

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday, October 3rd: End of Grading Period

Monday, October 6th - Friday, October 10th: Advisory Bell Schedule (see below for more information)

Monday, October 13th: Report Cards Distributed

Friday, October 17th: Senior 26' Photo (see below for more information)

Wednesday, October 22nd: Pre-ACT - Grade 10 Students (more information to follow)

Thursday, October 23rd: NMSQ PSAT - Registered Grade 11 Students (more information to follow)

Friday, October 31st: Blood Drive (see below for more information)

NEW MORNING TRAFFIC PATTERN

Attention all morning car riders! In order to keep the flow of traffic moving, we will now be utilizing two lanes for morning drop off. Please see the graphic below for more information.

Location A will direct parents into the interior or exterior lines (starting with the Interior Line set up along the front of the building. This person will determine how many cars to allow in. Once **Location A** sees the cars in Interior Line start to leave he/she will move more cars into this lane. He/she will do the same as the Exterior Line begins to leave. Before doing so he will check that students are no longer in the lanes.

Location B will have the interior and exterior lines pull up to the end of the sidewalk. The teachers at **Location B** will release the student from the interior line first and then the students from the exterior line. Once all the students are released

Location B will release the Interior Line of cars and then the Exterior Line of cars.

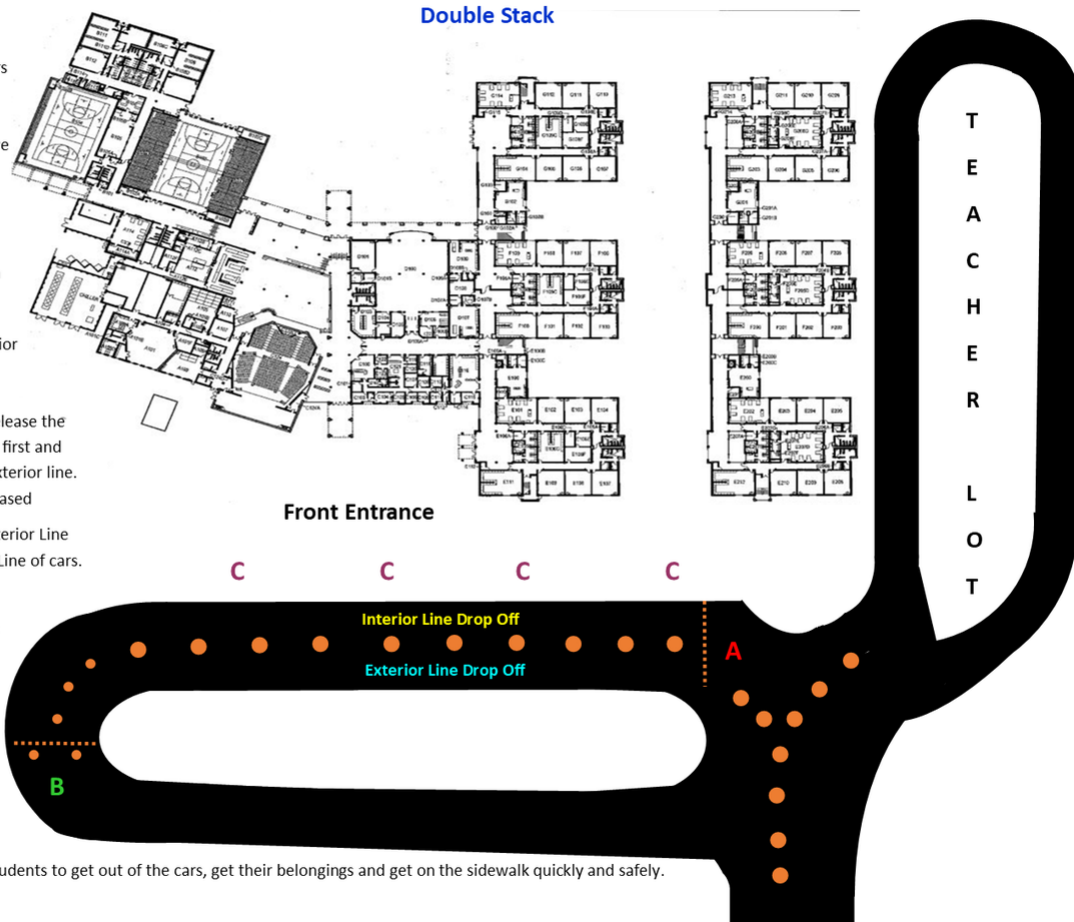
Locations C's will direct parents to move their cars all the way up to the car stopped in front of them.

Location C's will determine when the students should be released from their cars, starting with the Interior Line and then the Exterior Line.

Locations C's are to prompt students to get out of the cars, get their belongings and get on the sidewalk quickly and safely.

2025-2026 Parent Drop Off

Double Stack



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Get ready, Warriors! Our Pink Out shirts are almost here, and you won't want to miss out! Starting October 6th, shirts will be available for purchase during all lunches—but hurry, quantities are limited, and they're sure to go fast!

Not only will you be showing your Warrior pride in style, but every single dollar raised will be donated to the DeAngelo Williams Foundation, supporting an incredible cause that makes a real difference in our community.

Don't wait—grab your Pink Out shirt early and help us make this year's campaign the biggest and brightest yet!



**OCTOBER IS
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**GET YOUR 2025
PINK-OUT SHIRT!**

STARTING OCTOBER 6TH
FOR SALE DURING ALL 4 LUNCHES
\$25 EACH

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FAQ



What do I need to do if my student needs to leave early?

Send them to school with a parent note stating their name and what time they need to be dismissed. They will bring their note to the front office and receive an early dismissal slip.

Do I need to come into the school to sign out my student?

If they brought in a note - NO.
If they did not bring in a note - YES.

What if my student drives and needs to unexpectedly leave early?

We will need **WRITTEN** permission for your student to check themselves out. Please email the front office.

When do I need to use the Student Absence Portal?

Anytime your student is absent. Doctor's notes should **only** be uploaded to the portal - we do not need the paper copy.

When does my excuse note need to be uploaded?

Requested within 24 hours of the absence. Deadline for ALL excuse notes is before the end of each 6 week grading period.

Can I use the Student Absence Portal for an early dismissal?

NO. Students need to bring in a physical note in order to receive an early dismissal slip.

What is the latest time I can pick up my student?

We do not have a cutoff time, however, we suggest arriving before 2:30, as the car rider line tends to become congested.

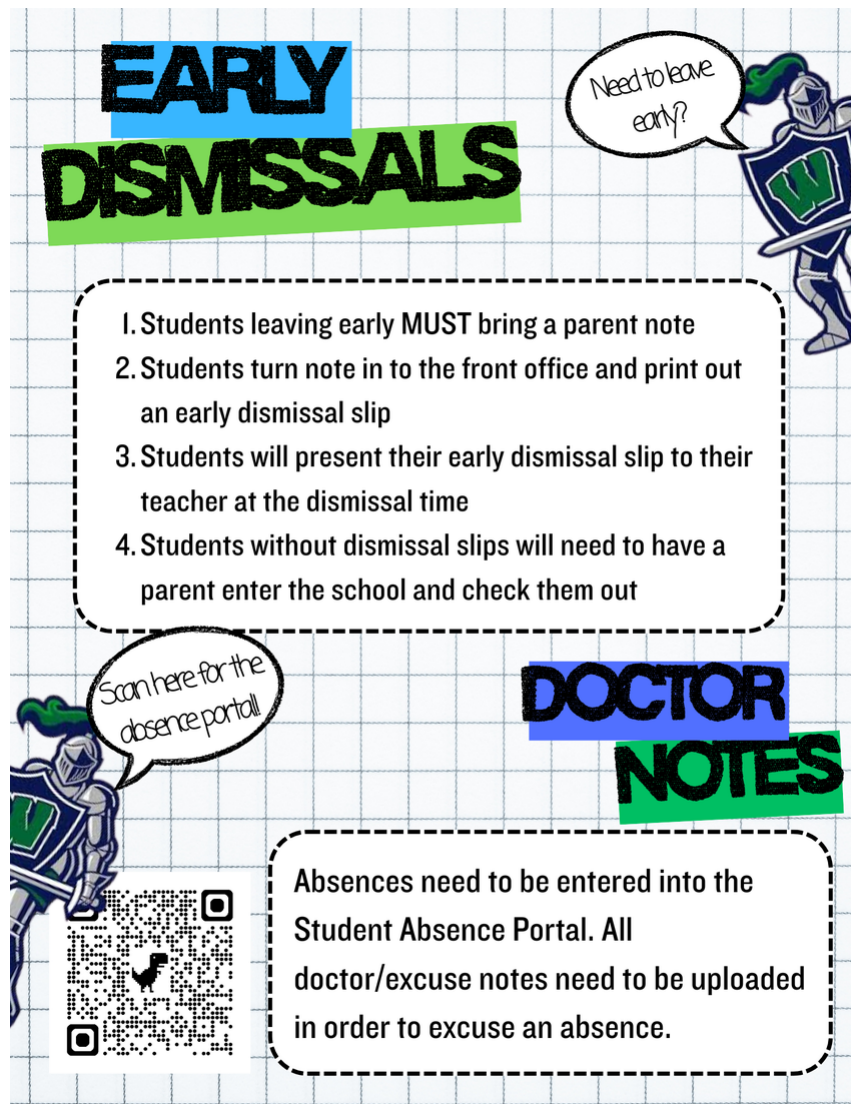
What absences can be considered excused?

With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the [Student Absence Portal](#). The proper documentation **MUST** be provided in order to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.



The infographic is set against a light blue grid background. At the top left, the words "EARLY" and "DISMISSALS" are written in large, bold, black letters, with "EARLY" on a blue rectangular background and "DISMISSALS" on a green rectangular background. To the right of this, a cartoon knight in blue and green armor with a shield featuring a white 'W' is shown. A speech bubble from the knight says "Need to leave early?". Below this, a dashed-line box contains a numbered list of four steps. To the left of this box, another cartoon knight is shown with a speech bubble that says "Scan here for the absence portal". Below the knight is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the words "DOCTOR" and "NOTES" are written in large, bold, black letters, with "DOCTOR" on a blue rectangular background and "NOTES" on a green rectangular background. Below this, another dashed-line box contains text about entering absences.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Need to leave early?

1. Students leaving early **MUST** bring a parent note
2. Students turn note in to the front office and print out an early dismissal slip
3. Students will present their early dismissal slip to their teacher at the dismissal time
4. Students without dismissal slips will need to have a parent enter the school and check them out

Scan here for the absence portal

DOCTOR NOTES

Absences need to be entered into the Student Absence Portal. All doctor/excuse notes need to be uploaded in order to excuse an absence.

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Go to www.whsptso.com and join your PTSO.

All you need to do is create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), volunteer opportunities, and the option to link up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @whs_ptso. Email us at w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com

STAFF APPRECIATION

Please consider signing up for our October Staff Appreciation breakfast!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527290-cereal#/>



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CLASS OF 2026



SAVE THE DATE

CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION

*Monday, June 8, 2026
8:00 AM
Warrior Stadium*



SENIOR '26 PHOTO

The Senior '26 photo will be taken on Friday, October 17th at 8:15 am. All students **MUST** wear black. Students not in black or on time will not be able to participate in the photo.



WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR CLASS of 2025

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SENIOR '26 PHOTO

**Friday, October 17th
8:15 AM @the stadium**

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK!



UCPS NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CAREER FAIR

A poster for a career fair by Union County Public Schools. The top section has the school name in a dark blue bar, followed by 'NON-INSTRUCTIONAL' in white and 'CAREER FAIR' in large blue letters. Below this is the text 'LOOKING FOR A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE OR WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT?' and an invitation to join Team UCPS. The middle section features five photos of staff: a woman in a kitchen, a woman with a broom, a woman on a bus, a man in a workshop, and a man in a warehouse. The bottom section lists hiring needs vertically on the left and provides the date, time, location, and address on the right.

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

— NON-INSTRUCTIONAL —

CAREER FAIR

LOOKING FOR A **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**
OR WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Come to our upcoming career fair and find out why YOU should join Team UCPS! We are hiring for non-instructional positions.

A collage of five photographs showing various non-instructional staff members in their work environments: a woman in a kitchen, a woman with a broom, a woman on a school bus, a man in a workshop, and a man in a warehouse.

NOW HIRING:

- BUS DRIVERS
- AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
- SCHOOL NUTRITION
- FACILITIES
- HVAC
- PLUMBING
- WAREHOUSE
- ELECTRICIANS

OCT. 2
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
East Elementary
221 Elizabeth Avenue | Monroe, NC 28112

VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors to the school must enter through the front doors of the school using the video doorbell system. All visitors must check in at the main office during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, which are the main office hours on days that school is in session.

Forgotten Items/Drop Offs/Deliveries:

- items can be placed on the drop-off cart located outside the front doors
- items will be brought inside before the end of each block and placed on the table in the foyer
- please notify your student that their item has been dropped off - WE WILL NOT CALL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS
- students can retrieve items in between class periods ONLY - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed inside the bin, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch period
- PLEASE NOTE: items such as Chromebooks, phones, headphones, ear buds, etc., should NOT be left on the cart outside, and should be brought inside to the drop-off table

TECHNOLOGY FEE

All UCPS families will be responsible for paying a \$30 annual technology user fee per student. The technology fee will be waived for students who qualify for free lunch. If you haven't paid your student's 2025-2026 technology fee, please scan the QR code below.

BIG DUB BLOCK PARTY

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

COUNSELOR CASE LOADS

We're excited to have our two new school counselors on our team! To help them get settled and familiar with our school community, only our veteran counselors will be meeting with seniors for the time being. We appreciate your understanding as we work to provide the best support for all students.

Please reach out to Mrs. Washington with any questions.

SENIOR NIGHT INFO

WHS Counselors hope you enjoyed Senior night and found it to be a helpful resource. Presentation link can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tIUtfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

SAT PREP COURSE

Attention Weddington Students!

Get ready to ace the SAT and ACT with our new prep course—now available and **discounted exclusively for Weddington students!** Don't miss this chance to boost your scores and confidence. Sign up today and start your path to college success!

COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR

NC YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



The Youth Legislative Assembly is a mock legislative session where high school students voice their opinions and vote on issues concerning local, state, and national government. This conference provides students with a deeper understanding of the legislative process while also developing their confidence, public speaking, and debate skills.

Any high school student in good standing at a public, private, charter, or home school in North Carolina is eligible to participate. Students simply need to complete the application—no sponsorship from a member of the General Assembly is required.

Students can apply here:  

https://ncgeneralassembly.formstack.com/forms/youth_legislative_assembly_copy

Unlike the Page Program, YLA does not require a Senate sponsorship. However, some Senators have generously chosen to sponsor students financially in the past. Please note that this has been reviewed and approved, and campaign funds may be used for this purpose.

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors need to go to cady.com to schedule your senior portrait session. Just click on For Seniors at the top and then Book Now.

Three options for senior session:

1. Seniors can schedule their portrait sessions at Cady Studios (2201 Crownpoint Executive Drive, Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28227) now through December 5th around your schedule. The studio is open Monday through Sunday. Below are the options available at the studio for your session.
2. Cady will be hosting two roadshows here at Weddington High on **October 1st** and **November 4th**. At the WHS roadshows, students will get their tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and one scene of your choices. These dates will fill up fast so schedule as soon as possible.
3. **Yearbook photo only** day will be **before December 5th** but has not been scheduled at this time. This session will only include the yearbook tux drape picture, and it will be held at WHS.

*Please note: the simple session includes the tux/drape photo for the yearbook, cap and gown photo, and one other scene of your choice. **The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is December 5, 2025. Any senior who does not have their picture taken before this date will not be included in the yearbook.**

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's last yearbook extra special by including a special memories ad. It is a great way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. Go to Jostens.com and select Yearbook Ad to purchase and create your special message for your senior. **Purchase by September 22nd to receive the lowest price of the year.**

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

WHS NAMED TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR ATHLETES IN NC- FOR THE 4TH YEAR IN A ROW!

Weddington High School has once again been recognized as the top public high school for athletes in North Carolina! This marks the fourth consecutive year that WHS has earned this prestigious honor, reflecting the sustained excellence of our student-athletes, coaches, and athletic programs.

According to Niche Rankings, WHS is ranked 78th out of 21,469 high schools nationwide in the Best High Schools for Athletes in America list. This positions our Warriors among the elite schools in the country for developing athletic talent and fostering a culture of success.

Niche evaluates schools based on student and parent reviews, the number of state championships, student participation in athletics, and the variety of sports offered. By every measure, Weddington High School excels in creating opportunities for students to compete, grow, and succeed both on and off the field.

This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our coaches, the passion and commitment of our student-athletes, and the unwavering support of the Weddington community. Four years running, WHS continues to set the standard for excellence in high school athletics in North Carolina.

We are proud of our Warriors' accomplishments and look forward to building on this legacy for years to come. Go Warriors!

LETTER JACKETS



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SPIRIT WEAR

Hey warriors - did you know that we offer SPIRITWEAR year-round? Many of our items are available for purchase ANY TIME! Tshirts, hoodies, pj pants, sweats, hats, etc. are available NOW for immediate pickup. Email whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!

UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL

Athletic Department Update

Fall Sports are underway and off to a great start! Be sure to come out and cheer on the Warriors!

Questions about Athletics? Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Hart, via email michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us or by calling the school.

Please visit <https://weddingtonathleticzone.com/> for up to date information!

[Coaches Directory](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

Can't Attend Live? Watch it Live Instead!

Click [here](#) to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!

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Weddington High School

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