Welcome, Parents and Students, to Senior kNight!

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School Counselors



Capturing Kids' Hearts

 Relationship, Leadership, and Teaching Model

- Engage- Welcome, Affirm, Handshake
- Xplore- Good Things
- Communicate- Senior Planning Guide
- Empower- Q&A, Next Steps
- Launch- Quote



Senior Meetings

Senior Meetings- Individual meeting with counselor to discuss credits needed for graduation, post-secondary plans, answer questions (all students will receive Senior Planning Guide, and various resources)

Meetings will occur during **Sept and Oct.**

- 1st semester-English and Civics courses
- scheduled times (TBD)



Graduation Requirements

- 4 English (English I, II, III/AP English Language, IV/AP English Literature)
- 4 Math (Math I, II, III, 4th Math-Essentials of College Math, Adv. Functions & Modeling (AFM), or Honors Pre-Calculus)- *higher level math strongly recommended for college
- 4 Social Studies (World History, American History I & II, Civics and Economics)

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- 3 Science (Biology, Earth Science or AP Environmental Science, Physical Science or Chemistry)
- 1 Health/PE
- 10 Electives (2 Credits of Foreign Language required if applying to a 4 year college)

College Application Process

- Transcripts
- College Admissions Test and sending scores
- Requesting recommendations/counselor statements
- Personal Statements
- NC College Application Deadlines



Transcript Requests

In-State CFNC

Out-of-State/NCAA
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College Admissions Tests

SAT ACT

Online registration (Collegeboard.org)

Writing is optional

1600 max score

No penalty for guessing

\$46-Without Writing Section

\$60- With Writing Section

Test waivers (2) available for eligible students & College application fee waivers (4)

Online registration (act.org)

Writing is optional

36 max score

No penalty for guessing

\$46-Without Writing Section

\$62.50- With Writing Section

Test waivers (2) available for eligible students



Test Scores

All test scores **MUST** be sent through the testing agency. KHSCD school code-**342124**

- SAT- Collegeboard.org
- ACT- act.org

FREE if you request scores sent when you register and up to a certain point after exam, afterwards there is fee associated. (4 schools) *SAT- if eligible for waiver, can select 4 additional schools for free \$12- SAT \$13-ACT

Recommendations Counselor Statements

- At least 10 school days in advance (Do NOT wait until the last minute)
- Fill out all sections of the form (if paper request)
- Be sure to list the correct counselor (online requests)
- Upload resume and Student Profile to Google Classroom (access codes will be provided during interviews)

Handwritten resumes and profiles will not be accepted.

If you do not adhere to these policies, your counselor may be unable to provide your recommendation in a timely fashion.



Personal Statement

Some schools may require you to write a **personal statement/essay about yourself** (overcame an obstacle, achievement, goals)

Be sure to write drafts and have teacher, college advisor, or counselor to give you feedback.

Be sure to use proper English and grammar, and no spelling errors!



Application Options

- **Early Action** non-binding application option where students are notified of their decision early
- Early Decision- BINDING application option where students are notified of acceptance by December. Students must only apply early decision to one college and are agreeing to attend school if accepted. Not recommended for students where finances are a large determining factor
- Regular Admission- application option where students apply between November to February, depending on school's deadline.
- Rolling Admission- no hard deadline, can apply late into the year. Decisions within 4-6 weeks

Community College

NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreementgoverns the transfer of credits between NC community colleges and NC public universities

- Assures admission into one of the 16 UNC system schools
- Allows graduates of 2 year Associates in Arts or Science to transfer as a Junior



Paying for College

- <u>FAFSA</u>-FREE Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Determines eligibility for federal aid, some state grants, work-study, some scholarships, and loans
 - Opens Oct. 1- use 2016 taxes (Apply EARLY)
 - Need assistance?- Financial Aid Advisor/College Advisor
- Scholarships-free money
 - Scholarship bulletin
- Financial Aid Night- November 14 6pm



Military

Recruiters frequently visit campus during school year.

See Mrs. Meeks to set up a visit outside of scheduled time.

ASVAB- required for military entrance

Options to attend school and enlist after graduation (College ROTC)

Senior Year Tips

 Keep the rigor- colleges consider senior year course load in decisions

 Successfully complete Senior yearcollege acceptances are conditional

 Stay out of trouble! Counselors are required to report changes to disciplinary status.



Mark Your Calendars

- Wake County College Fair- Sept. 17 (NC State)
- Senior Meetings- Sept. 18-Oct. 10
- Financial Aid Night- November 14
- College Application/FAFSA Week
 Nov. 13-17
- Mandatory Graduation Meeting-
 - 2/15 (6:30p)
 - 3/14 (6:30p)
 - 4/18 (9:30a)



Empower: Q&A, Next Steps

Launch: "At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." Jane D. Hull



Thank you, Parents and Students, for attending Senior kNight!

Please take a moment to complete our evaluation!

