

## Senior Planning Essentials: SRMHS Class of 2021

### **\*Our School Code for the SAT/ACT is 343239**

- Sign up for your senior conference (during an elective period if possible), attend it, and consult with your counselor throughout the year as needed. Check your school email for instructions on how to sign up!
- Use your full **legal** name on all documents. It should be the same name listed on your **birth certificate**. **Do not** use nicknames or abbreviations. **Print and/or save copies** of all documents and correspondence.
- Attend virtual college fairs such as these:  
  
<http://bit.ly/WCPSSVirtualCollegeFair>  
  
<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/>
- **Many colleges are not requiring SAT/ACT scores this year, so check each school's admission requirements.** If you plan to apply to 4-year colleges and universities that require test scores, you should take one or both college admissions tests, the SAT and ACT (with Writing). Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT) and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT). You can also send your junior year ACT score from the one you took at school.
- SAT, ACT, and AP exam scores should be requested **directly from these testing agencies**. They are not included on your transcript or sent by the high school to colleges.
- Students with financial need may be eligible for a waiver of the test fee for the SAT and/or ACT. Check the guidelines on the College Board and ACT websites, and talk with your counselor about it if you think you are eligible.
- Use CFNC ([www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)) to apply to NC colleges/universities, request transcripts, prepare for admissions tests, research financial aid, and explore careers.
- If you will be a first-generation college student, check out [www.imfirst.org](http://www.imfirst.org) as a resource.
- Check all deadlines carefully, including those for early action/early decision; be sure to complete and submit college applications by the deadline. **You do not have to wait to receive your test scores (if required) to apply.** Colleges will ask for additional information if needed.

- If you need a letter of recommendation or a form completed, give your teacher or counselor at least 3 weeks advance notice. Create a resume and send a copy to the person(s) who will provide a recommendation for you.
- Search all resources for scholarships, starting with the school website. **Do not** pay anyone to complete a scholarship search for you; this information is available FREE online!
- You and a parent should register for a FSA ID for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). The FAFSA for the 2021-22 academic year will be released on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Apply for financial aid early!
- Complete the FAFSA regardless of your family's economic status. This information is also used by colleges to determine school based and merit aid.
- Some colleges will also require that you complete the *CSS Profile* for merit based and institutional aid. Check with your prospective colleges.
- See CFNC.org for additional financial aid resources.
- Complete the NCAA Eligibility form ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) if you intend to play sports at the collegiate level (Division 1 and 2).
- Refer to the Counseling and Student Services page of the school website for important information throughout the school year:  
[www.wcpss.net/southeastraleighhs](http://www.wcpss.net/southeastraleighhs).

## College Admissions Test Dates:

### ⊙ SAT

- > September 26, 2020
- > October 3, 2020
- > November 7, 2020
- > December 5, 2020
- > March 13, 2021
- > May 8, 2021
- > June 5, 2021

Register at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

◎ ACT

- > October 10, 2020
- > October 17, 2020
- > October 24, 2020
- > October 25, 2020
- > December 12, 2020
- > February 6, 2021
- > April 17, 2021
- > June 12, 2021

Register at: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Some Useful Websites for Applying to College:

<https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/>

<https://www.collegegreenlight.com/>

<https://www.collegeconfidential.com/>

<https://www.cfnc.org>

[Full list of HBCUs](#)

[www.northcarolina.edu](http://www.northcarolina.edu)

[www.blackcommonapp.com](http://www.blackcommonapp.com)