

# ***SOUTHWEST EDGECOMBE***

## ***HIGH SCHOOL***



## ***SENIOR GUIDE***

### ***CLASS OF 2018***

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## **SENIOR DATES**

**THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF DATES - SENIORS RECEIVED A THREE PAGE DOCUMENT WITH THESE DATES PLUS MORE IN DEPTH INFORMATION THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!**

- ❑ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH: A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS DUE. THIS IS MANDATORY OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A DIPLOMA! THE OFFICE CAN MAKE A COPY FOR YOU IF NEEDED!**
- ❑ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH: SENIOR RETAKE PICTURES (FIRST PERIOD) SEE MR. LANGLEY FOR PACKAGE INFORMATION. THIS IS NOT THE CAP & GOWN PICTURES!**
- ❑ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH: SENIOR OFFICER APPLICATIONS ARE DUE**
- ❑ MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH: AMY DENTON FROM CFNC (COLLEGE FOUNDATION OF NC) WILL BE PRESENTING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND SENIORS ON APPLYING AND PAYING FOR COLLEGE 6:00 IN THE SWE THEATRE**
- ❑ DATE TBA: SENIOR DAY - BREAKFAST, PRESENTATION BY HERFF JONES, VOTING FOR SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS, VOTING ON COLOR OF CAP AND GOWNS; ALL SENIORS NEED TO BE PRESENT**
- ❑ DATE TBA: CAP AND GOWN ORDERING DAY - REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IN THE CAFETERIA DURING ALL LUNCHES TO COLLECT PAYMENT FOR GAP/GOWN AND OTHER SENIOR ITEMS**
- ❑ THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22: SENIOR CAP & GOWN PICTURES**
- ❑ SPRING 2018: CAP & GOWN ORDERS RETURNED**
- ❑ SPRING 2018: SENIOR PARADE @ CARVER & BULLUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- ❑ DATE TBA: PROM**
- ❑ FRIDAY, MAY 18TH: SENIOR TRIP**
- ❑ THURSDAY, MAY 24TH: SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT & MANDATORY PRACTICE 6:00**
- ❑ FRIDAY, MAY 25TH: SENIOR PICNIC**
- ❑ FRIDAY, MAY 25TH: DEADLINE FOR SENIOR DEBTS - YOU WILL NOT GRADUATE UNLESS DEBTS ARE CLEARED BY THIS DATE**
- ❑ SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD: BACCALAUREATE SERVICE (OPTIONAL)**
- ❑ FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH: MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE 8:00 A.M. - 12:00; IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENT THE ENTIRE TIME YOU WILL NOT WALK AT GRADUATION**
- ❑ SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH: GRADUATION AT 10:00; SENIORS MUST BE IN THE THEATER, DRESSED IN CORRECT ATTIRE, BY 9:00.**

## **SENIOR "TO DO" LIST**

### **FALL**

- Review courses and graduation requirements with your counselor.
- Take the ACT/SAT offered this fall.
- Tour colleges that you are interested in
- Select at least five schools - a reach school, a safety school and three others in between
- Participate in College Application Week (November 13 - 17)
- Track application and financial aid deadlines for your college choices.
- Complete your college applications online at CFNC.org
- Use CFNC.org to send your transcripts to your school choices (an end-of-year transcript will automatically be sent ten days after graduation)
- FAFSA (Financial Aid) can be completed after October 1st.
- Apply for scholarships

### **SPRING**

- Complete FAFSA if not already done so
- Compare admission acceptance letters and financial aid packages
- Send your deposit in when you've made your college decision
- Apply for scholarships
- For community colleges, check on placement testing requirements

## **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

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## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

### **EDGECOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

[www.ecps.us](http://www.ecps.us)

### **SAT**

[www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)

### **COLLEGE BOARD**

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

### **COLLEGE FOUNDATION OF NC**

[www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)

### **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

### **ACT**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The chart below shows the minimum requirements needed to obtain a high school diploma in the state of North Carolina. In addition to the 22 credits required by NC, Edgecombe County Public Schools requires 6 additional credits, for a total of 28 credits needed to graduate.

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
Health/PE	1 Credit
Electives	6 Credits (2 elective credits of any combination from either: CTE (Career Technical Education), Arts Education, Second Languages)  ***It is <u>recommended</u> , but not required, to have a four course concentration from one of the following: CTE, JROTC, Arts Education, Any Other Subject Area***
Second Language	Not required for graduation. A two credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC System
District Requirements	6 Credits
TOTAL	28 Credits to graduate in ECPS

## **GPA AND CLASS RANK**

Grade point averages (GPA) are calculated at the end of each semester. GPAs, both weighted and unweighted, are shown on your high school transcript. Your weighted GPA determines your class rank. GPA is calculated by dividing your total quality points (all years) by your total number of credits attempted (all years). YOUR GPA WILL NOT CHANGE UNTIL FIRST SEMESTER GRADES ARE FINALIZED AND NEW CALCULATIONS ARE COMPLETED. Your final GPA and class rank will be reported on your final high school transcript. Unofficial high school transcripts will be included in the envelope with your final report card & diploma that you will receive at graduation. Remember that GPA and Class Rank are factors in determining college admission.

## **NC ACADEMIC SCHOLARS ENDORSEMENT**

***IN 1983, THE NC STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CREATED WHAT HAS BEEN KNOWN AS THE NC ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM. THESE STUDENTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT IN MAY AND WILL RECEIVE A SEAL ON THEIR DIPLOMA AND A WHITE HONOR CORD.***

A. The student shall complete the Future-Ready Core mathematics sequence of Math I, II, III and a fourth mathematics course that meets University of North Carolina system Minimum Admission Requirements such as AFM or Pre-Calculus

B. The student shall complete three units of science including an Earth/Environmental science course, Biology, and at least one physical science course that must include either physics or chemistry.

C. The student shall complete four units of social studies including World History; American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics; and American History I and American History II (or AP US History).

D. The student shall complete two units of a world language (other than English).

E. The student shall complete four 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.

F. The student shall have taken two higher level courses during junior and/or senior years which carry quality points such as Advanced Placement, Dual or college equivalent courses, Advanced CTE and CTE credentialing courses, Online courses, Honors level courses and a Graduation Project (Graduation Project is mandatory in Senior English Classes)..

G. The student shall earn an unweighted grade point average of at least 3.50.

## **HONOR GRADUATES**

Honor Graduates must have a four year weighted GPA of 3.83. Averages are calculated through the 5th six weeks of second semester. Honor Graduates will receive honor cords at Senior Recognition Night in May.

## **APPLYING TO COLLEGE & COLLEGE FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA**

CFNC.org has a wealth of information regarding planning, applying and paying for college. Students are encouraged to use this site to apply to colleges and universities within North Carolina. Most students should already have a CFNC account. Please use the account name and password recovery feature to get this information. If this does not work, please see a counselor for this information.

You will be able to view all your historical and recent transcript submittal information in the Application Hub. The Application Hub can be used to apply to NC Colleges and Universities, request your official high school transcript, and track the progress of your admission process tasks such as applications for admission, electronic high school transcripts, housing forms, etc.

## **COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK**

The goal of North Carolina College Application Week is to provide every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college online through CFNC.org. Special focus is placed on students who would be the first in their families to attend college and students who may have not otherwise seriously considered attending college.

During this statewide college access event, all North Carolina colleges and universities accept the College Board or ACT fee waiver, for students who qualify, in lieu of an application fee. Typically, students who receive the SAT or ACT fee waiver also qualify for the College Board fee waiver. See your high school counselor for more information about the College Board fee waiver. Additionally, many of North Carolina's colleges and universities go above and beyond and outright waive their application fee for all North Carolina graduating seniors that week.

During NC College Application Week (November 13 through November 17) the following North Carolina colleges and universities will entirely waive the application fee for all North Carolina high school seniors applying online through CFNC.org:

### **1. Community Colleges: ALL**

### **2. The following North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities:**

Barton College, Belmont Abbey College, Bennett College, Brevard College, Campbell University, Chowan University, Davidson College, Johnson & Wales, Johnson C. Smith University, Lees-McRae College, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Louisburg College, Mars Hill University, Meredith College, Methodist University, Montreat College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Pfeiffer University, Saint Augustine's University, Salem College, Shaw University, St. Andrews University, University of Mount Olive, Warren Wilson College, William Peace University, Wingate University

### **3. The following University of North Carolina constituent institutions:**

Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T State University  
(This list will be updated on the CFNC website as schools commit to CAW)

Students will have the opportunity to sign up for CAW in October. Students will be assigned a time during the school day to visit the media center and apply to the colleges of his/her choice. Counselors will be available to help with any questions or concerns!

## **UNC SYSTEM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be admitted into one of the 23 UNC System Schools (see list below) you need to meet the following MINIMUM course requirements:

- 4 units of English
- 2 units of Foreign Language
- 4 units of Math (Math I, II, III, AFM/Pre-Calculus) \*it's recommended to take a math course during your senior year
- 3 units of Science
- 2 units of Social Studies
- High School GPA: **Weighted 2.5 or higher**
- SAT 880 (verbal and math combined) or ACT Composite of 17**

## **UNC SYSTEM SCHOOLS**

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 Wilmington  
UNC School of the Arts  
Western Carolina University  
Winston-Salem State University

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

Entrance requirements for North Carolina's 36 independent colleges and universities vary among institutions. Prospective students should contact the admissions office at individual colleges and universities to determine specific entrance requirements. Additional information is available on the college's web sites, which are accessible through CFNC.org.

Barton College  
Belmont Abbey College  
Bennett College  
Brevard College  
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences  
Campbell University  
Catawba College  
Chowan University  
Davidson College  
Duke University  
Elon University  
Gardner-Webb University  
Greensboro College  
Guilford College  
High Point University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Lees-McRae College

Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Livingstone College  
Louisburg College  
Mars Hill College  
Meredith College  
Methodist University  
Montreat College  
N.C. Wesleyan College  
Pfeiffer University  
Queens University of Charlotte  
St. Andrews University  
Saint Augustine's University  
Salem College  
Shaw University  
Wake Forest University  
Warren Wilson College  
William Peace University  
Wingate University

## **ACT/SAT INFORMATION**

### **WHAT ARE COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS?**

There are two tests, ACT and SAT, used by nearly all four-year colleges in NC as one of the admissions criteria. They are alike and different in several ways. Your best strategy is to Google: Compare ACT and SAT and take a few minutes reviewing the search results. Some students perform better on one than the other. Many students want to take each at least once. ACT & SAT scores can be used for placement purposes at community colleges as well.

### **WHAT SCORE DO I NEED TO GET INTO COLLEGE?**

Many four-year college admissions are competitive. You can find the average scores for a particular school on CFNC.org or the college website. Universities in the UNC system require a minimum of 880 (math + reading) and 17 Composite Score on the ACT. Admission offices practice superscoring, meaning that if you make a higher score on one subtest at one sitting and higher score on another subtest on another test day, these may be combined to yield your best performance.

### **WHEN SHOULD I TAKE THE ACT OR SAT?**

We encourage you to take two of the same tests whether it's the ACT or SAT. It's up to you! All students take the ACT as a Junior so you already have one set of scores. Many college deadlines are in the early spring so it's best to do your testing in the fall. Some schools do have rolling admissions so it's best to look at the deadlines for colleges you wish to attend!

### **WHAT DOES REGISTRATION INVOLVE?**

Both tests ask for extensive information regarding your high school education and your plans for the future. You may want to set aside some time to complete the registration. You will be asked to upload a clear face picture. When registering, remember to use the code of the schools in which you have an interest in applying. You should be able to send scores to four colleges for free. You will have to pay for any additional score reports beyond the four.

There is a fee for each test and you may pay with debit/credit cards. **If your family meets certain economic criteria, you may qualify for a fee waiver. See Mrs. Gay for information on fee waivers.**

### **HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO REGISTER?**

Both test sites will give you dates for regular and late registration. Don't wait until the last minute. You will also need a photo ID when you arrive at the test site. If you do not have a Photo ID see your counselor for other options.

### **HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THESE TESTS?**

At minimum, you will want to visit the ACT and SAT sites to read about the format of the test and see some sample questions. Each site will offer additional tools. Khan Academy is also a good resource for test prep.



## **2017 - 2018 SAT DATES**

<b><u>TEST DATE</u></b>	<b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u></b>	<b><u>LATE REGISTRATION</u></b>
<b>OCTOBER 7</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5</b>	<b>OCTOBER 25</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>
<b>MARCH 10</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>
<b>MAY 5</b>	<b>APRIL 6</b>	<b>APRIL 25</b>
<b>JUNE 2</b>	<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>

## **2017 - 2018 ACT DATES**

<b><u>TEST DATE</u></b>	<b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u></b>	<b><u>LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD</u></b> <b><u>(*LATE FEE)</u></b>
<b>OCTOBER 28</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 6</b>
<b>DECEMBER 9</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 4-17</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 10</b>	<b>JANUARY 12</b>	<b>JANUARY 13-19</b>
<b>APRIL 14</b>	<b>MARCH 9</b>	<b>MARCH 10-23</b>
<b>JUNE 9</b>	<b>MAY 4</b>	<b>MAY 5 - 18</b>

## **FAFSA - FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

To apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and easier than ever, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school.

In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

All students planning to attend college should complete the FAFSA. Here are some helpful tips for completing the FAFSA:

1. Each student and one parent should apply for a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). Make sure to keep a record of the parent's and student's email addresses, their answers to the security questions, and both FSA IDs/passwords. Keep this information in a secure place. You'll need this information to sign the FAFSA.
2. Completing the 2017-18 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet in advance will help you get familiar with what's on the electronic version you'll be completing and submitting. This worksheet available at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).
3. Students will be able to submit their FAFSA starting Oct. 1, 2017. Parents will use their financial data from 2016.
4. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will hopefully be available for the upcoming FAFSA. This tool will allow you to import income information electronically directly from the IRS. This greatly reduces the time it takes to complete the application
5. Do you need FREE help completing the FAFSA? FAFSA Day will be held Saturday, October 28, 2017. Locations may vary. Visit [CFNC.org/FAFSADay](http://CFNC.org/FAFSADay) to find a location near you! You will need to register online. The day of the event, you'll need to bring information from your **2016** tax filing. With that in hand, most families will be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in the income/asset section of the FAFSA. Also bring your FAFSA ID's and passwords!

### **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY IN COLLEGE**

Students planning on playing sports in a Division I or II college must be declared academically eligible by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Student athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) to register. A fee is required to register. Please contact your counselor with any questions.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are literally thousands of scholarships out there if you are willing to take the time to do the research! As a school, we publicize the scholarships that come directly to us using different media. You can find our scholarship list online at [swehs.ecps.us](http://swehs.ecps.us). Click on Academics then Student Support. You should then see the link for Scholarship Information. Mrs. Langley updates the list every 1-2 weeks. A hardcopy of the Scholarship Information is available in the guidance waiting area on the large bulletin board. We also use student email and our FaceBook page, SouthVest Student Services, to get the word out about scholarships and other opportunities!

Check out this link for a fantastic tutorial on finding and applying for scholarships:

<https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarship-video-course>. CFNC.org also has a great search tool for grants and scholarships.