

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, December 11th: Chorus Concert (see below for more information)

Tuesday, December 16th: Band Concert (see below for more information)

Wednesday, December 17th: Talent Show (see below for more information)

Monday, December 22nd - Friday, January 2nd - School Closed for Winter Break

Friday, January 9th - Thursday, January 15th: Final Exams (see below for more information)

FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Students are required to take ALL EXAMS, including End of Course (EOC), CTE State Exams and Teacher Made exams, at school during exam week.

****The NC Department of Public Instruction permits a single re-administration of the EOC assessment for any student who scores as "Not Proficient" on the regular EOC administration. All students taking an EOC were given a permission form to be given the opportunity to retake the EOC if they score as "Not Proficient." Please complete the form and return to your child's teacher no later than Friday, December 12th.**

Required EOC Courses:

- NC Math 1
- NC Math 3
- English 2
- Biology

Fall 2025 CTE Courses with State Exams

- PLTW Principles of Engineering
- Interior Design
- Business Ethics & Law I Honors
- Food and Nutrition I
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors
- Health Science I Honors
- PLTW Intro to Engineering Design Honors
- Animal Science I Honors
- Fashion Merchandising Honors
- Business Essentials

See below for the final exam schedule.

semester 1 final exam schedule

FRIDAY, Jan 9	MON, Jan 12	TUES, Jan 13	WED, Jan 14	THURS, Jan 15
8:00 AM - NC Math I - NC Math I Honors - NC Math 3 - NC Math 3 Honors - PLTW Principles of Engineering - Interior Design	8:00 AM - Biology - Biology Honors - Business Ethics and Law I Honors - Food and Nutrition I	8:00 AM - English II - English II Honors - Culinary Arts and Hospitality I Honors - Health Science I Honors - PLTW Intro to Engineering Design Honors	8:00 AM - Animal Science I Honors - Business Essentials - Fashion Merchandising Honors - Retake Math I - Retake Math III	8:00 AM - Remediation for English II - Make Up EOCs
1:00 PM All FIRST BLOCK teacher-made exams	1:00 PM All SECOND BLOCK teacher-made exams	1:00 PM - All THIRD BLOCK teacher-made exams - Remediation Sessions for Math I and Math III	1:00 PM - All FOURTH BLOCK teacher made exams - Remediation Sessions for Biology	1:00 PM - Remediation for English II - Make up teacher-made exams

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

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.

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

STAFF APPRECIATION

Support our staff by contributing to our December Holiday Baked Treats.. Please use this link to sign up for a donation.

[Holiday Baked Treats
signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)

Special Thanks,
WHS PTSO Staff Appreciation



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venmo

Scan QR code for payment

TOY DRIVE

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

TOY DRIVE

COLLECTION DATES: December 1 - December 5

DROP-OFF LOCATION: Front Office

CLUB INCENTIVES: 1 item = 3 service hours

\$25 donation = 1 service hour

\$50 donation = 2 service hours

\$75 donation = 3 service hours

\$100 donation = 4 service hours

BRING IN A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY/ITEM FOR YOUTH AGES 13-18

SCAN HERE FOR MONETARY DONATION



CANDLE SALE

The WHS TTA will be having their holiday candle sale on December 3rd, 5th, 10th and 12th during all 4 lunches. Come check out all their new holiday scents, as well as new sizes and sugar scrubs!

TTA

holiday

DEC 3, 5, 10 & 12 during lunches

candle sale

Under the Mistletoe

Cookies for Santa

Frosted Juniper

Sugar Plum Fairy

Evergreen Apple

Cranberry Apple Marmalade



Hot Apple Pie

Fraser Fir

Cinnamon Vanilla

White Eucalyptus

Gingerbread House

Sweet Vanilla Caramel

\$8

Scrubs



Sugar Plum Fairy

Whipped Lavender Cream

Driftwood

4 OZ

\$6

8 OZ

\$12

12 OZ

\$20

UNION COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES



UC Food Resources.pdf

Download
64.2 KB

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

A large, stylized green letter 'W' with a white outline, positioned in the top left corner of the poster.

SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES

TOPICS:

WE WANT
You!



- College life, dorm experience
- Finances of college, credit cards, student loans
- General college preparedness/transition
- All best practices in the real world
- Mental health and resources

WINTER BAND CONCERT

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Tuesday, December 16th
6:00 PM

WHS AUDITORIUM
8TH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL
CONCERT BANDS



WINTER CHORUS CONCERT

Click [HERE](#) for tickets.

A festive winter-themed poster for a Middle and High School Winter Chorus Concert. The background is a dark green night sky with white snowflakes. In the center, a light blue rectangular box contains the text. The box is decorated with stylized white and red Christmas trees and golden musical notes. Below the box, there are more trees and a red illustration of three singers. A QR code is located on the right side of the box.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
**WINTER
CHORUS
CONCERT**
THURSDAY, DEC 11 - 6:00 PM
WHS AUDITORIUM



TALENT SHOW!

A poster for a Talent Show with a dark blue background and bright spotlights. The title 'TALENT SHOW' is in large, glowing yellow marquee letters. Above it, the text 'GET YOUR ACTS TOGETHER FOR A' is in yellow. To the left is a white silhouette of a person doing a handstand. To the right are white silhouettes of a person playing a trumpet and a person playing a guitar. A QR code is in the bottom left corner.

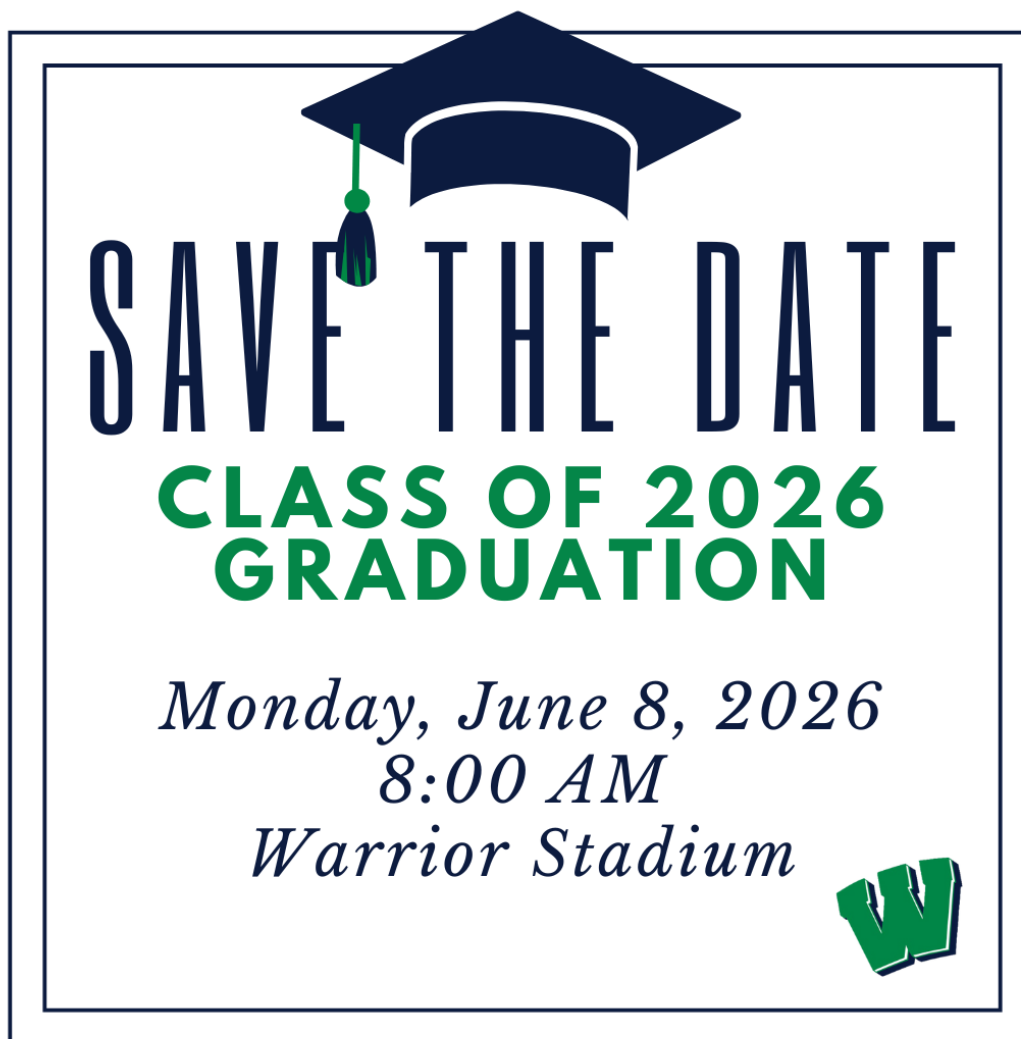
**GET YOUR ACTS TOGETHER
FOR A
TALENT
SHOW**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
6:30 PM

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 12/5 @ 3:00 PM



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.

NEED TO PAY YOUR 2025-2026 TECHNOLOGY FEE?

scan the QR
code here!



NEED TO PAY A TECHNOLOGY FEE? FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR?



scan the QR
code here!

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/1rJqtXDiZU2bJc6JWCw968gu4MaAtFcrkukcOC-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

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tIUfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

ED LUNCH AND LEARN

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

Need a gift idea for the holidays?

Then get your student a 2025-2026 WHS Yearbook to capture all the memories from the school year. Scan the QR code below or go to Jostens.com to order today!

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Only 3 Days Left to Get Your Senior Recognition Ad

Scan the QR code below or go to Jostens.com to create a special memory for your senior.

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!

CHEER FUNDRAISERS

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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