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Wolf Pack Press

STILL IMPORTANT!

Infinite Campus - We need your help.

Wolf Pack families,
As of 10/1/2025, only 30% of our families have claimed their account in Infinite Campus. Please take the time to take care of this important process.

- To get started, visit https://portalaccess.ncsis.gov/
- Once an account is created, parents will be prompted to complete an Annual Update when accessing the parent portal for the first time.

Step-by-step video for the annual update
Frequently Asked Questions document

These resources are also located on our Infinite Campus webpage.

If you have questions, please contact Parkwood High School.

Remember to follow us on social media:
Follow us on Facebook: ParkwoodHSNC
Follow us on Twitter: @ParkwoodHSNC
Follow us on Instagram: @ParkwoodHSNC

Student Life

Jostens met with Seniors Monday, October 13. Please note the suggested deadline is October 24. Caps & gowns will be delivered to the school.

Jostens met with Sophomores Tuesday, October 14.
Please note the deadline of Friday, October 24. Rings will be delivered to the school.

PWHS Calendar

Monday 10/20	Tuesday 10/21	Wednesday 10/22	Thursday 10/23	Friday 10/24	Saturday 10/25
Flag Football @ PRHS (vs FHHS 6:00) Golf Regional practice round NHS Inductions 7:00	Volley-ball 2nd Round Playoffs 7:00	Unity Day -Unity Day - wear orange Commit-tees Soccer @ Monroe Powder-puff Football 6:00	JV Football @ WStanly Volleyball Playoffs (TBD)	Football v WStanly (Senior Night)	March-ing Band in compe-tition @ Porter Ridge XC Region-als @ Tryon Equestr-ian Ctr 3:45

NC College Application Week October 20 - 26, 2025

Remember to follow us on social media:

Follow us on Facebook: ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Twitter: @ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Instagram: @ParkwoodHSNC

College Information

College Application Week Assistance

October 20, 7:30am to October 26, 5:00pm.
Must apply through https://www.cfnc.org/

- Counselors will be assisting students during WIN block October 20-24th with applications.
- Sign up at the following link to get assistance: https://bit.ly/CollegeAppAssistance

For a list of colleges waiving the application fee visit: https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/colleges-participating-in-caw/.

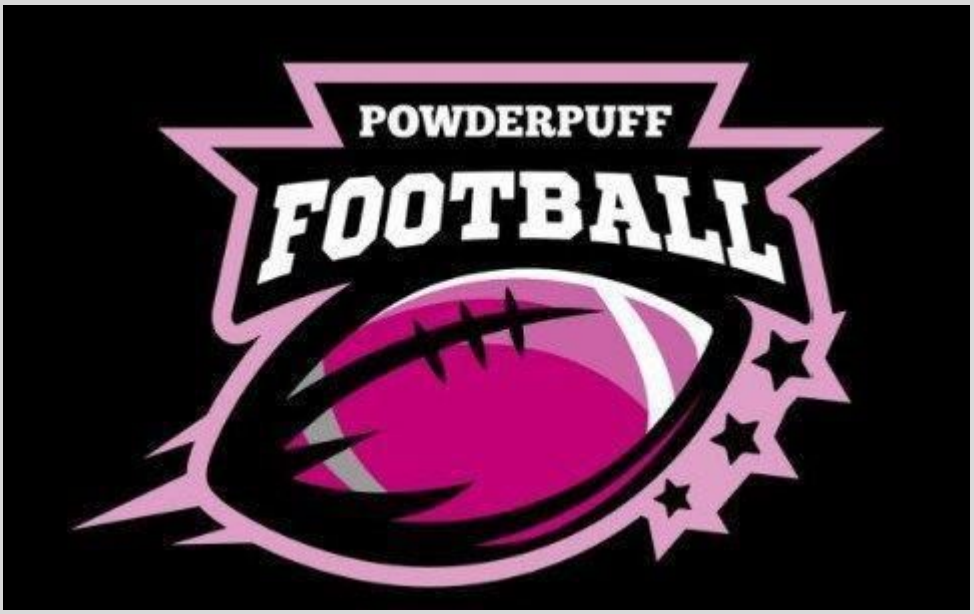
COLLEGE APPLICATION & EXPLORATION WEEK

ECU

East Carolina University is coming on Thursday, October 30 2025

Help us support a sustainable community by collecting these items. Those items collected at PWHS will be donated to the efforts of Prospect Elementary.

Student Life



You're cordially invited to come to our PowderPuff Football game Wednesday, 10/22/2025 at 6:00 pm. Tickets $????

Infinite Campus – Student Access

Link to tutorial HERE.

UCPS Holiday Card Contest

Eligibility: Any UCPS student

Recognition: UCPS will choose an elementary winner and a secondary winner.

The top 5 elementary and secondary finalists will be invited to a Dec. 5 celebration.

Artwork Theme: Happy Holidays/Season's Greetings

Design Specifications: 8.5" wide x 6" tall.

Deadline: Friday, October 24 at 5:00 pm.

Submit work to: https://bit.ly/46HqBdN

Cast your vote: Voting opportunities wil be on UCPS social media pages Nov 13 - 20.

PTSO Information

Parkwood

PTSO

One Pack, One Family

October 22 from 6-8:30 pm

Tickets: $3 at the gate (cash or card)
Bring a canned good for Common Heart Pantries and get $1 off your ticket! Their current biggest needs are canned green beans, canned tomatoes, and pasta sauce of any kind.

Let's pack the stands, cheer on the Lady Pack, and support the PTSO!

Who we are:

Our mission is to support the education of our students by fostering relationships among the school, parents and teachers through community engagement and fundraising efforts.

Support us here:

Spirit Day

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

Join us for food and fun. Come support Parkwood High School and 10% of Tuesday's sales will be donated accordingly. Mobile ordering organization code: WOLFPACK (all caps.)

Chick-fil-A WESLEY CHAPEL WEDDINGTON

Support PTSO with a stop at Chick-Fil-A!

Order anytime on Tuesday, October 28th at Wesley Chapel- Weddington location.

Use code: WOLFPACK

Mobile orders count!!

2025- 2026 PWHS PTSO Executive Board

Sumer Smith	Trish Culley	Lauren Jenkins	Stephanie Vill
President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary

School Nutrition/ Cafeteria Updates

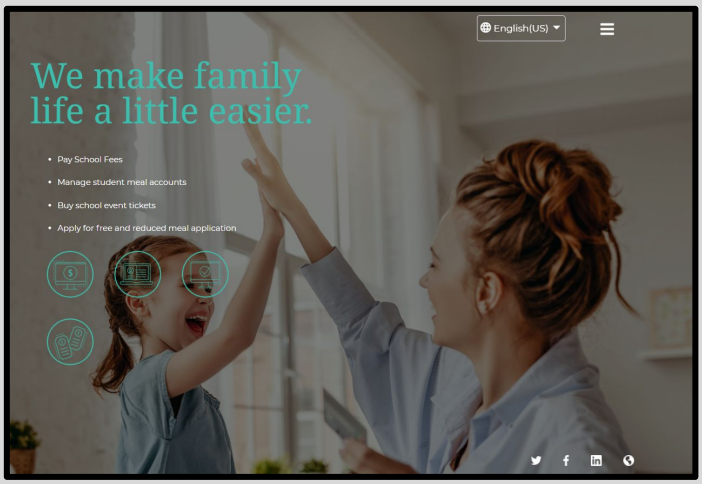
Applications for Free and Reduced Meals must be renewed annually. School Nutrition Services provides a 30-day grace period at the beginning of each school year to those who were approved the previous year.

The grace period ends October 8, 2025. If applications are not renewed, meals will no longer be free starting October 9, 2025. (https://www.payschoolscentral.com/)

PaySchools Central is the new source to pay for student meals as well as to complete the Free/Reduced meal application. PaySchool Central is also available as an app on iphones and android cellphones.

All families need to download this app and register for this service in order to have access to their student's lunch account.

Please note: UCPS no longer allows high school students to charge in excess of $19.20.



Please note: Student cafeteria fees from 2024-2025 rolled into Infinite Campus. Student cafeteria fees from 2023-2024 are not included in Infinite Campus; however, students are still obligated to pay these fees. Students who have remaining balances will not be able to buy a parking pass or attend events that require payment (example: Homecoming Dance, Prom) until these fees are paid.

Parent Information

Wireless Devices

The Law

SESSION LAW 2025-38
HB 959

All **public school districts** in North Carolina are now **required to prohibit students from using, displaying, or having wireless communication devices turned on during instructional time.**

Definitions

Instructional Time: Any TIME classes are in session. Does not include lunch or transitions

Using, Having or Displaying: Devices CANNOT BE ON or OUT

Wireless Device: Phones, wireless earbuds/headphones, smart watches, smart glasses and the like.

Failure to meet this expectation will result in consequences based on UCPS Code of Student Conduct.

We will be exclusively using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance.

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.

https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=high

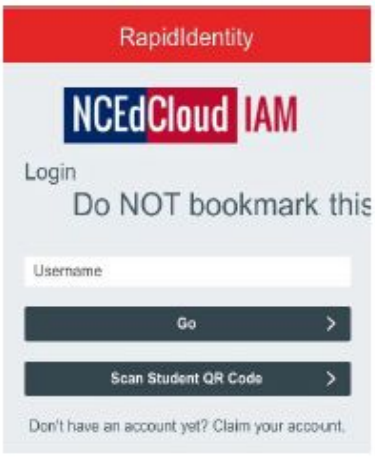
Infinite Campus - student fees

Accessing Your Student Account with Infinite Campus

- Download the Campus Student App (iOS and Android)
  - -OR-
- Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/ICstudentUCPS if using a web browser (works on computer or phone)

- ***If using the smartphone app*** type in: *Union County Public Schools* for **District Name** and select *North Carolina* for **State. Click "Search District"**

- **Click the "NCEdCloud" button to get to the RapidIdentity login screen.**

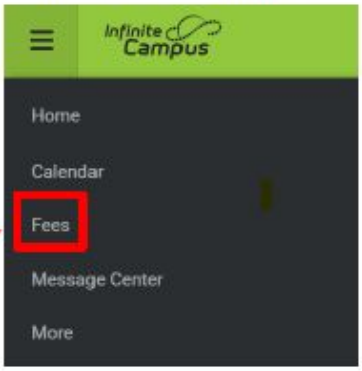


Type in your student number and password. This is the same information as you would have used for PowerSchool. After logging in, click the "NCSIS – PSU 900" link. (this is the replacement for PowerSchool).

NCSIS - PSU 900
North Carolina Student Information System – PSU 900

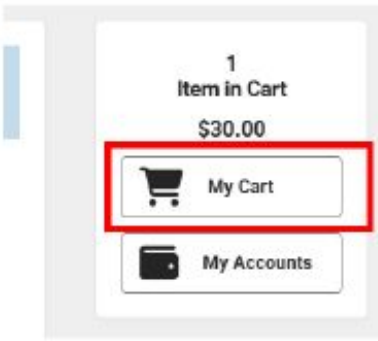
- You will be prompted after successful login if you want to "stay logged in". Choose "Yes" or "No".
- The Infinite Campus homepage has a quick link to your fees

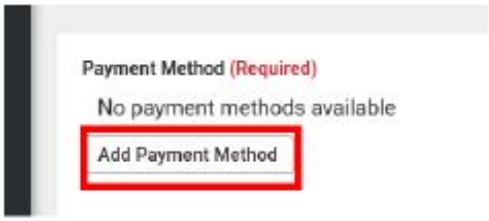
- There is also a "fees" menu on the left of the screen.

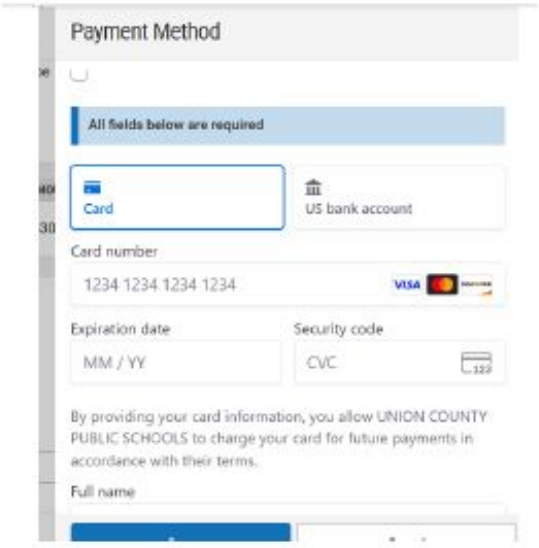


Infinite Campus - student fees

- In the fees menu, click **"add to cart"** on the $30.00 technology fee. Click **"My Cart,"** then **"add payment method."** You will have two choices – pay by card or pay by E-check. Click your choice of payment method and complete payment details.
- The system will ask for a valid email. Please use your **personal email** to receive receipt. Bring this email to show as **proof of payment** to our staff at Chromebook distribution.
- *Remember to look over the schedule and instructions for Chromebook distribution, come at the correct day and time, and to bring your completed Chromebook Agreement Form!







Major Clarity Career Plans

Career Plans

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, NC Senate Bill 193 requires that all students in grades 6-12 have a career plan. A student's initial career plan will be created by the end of their 6th grade year and then revised annually through 12th grade. UCPS will utilize Major Clarity as the platform for students to create their career plan. This can be accessed by students through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review their student's career plan with them each year.

Required components of a Career Development Plan (CDP):
Update to date Career Assessment
Update to date Learning Assessment
Pathway Selection
Academic Course Planning
Other items that may be included:
Resume, FAFSA Completion,
Post Secondary Plans,
Add activities, awards, credentials and test scores

PWHS Counseling Department

Who is your counselor?

Troy Harris - 9th grade
troy.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us

Stacey Sebastian - last names A - G
stacey.sebastian@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shari Davison (lead counselor) - last names H - N
shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

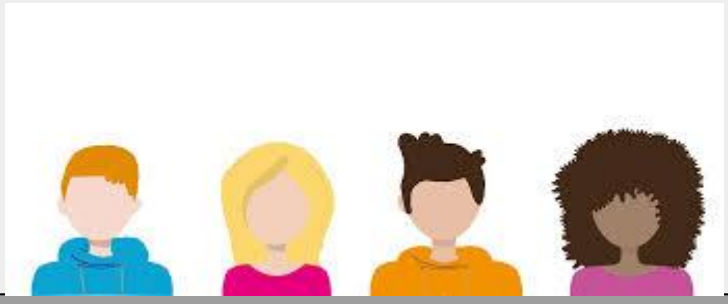
Adrian Atkinson - last names O - Z
adrian.atkinson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Ashlee Reynolds - Student Support
ashlee.reynolds@ucps.k12.nc.us

Additional Support

- **Mrs. Robyn Mobley** – School Social Worker
  robyn.mobley@ucps.k12.nc.us
- **Nakita Brisbon** - Behavioral Health Therapist
  nakita.brisbon@ucps.k12.nc.us

The focus of the PWHS Counseling Center is to provide students with support in their academic, career, and personal/social development. The counselors assist students with scheduling, course selection, career exploration, college and scholarship advising, coping with peer pressure and stress, developing time management skills and more. To make an appointment with your counselor complete the meeting request form, stop by the counseling center, email or call 704-296-0154.



Information on Applying to College

Now is the time to start applying to college. Check out the links below based on your goals after high school.

Senior College Planning Timeline

Steps for Apply to Four-Year Colleges

Applying to Community College

Common App & Scoir have partnered

Students now connect their Common Application account with their Scoir account. This connection is what allows their Common App college list and application activity to sync into Scoir, so counselors can begin preparing and sending documents. The following links walk students through how to use Common App with Scoir.

- Connecting Common App and Scoir Accounts - https://docs.google.com/document/d/14oF3vaII14DoQAJVxv-98KqEa983izfbFq6xr7W3KUk/edit?usp=sharing
- How to Sign your FERPA in Common App - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ac96NlneYJpZwupCUC4cqbuY6pJjqJP6Uq7GFTxse5g/edit?usp=sharing
- Getting Started with Scoir and Common App: https://scoir.helpdocs.io/article/xdpyabpbej-students-getting-started-scoir-common-app.
- Students Common App Guide: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jzXK1SJmte93Bt7w915lAHKpEd3gwNK9/view?usp=sharing

Scholarship Information

Scholarships

Seniors need to be searching for scholarships all year long. Where to look:

- Website of all the colleges you are applying to
- Were your parents work, bank and community groups they are involved with
- Free search engines that can be found on our scholarship webpage: https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4819
- Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities list – This list in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

Scholarships with October deadlines:
Check the Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities link for specific details on the list below.

U. S. Senate Youth Scholarship
The United States Senate Youth Program is a scholarship program that provides an educational opportunity for juniors and seniors interested in pursuing careers in history, political science or public service. Eligibility requirements and application information can be found at https://ncdpi.instructure.com/courses/6560/pages/united-states-senate-youth-program.

AES Engineering Scholarship:
A $500 scholarship will be awarded to a student on the basis of character, as determined by evaluation of the essays that are submitted. For more information, please visit https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php. Deadline: October 8, 2025.

Students!
Sign up in SCOIR to Visit with Colleges

- Check in SCOIR to see who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.

Financial Aid for College

The 2026-2027 FAFSA is now open. Colleges make financial aid decisions based on when the application was submitted so apply early.

What is Financial Aid

- Financial aid is money to help pay for college (2-year or 4-year) or trade/career school.

Types of Financial Aid

- Grants - Money that does not have to be repaid. It can come from a variety of sources, such as the college, state or federal government.
- Work-Study - Program that allows you to pay for school while working part-time.
- Loans - Money borrowed to pay for college that must be repaid.

When to Apply - www.FAFSA.gov

- Seniors may begin applying using the **2026-2027 FAFSA**
- You and your parent/guardian can also prepare by applying by creating your studentaid.gov account or FSA ID at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch. Your FSA ID enables both you and your parent/guardian to sign your FAFSA electronically.

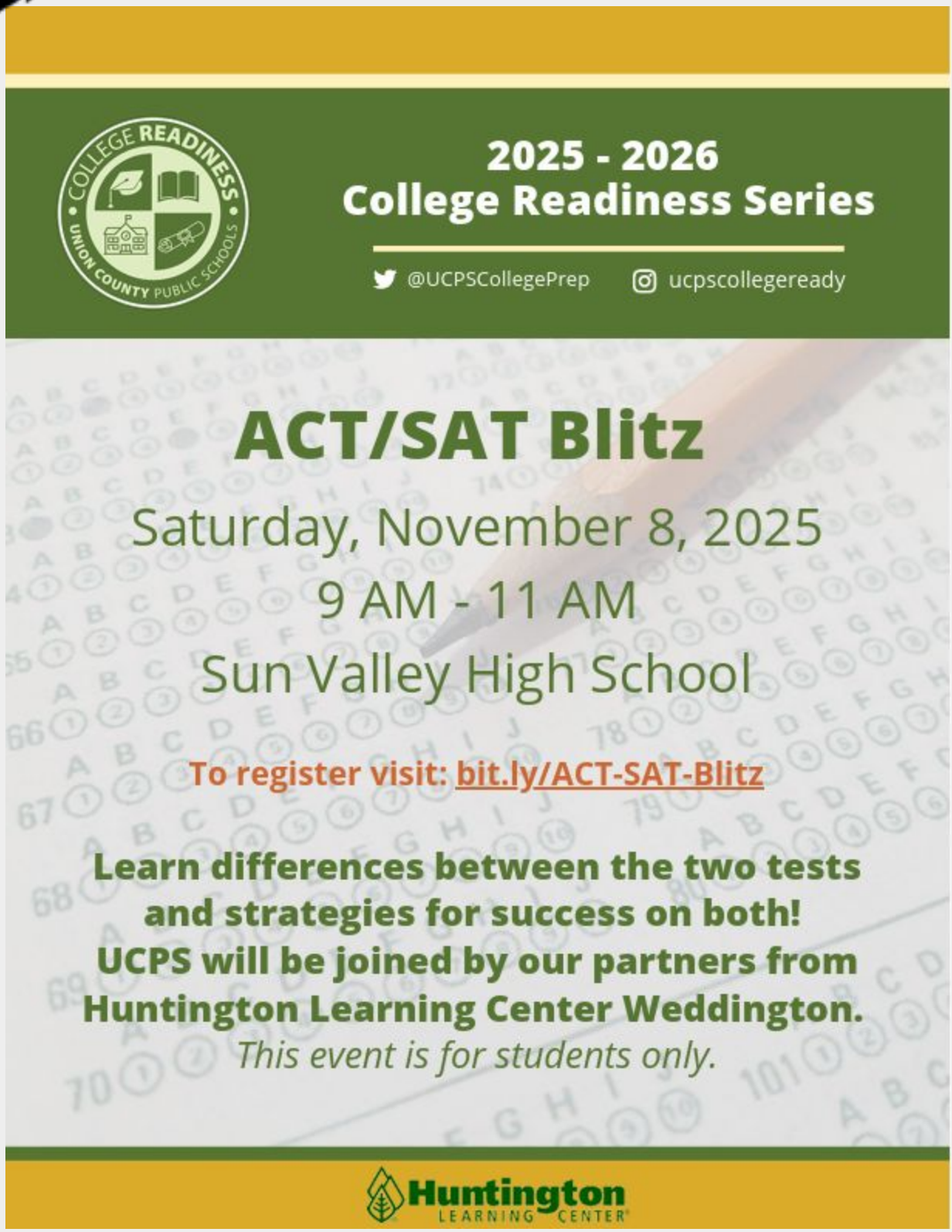
CSS Profile

- Certain Colleges require the PROFILE to be filed along with the FAFSA. Some of the North Carolina schools that require it are Davidson College, Duke University, Elon University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest University. There are also specific scholarships that require the PROFILE. Registrations for PROFILE are accepted beginning October 1st. Application can be found at www.collegeboard.org.

Financial Aid Websites:

- https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch - The FSA ID (studentaid.gov account) is the first step to completing the FAFSA. Your FSA ID enables both you and your parent/guardian to sign your FAFSA electronically. Can be done before October 1st.
- www.fafsa.gov - FREE Application for Federal Student Aid - Seniors can apply once the new application is available in December of each year.
- www.cfnc.org
- www.studentaid.gov
- https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/

ACT/SAT


COLLEGE READINESS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2025 - 2026
College Readiness Series
@UCPSCollegePrep
ucpscollegeready
ACT/SAT Blitz
Saturday, November 8, 2025
9 AM - 11 AM
Sun Valley High School
To register visit: bit.ly/ACT-SAT-Blitz
Learn differences between the two tests and strategies for success on both!
UCPS will be joined by our partners from Huntington Learning Center Weddington.
This event is for students only.
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ACT and SAT Information

College Admissions Tests - ACT and SAT

- Used by many four year colleges and universities in the admission process. Students should check with the colleges they are interested in applying to see if required.
- Recommend juniors take both tests in the spring of Junior year.
- All juniors will take the ACT once for free during the school day in the spring as part of a statewide initiative.
- Seniors should have testing completed by early fall (October/November).
- All additional testing students must sign up to take on a Saturday for a fee. National test dates for 2025-2026 are listed below.

National ACT Dates - https://www.act.org/

- Registration fee $68 for English, Math and reading sections. Science add on fee $4. Writing add on fee 4.
- Students who receive or qualify for free or reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- For more information and to register click here.

ACT Test Date*	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee)
Oct. 18, 2025	Sept. 12, 2025	Sept. 30, 2025
Dec. 13, 2025	Nov. 7, 2025	Nov. 24, 2025
Feb. 14, 2026	Jan. 9, 2026	Jan. 23, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

National SAT Dates - https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

- Registration fee $68.
- Students who receive or qualify for free or reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- For more information and to register go to: https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat.

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Sept. 13, 2025	Aug. 29, 2025	Sept. 2, 2025
Oct. 4, 2025	Sept. 19, 2025	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026	Apr. 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

College Information

NC College Connect is a program that provides a simpler and faster way to get admitted to college in North Carolina.**s - College Applications NC College Connect**

If you're a senior at a North Carolina public high school with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, **and you meet the NC College Connect requirements**, you are automatically admitted to select North Carolina colleges and universities. All you need to do is submit a form to accept your admission—it's easy!

Students will be matched to a select list of participating NC College Connect colleges and universities based on their weighted GPA and meeting NC College Connect requirements. While some students may be eligible for direct admission to all institutions, others will not.

Students will still need to pay the application fee if required for each college. Students are encouraged to submit their NC College Connect forms during College Application Week, October 20-26, 2025, to avoid application fees for most participating colleges. Students are encouraged to confirm the final list of College Application Week institutions on CFNC.org, at https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/

For more information on requirements and specifics on colleges participating go to this website https://www.cfnc.org/nc-college-connect/. If you have additional questions reach out to your counselor.

Student Parking

Parking on the Parkwood High School Campus is considered a privilege for students. Each student who drives to school must purchase his/her own parking tag and may not share a tag with another student or sibling. PWHS and UCPS will assume no responsibility for damage to private vehicles driven and parked on campus. Student drivers must have appropriate and current automobile registration and have a valid drivers license.

Parking Passes are restricted to students who, in PowerSchool, are identified as being in grades 11 and 12 at the beginning of the school year. 10th graders may be able to purchase a parking space later in the year **if space is available**. Students must have a valid driver's license, not a learner's permit. Students cannot purchase a pass for future needs.

Eligibility for PWHS Student Parking

-**Valid Driver's License.** Driver's Permits are not allowed.
-Completed and Digitally Signed 2025-2026 Parking Pass Application, digitally signed by the student and one parent or guardian.

-You must pay your 25-26 technology fee PRIOR to purchasing a student parking pass.
-Prior to receiving a parking permit, applicants **MUST** pay any outstanding student financial obligations. Your parking pass will not be issued if you have an outstanding balance. This includes all cafeteria fees and all school-based fees. Before purchasing a parking pass, students who have an outstanding financial obligation will receive an email from our bookkeeper listing any owed fees. **The bookkeeper will reach out to those students who owe additional fees.**

-Please fill out the Student Parking Application Form: **Click HERE.**

-Payment of $50 for the parking pass will be paid to the PWHS Online Payment System at this link: **Click HERE to pay.**

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****If you need a parking pass, please see Mr. Moore after completing the application, paying all fees including the parking pass fee****

Quick Links

PWHS Student Handbook
UCPS BOE Student Handbook
(includes attendance and dress code information)
Parents' Bill of Rights

Edulog for Bus Transportation Zone

Parking Pass Info

- Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they park around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

See Something/Say Something Anonymous Reporting System

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Gaither between 12:00 - 4:00