

Warrior Weekly

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday, November 14th: Term 2 Ends

Monday, November 24th: Report Cards Distributed

Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Break, No School

A MESSAGE FROM UCPS

Communication from our school and the Union County Public Schools district office is extremely important, as it provides weekly updates, information during emergencies, opportunities to stay engaged and so much more.

Union County Public Schools is updating its mass communication system. This is the system that sends emails, phone calls and text messages to families. With this transition, there are some action steps for parents, as we want to make sure you continue to receive communication in a timely manner.

Important information and action for parents:

1. If you have not claimed your Infinite Campus (NCSIS) account and have not provided a phone number or email address that is associated with your student, **you may not receive emails, phone calls or text messages from your child's school or UCPS district offices.**
2. To access Infinite Campus and frequently asked questions: <https://www.ucpsnc.org/students-families/infinite-campus>
3. If you have claimed your account, can access Infinite Campus, but need to add or update a phone number or email address, go to your Profile Settings and update your Contact Preferences.
4. If you have a preferred language, click on the Preferred Language drop-down box, and select your language. The default language is English for messages. This is also found in your Contact Preferences.
5. Emails and text messages will come from Union County Public Schools, based on the information you provided in Infinite Campus.
6. If you need help, please contact our school.

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 become congested.

What absences can be considered excused?

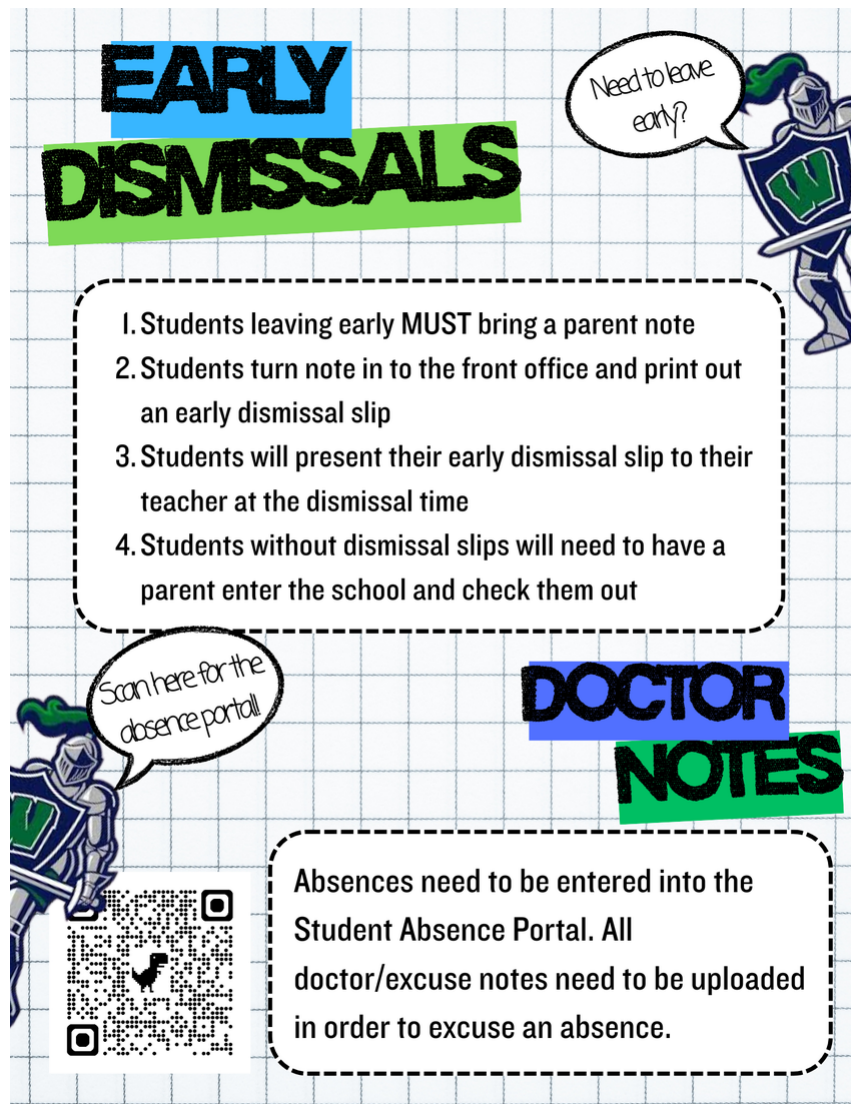
With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL

****Today marks the end of the T2 grading period and is the last day to submit parent illness/injury notes.****

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 armor with a green "W" on his shield is shown. A speech bubble from the knight says "Need to leave early?". Below this, a dashed-line box contains a list of four rules for early dismissal. 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 into the Student Absence Portal.

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.

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STAFF APPRECIATION

Support our staff by contributing to our November Appreciation Breakfast. Please use this link to sign up for a donation.

2025-26 Staff Appreciation: November Staff Appreciation Meeting and Breakfast
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527162-november#/>)

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Our annual tradition of giving Thanksgiving pies to the wonderful staff of Weddington High School is approaching. Your donation of a pie would help us make this a special holiday for them. Thank you for your support!

2025-26 Staff Appreciation: Thanksgiving Pies for WHS Staff

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527159-thanksgiving#/>)

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Ready to make a difference? We're looking for volunteers to help us celebrate and thank the WHS staff before the end of the year.

2025-26 Staff Appreciation: Volunteers Needed - Pie Collection & Holiday Luncheon

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527165-volunteers#/>)

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Special Thanks,
WHS PTSO Staff Appreciation



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UNION COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES



UC Food Resources.pdf

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SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES

WHS is starting a Senior Speaker Series, and we need your help! We are looking for parent/community member volunteers to come in during advisory week to speak to seniors on the topics listed below. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Mrs. Bryant at laura.bryant@ucps.k12.nc.us



CLASS OF 2026

Weddington High School's Class of 2026 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 8th at 8:00am at Warrior Stadium. Additional details regarding graduation, including the process for claiming tickets, will be shared with seniors and their parents in late April.

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.

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.

LEON'S LAW

Effective July 1, 2025, Leon's Law is a North Carolina state law (Session Law 2025-46) that changes how education records are handled for students who are under 18 and enrolled in college courses. Under this law, parents/guardians of minor students who are claimed as dependents on the most recent federal tax return may request access to certain education records. This law works alongside FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), the federal privacy law that protects student education records.

FAFSA

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. To best prepare, review resources found at financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov.

SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGES

Seniors- School counselors will process schedule changes for 2nd semester beginning November 10th-14th during 2nd and 3rd block ONLY with Monday being 3rd block only. Seniors may come into school counseling office during these times or make an appointment with your school counselor.

Please note the following last name school counselor assigned:

Scoggins- A-C, N-R

Harris- D-H, U-Z

Washington- I-M, S-T

Please note that not every schedule change request can be honored as a lot of transcripts have been sent to colleges. If you have listed an AP course on your schedule and you wish to drop it for something of less value you would need to contact all admission counselors for the colleges in which you applied. If you are replacing that course with another AP course or SPCC course you would not need to contact your college. If you are dropping an honors class for a lesser value weighting course you would need to contact as well.

Rule of thumb- If you are dropping and adding for same weight value you would not need to contact your college.

FLEX- VERY IMPORTANT and please read

If you are attempting to FLEX or already have FLEX on your schedule you will need to make sure you complete FLEX form that includes your signature and parent. Each student **MUST** have a signed permission form in order to FLEX. If you was assigned FLEX first semester you must have this new form signed. Form can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rJqtXDQiZU2bJc6JWCw968gu4MaAtFcrkukcOC-VhLk/edit?usp=sharing>

Schedule Changes 9th-11th grade

Counselors will be offering schedule changes the week of January 5th - January 8th in the counseling commons **during lunches only**. Counselors will work in priority of grade level- please make sure you attend on your assigned day. We ask underclassmen to please not come to counseling to request schedule changes any earlier. Counselors will work at their assigned time to place them in desired course of request.

11th Grade-January 5th

10th Grade-January 6th

9th Grade- January 7th

COLLEGE VISITS

On campus college visits are back! Wondering who will be on campus this week? Check the board in the cafeteria. Semester one visits are open to Seniors and Juniors.

Register in Scoir today

1. Log into Scoir
2. Click on 3 lines in top right corner
3. Click on "Events and Deadlines"
4. Search for college of interest & sign up
5. Visits are in the Counseling Commons

SENIOR NIGHT INFO

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

COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

ED LUNCH AND LEARN

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

Cady will be on campus Friday, December 5th for yearbook-only photos for seniors. Any senior that has not had their picture taken for the yearbook, please scan the QR code above to schedule a session. Girls should wear a spaghetti strap tank top and boys need to wear a white t shirt.

Reminder that these photos are for the yearbook only and are not available for purchase.

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's last yearbook extra special by including a special memories ad. It is a great way to way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. Go to Jostens.com ad 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

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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