

Senior Planning Roadmap: SRMHS Class of 2023

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

- Sign up for your senior conference appointment via Calendly, attend it, and consult with your counselor throughout the year as needed.
- Use your full **legal** name on all official documents. It should be the same name listed on your **birth certificate** unless you have had a legal name change. **Do not** use nicknames or abbreviations. **SAVE** copies of all documents and correspondence.
- Attend college fairs (in-person or virtual) such as these:

Wake County Public School System College Fair, September 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the McKimmon Center.

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/>
- October is C2C! (Count Down to College) Free College Application Week is October 17-21, 2022. <https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/2022-events-schedule/>
- **The UNC system has made SAT/ACT scores optional for this year's graduating class. However, some colleges still require SAT or ACT scores, 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. Register at www.collegeboard.org (SAT) and www.actstudent.org (ACT). You can also send your junior year ACT score from the one you took at school.
- Even if you do not take the SAT, you can sign up for the College Board Student Search Service here: <https://studentsearch.collegeboard.org/> to receive information from colleges.
- 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.
- 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 or ACT websites, and see Ms. Manning in Student Services for a form if you think you may be eligible.

- Use CFNC (www.cfnc.org) to apply to NC colleges/universities, request transcripts, prepare for admissions tests, research financial aid, and explore careers.
- Complete the **Residency Determination** form here: <https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/residency-determination/> This is required for you to qualify for in-state tuition at public colleges in NC.
- If you will be a first-generation college student, check out 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 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. The FAFSA for the 2022-23 academic year will be released on **October 1st**. 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.
- Interested in the workforce and career development:
<https://waketech.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/enhance-your-career>
- Complete the NCAA Eligibility form (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.
- Check out the tutoring, test prep, and other services provided by the WELL:
<https://www.wade.org/>

College Admissions Test Upcoming Dates:

⦿ SAT

- > August 27, 2022
- > October 1, 2022
- > November 5, 2022
- > December 3, 2022

Register at: www.collegeboard.org

⦿ ACT

- > September 10, 2022
- > October 22, 2022
- > December 10, 2022
- > February 11, 2023

Register at: www.act.org

Some college planning and scholarship websites:

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

www.goingmerry.com
www.niche.com

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

www.tgmf.com

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

www.cfnc.org

List of HBCUs

www.hispanicfund.org

www.blackcommonapp.com
www.commonapp.org

www.fastweb.com
www.cappex.org

www.nccommunityfoundation.org

www.scholarships.com

www.salliemae.com

www.collegescholarships.org