

Parent Academy One Pager for 2025-2026 (College and Career Readiness)

Join Face-to-Face or Virtually at <https://bit.ly/parentacademy25-26>

Date	Time	Topic	Locations
Tuesday, September 16	5:30-6:30pm	College Applications 101	FEPD 1
Monday, September 22	5:30-6:30pm	Competitive Scholarships	Northside High School
Thursday, October 2	5:30-7:00pm	Free Application Week: Application Completion Event	FEPD 1
Monday, October 6	5:30-6:30	Financial Aid Overview	Virtual Only
Thursday, October 9	5:30-6:30pm	Governor's School Overview	FEPD 1
Tuesday, October 21	5:30-7:00pm	CACRAO College Fair	White Oak High School
Thursday, October 23	5:30-7:00pm	NCSSM Overview Session	FEPD 1
Thursday, October 30	5:30-6:30pm	FAFSA Completion Event	FEPD 1
Thursday, November 13	5:30-6:30pm	Scholarships including Big Future & SAT	Online Only
Tuesday, November 18	5:30-6:30pm	Military Benefits for College	FEPD 1
TBD- Asking ECU (Margaret Turner)	5:30-7:30pm (Exact TBD)	ECU Let's Connect or Pirates in Our Town	NEED A LOCATION
January 13	5:30pm until	FAFSA Completion Night (UNCW)	FEPD 1
January TBD (who to ask)	5:30-6:30pm	College and Disability Support Services	
Check with Student Services for Date	4:30-6:30pm	Magnet School Expo	Skills Center
Tuesday, February 5	5:30-6:30pm	High School Scheduling for Success (9, 10, 11, 12)	FEPD 1
Thursday, March 5	5:30-6:30pm	Next Steps for Military Students and Funding College	TBD
Thursday, March 26	5:30-6:30pm	Making Good Financial Choices	FEPD 1
Thursday, April 30	5:30-6:30pm	I've Been Accepted, Now What	FEPD 1
Thursday, May 7	5:30-6:30pm	8 th Grade Step Up Night	FEPD 1
Thursday, May 14	5:30-7:30pm	Spring College Fair	Requesting NSHS
Tuesday, May 19	5:30-6:30pm	Competitive Scholarships for 2025-26	FEPD 1



You're Invited

Parent Academy Schedule for 2025-2026



Virtual Link for Any Session: <https://bit.ly/parentacademy25-26>

August	
September	
<p>Tuesday, September 16 5:30-6:30pm</p> <p>Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtual</p>	<p>College Applications 101</p> <p>Let's look at several ways that you can plan and apply for college. The application process includes several steps which are helpful to have a little guidance in completing. Our partners with CFNC will be with us to give an overview, answer questions, and get you started on the journey.</p>
October	
<p>Thursday, October 2 5:30-6:30pm</p> <p>Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building No Virtual Option</p>	<p>Free Application Week Preparation: College Application Completion Event</p> <p>Join us for this floating session. Come when you are able and stay as long as you like. Many college application fees are waived during October. Come join university admissions personnel as they help you complete your application as well as the residency process.</p>
<p>NC Governor's School Overview Thursday, October 9</p> <p>Face-to-Face: Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtual 5:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>The NC Governor's School is a 4-week summer experience for students following their junior year (in a few areas students may apply after their sophomore year). Each school has a limited number of nominations to submit to the district and state for selection. Come learn more about the process and Governor's School.</p> <p>Designed for current high school juniors. Younger grades are welcome to join and learn as well.</p>
<p>College Fair Hosted by CACRAO Tuesday, October 21</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Location: White Oak High School No Virtual Option</p>	<p>College Fair</p> <p>The Carolinas Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers will host a face-to-face college fair. Many colleges will be present to share information.</p> <p>Additionally, the College Foundation of North Carolina will be there to share information on making college more affordable and to answer questions. Students and parents from all high schools are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>No Registration Required</p>

<p>NC School of Science and Math Overview Thursday, October 30</p> <p>Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtual</p>	<p>NC School of Science and Math (NCSSM) Overview Session Join an admission counselor from NCSSM to learn more about their offerings. The residential school, online options, and Summer Ventures will be discussed. Designed for current Freshmen and Sophomores, but all are welcome.</p>
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November

<p>Scholarships and College Access Thursday, November 13 5:30-6:30pm</p> <p>Virtual Session Only</p>	<p>Scholarships and College Access Join us as we explore how to access a variety of scholarships and discuss best practices in writing essays. This session will be held virtually only.</p>
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<p>Military Benefits and College (Part One) Tuesday, November 18 5:30-6:30pm Location: Onslow County Schools Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtual</p>	<p>Join Elizabeth Beattie, Program Director for Outreach and Engagement for the Military and Veterans Services at UNC Charlotte for a parent session focused on accessing military benefits regardless of the school you choose to attend.</p>
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<p>East Carolina University TBD 5:30-7:00pm Location: TBD No Virtual Option</p>	<p>ECU's admissions officers and departments will join us in Onslow County to share all about the departments and areas you can study at ECU.</p>
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December

<p>No sessions currently planned for December</p>	
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January

<p>College and Disability Support Services Not Yet Scheduled: TBD</p>	<p>Colleges and universities offer a variety of support services for students in order to work toward maximizing potential and attaining goals. Join us as we welcome experts to talk with us about students with disabilities and college access.</p>
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<p>FAFSA Completion Event 5:30-7:00pm Tuesday, January 13 Location</p>	<p>FAFSA Completion Event Start and possibly finish your FAFSA all in one evening. Come learn about the process and have support from CFNC and Coastal Carolina Community College.</p>
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<p>Onslow County Schools Central Office Family Education PD Building</p>	
February	
<p>Magnet and Educational Opportunity Expo</p> <p>Date TBD 5:00-7:00pm Eastern NC Regional Skills Center</p>	<p>Come learn about the magnet school options and other educational opportunities offered at Onslow Virtual School, Northwoods Elementary Magnet School of Innovation and Technology, Clyde Erwin Elementary Magnet School of Cultural Arts, New Bridge STEAM Middle Magnet School, Onslow Early College High School, and the Eastern NC Regional Skills Center.</p>
<p>High School Scheduling</p> <p>Thursday, February 5</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtually</p>	<p>High School Scheduling for Success This session will be focused on 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students as they prepare to select courses for high school. We will explore intentional scheduling, look at what a transcript is, the importance of GPA, graduation requirements, and all types of high school options.</p>
March	
<p>Military Benefits and College (Part Two)</p> <p>Thursday, March 5 5:30-6:30pm Location: Onslow County Schools Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtual</p>	<p>Join Elizabeth Beattie, Program Director for Outreach and Engagement for the Military and Veterans Services at UNC Charlotte for a parent session focused on accessing military benefits regardless of the school you choose to attend.</p>
<p>Thursday, March 26</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtually</p>	<p>Making Good Financial Choices Understanding Financial Aid Options and Making Good Financial Choices As students begin to get financial aid letters as well as scholarships, it is important to keep your focus on keeping college affordable and understanding options and choices. We will spend time looking at all types of funding options.</p>
April	
<p>I've Been Accepted, Now What?</p> <p>Tuesday, April 30</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Location: OCS Central Office</p>	<p>I've Been Accepted Now What? This session will be focused on high school seniors, but all are welcome. Once you are accepted and you have made your choice, there are typically lots of questions including wondering about housing, orientation, scheduling, packing, last minute scholarships, and finishing up financial aid. We will spend time on these topics and help answer as many questions as possible.</p>

Family Education PD Building Or Virtually	
May	
8 th Grade Step Up to High School Thursday, May 7 5:30-6:30pm Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtually	8 th Grade Step Up to High School Session This session will allow 8 th graders and their families to have an overview of graduation requirements, high school expectations, and to ask their questions about making a successful transition.
Spring-College Fair Thursday, May 14 5:30-7:30pm Location: TBD Open to any HS Student (Esp. 10 th and 11 th graders)	Spring College Fair The session will start with a presentation about college applications and opportunities. Then participants can visit admission officers as part of a “Mini-College Fair” where high school students and families can explore various types of college opportunities. Families can visit liberal arts colleges, HBCU, community colleges, and more. Designed for high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors (seniors who have not made a decision yet are welcome too).
Competitive Scholarships for 2025-2026 Tuesday, May 19 5:30-6:30pm Location: OCS Central Office Family Education PD Building Or Virtually	Competitive Scholarships and the UNC College System Join presenters from various public and private colleges as they share information about how to learn about and stand out when applying for competitive scholarships. Students interested in scholarships such as the Morehead-Cain (UNC-CH; Levin (UNC-Charlotte); Park (NC State); Brinkley-Lane (ECU); etc. are encouraged to attend.

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