



Path to College – 9th/10th Grade Planning

KEY POINTS

- * Visit colleges—make your visit when students are in session, if possible.
- * It is beneficial for students to research and visit more than one college—one “dream” school; one or two schools you hope that you can get in; and one school which you feel fairly confident that you will be admitted.
- * Be involved in activities in or out of school that involve quality experiences over an extended period of time. Colleges are looking for quality over quantity.
- * Get to know at least one teacher and your counselor just in case you need letters of recommendation to support your college application.
- * Create a resume so you are sure to include all your activities on your college applications.
- * Learn the Lingo - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-admission-glossary>

Important Websites

ncplanforcollege.org (College Foundation of North Carolina - CFNC)

ncapplyforcollege.org (CFNC)

ncpayforcollege.org (CFNC)

collegeboard.org (SAT testing information)

satpractice.org (Khan Academy – link to SAT login)

ACTstudent.org (ACT testing information)

www.eligibilitycenter.org (NCAA Clearinghouse for all hoping to become college athletes)

www.wcpss.net/hollyspringshs (Holly Springs High home site)

Other post-secondary options

* Students can attend community college to receive training in a specific field, earn an Associates in Applied Science (AAS) in areas such as X-Ray or ultrasound technician or dental hygiene, just to name a few. Students can also earn a university transfer degree (AS) with the plan of transferring to a four year school to earn a bachelors or advanced degree.

* The military is another great post-secondary option. Representatives from the various branches visit HSHS throughout the year. Students can contact Mr. Herrick (sherrick@wcpss.net) for the schedule of military rep visits.

* The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is offered once in the fall and once in the spring. Mr. Herrick is the HSHS contact for the ASVAB.

Quality Points (QP) and Grade Point Average (GPA)

	<i>Standard Course QP</i>	<i>Honors Course QP</i>	<i>AP Course QP</i>
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0.0	0.0	0.0

GPA = Total Quality Points divided by number of credits attempted (1 course = 1 credit)

English 1 Honors – A	4.5	1 credit	15/4 = 3.75 GPA
Math 2 Honors– B	3.5	1 credit	
Healthful Living – A	4.0	1 credit	
Chorus – B	3.0	1 credit	
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