 2 things have you learned about yourself though high school that will help you in the future?
6. What are your proudest accomplishments (academic or personal)?
7. Discuss an event in your life that has had a major impact on your, your life, and/or your academics.
8. What, if any, circumstances in your life might have had an impact on your academic history or admission test score performance? Are there any special difficulties or hardships you've overcome?
9. What extracurricular activity is most important to you and why?
10. In what ways have you been a leader or change agent in your school community?
11. What do you consider to be your most significant contribution to date in its value to your school or larger community? Why was it important to others? To you?
12. Describe any work or volunteer experience you have had. How has this impacted your future career/educational goals?
13. Have you decided to pursue a particular major or career? Which one? Why?
14. What would someone need to know about you in order to understand who you are?
15. Is there anything you want college admissions officers to know about you that you have not covered in your application?