

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



Weddington High School

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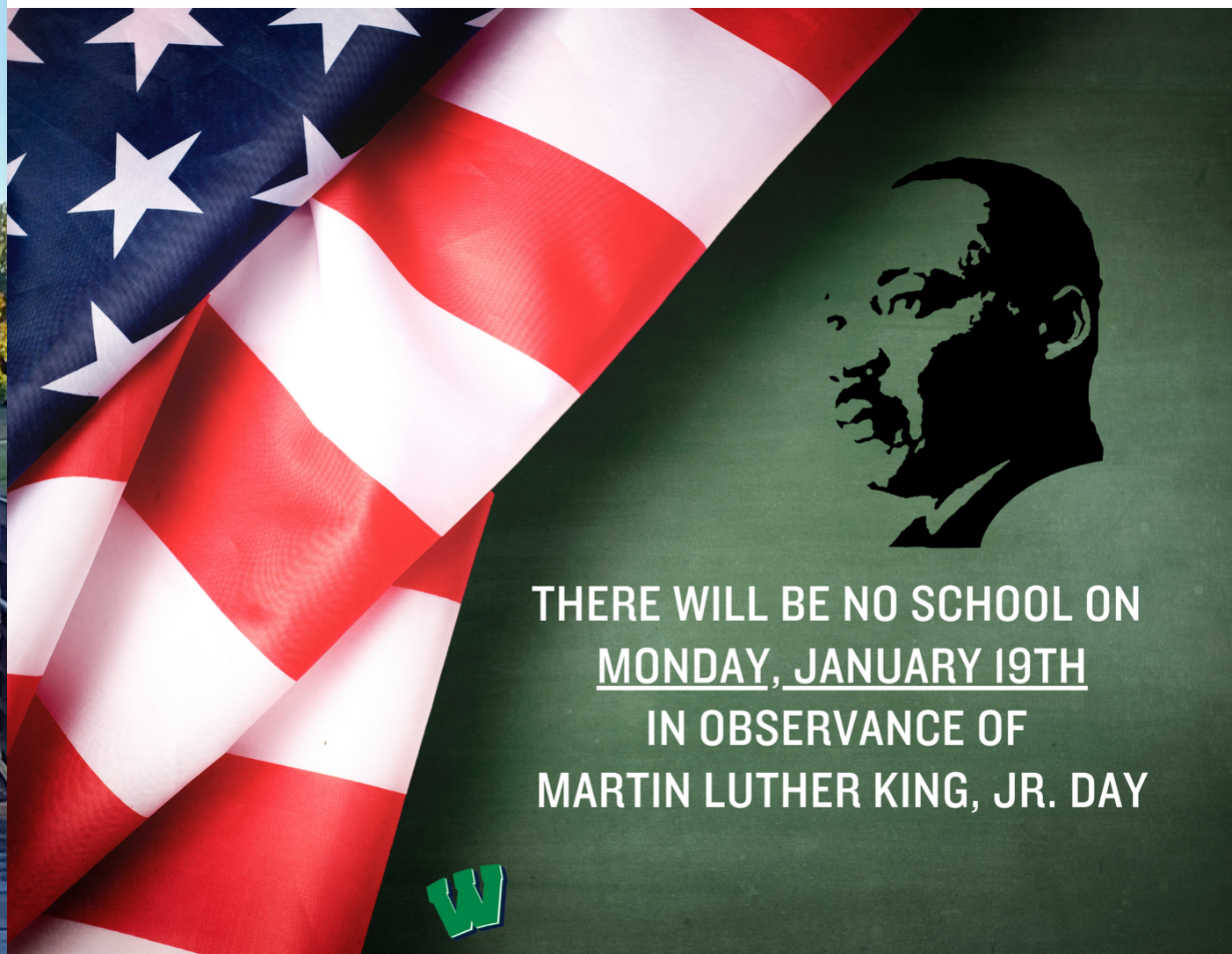
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, January 19th: No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 20th: Semester 2 Begins, Advisory Week Schedule

Monday, January 26th: Report Cards Distributed

Wednesday, February 11th: Prom Fashion Show (see below for more information)



ADVISORY WEEK BELL SCHEDULE

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1st week of
every term!

WEEK 4:
JAN 20 - JAN 23

DOORS OPEN	7:15 AM
MORNING BELL	8:00 AM
1ST BLOCK	8:10-9:33
2ND BLOCK	9:39-11:01
ADVISORY	11:07-11:37
3RD BLOCK	11:43-1:32
4TH BLOCK	1:38-3:03
SENIOR DISMISSAL	3:03 PM
DISMISSAL	3:05 PM



SEMESTER 2

SEMESTER 2 BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Students will follow their 2nd semester schedule beginning Tuesday, January 21st, and will follow a regular bell schedule.

Students are asked to please check their schedule in Infinite Campus PRIOR to Tuesday morning to ensure that they are aware of their most up-to-date schedule. Paper copies of second semester schedules will not be distributed. Some classes may have changed, as classes continue to be balanced. If a student has a hole or a "please see your counselor" message on their current 2nd semester schedule, they are asked to please report to the counseling commons **during the block where the hole is present**. School Counselors will be available to assist in selecting a course to fill this hole.

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?

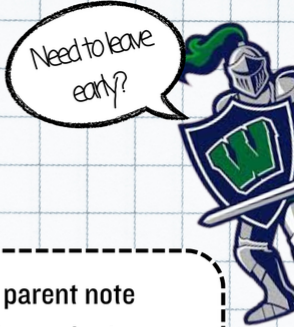
With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



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



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



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.

PROM

Get ready for a night to remember! The 2026 Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 8:00 pm at The Pine, Charlotte. Don't miss out on an unforgettable evening of dancing, fun, and memories. We can't wait to see you there!

The prom theme will be released during the Prom Fashion Show on February 11th

SAVE *the* DATE

WHS PROM

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

THE PINE



THEME REVEALED AT
THE PROM FASHION SHOW

PROM FASHION SHOW



PROM FASHION SHOW

Warrior Class of 2026

WEDNESDAY | 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 11 | AUDITORIUM

*discounted
prom tix!*

*awesome raffle
prizes!*

*prom theme
will be
announced!*

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Click [HERE](#) to go to WHS PTSO website and join today!

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

We want to help the staff warm up by supplying breakfast sandwiches from McDonald's and Chick-Fil-A. Please Venmo WHS PTSO @ WHSPTSO so we can purchase 150 breakfast sandwiches. (Please Venmo by the evening on 1/22/26.) We will also be collecting other items that can be turned in to the school front office. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527472-start>

Special Thanks,
WHS PTSO Staff Appreciation



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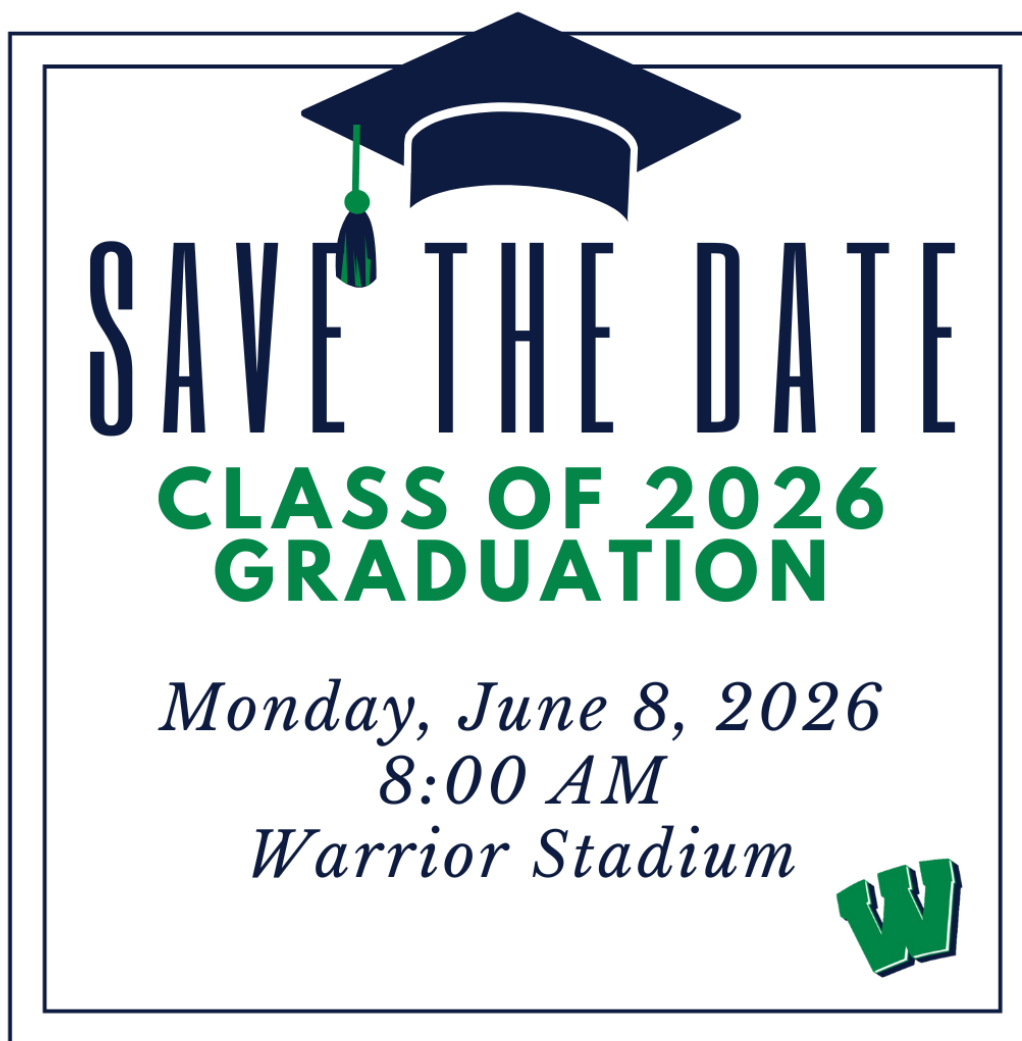
@WHSPTSO



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Scan QR code for payment

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.

COUNSELOR 2025-2026 CASE LOADS

**MS.
SCOGGINS**

**UNDERCLASSMEN: A-C
SENIORS: A-C, N-R**

jumana.scoggins@ucps.k12.nc.us
EXT 1911

**MRS.
HARRIS**

**UNDERCLASSMEN: D-H
SENIORS: D-H, U-Z**

melody.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us
EXT 1920

**MRS.
WASHINGTON**

**UNDERCLASSMEN: I-M
SENIORS: I-M, S & T**

jackie.washington@ucps.k12.nc.us
EXT 1910

**MS.
MCGUIRE**

UNDERCLASSMEN: N-R

kimberley.mcguire@ucps.k12.nc.us
EXT 1972

**MRS.
SEELEY**

UNDERCLASSMEN: S-Z

megan.seeley@ucps.k12.nc.us
EXT 1909



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.

LEON'S LAW

All students under 18 **MUST** complete the Leon's Law Student Acknowledgement Form **BEFORE** they can register for classes.

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UPDATE

scan here for the form



FAFSA

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

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

UCPS Pathway Information Session Focus on Health Science

Is your student interested in a growing,
high-tech career in Health Science?

Join UCPS staff and representatives from South Piedmont Community College, Wingate University, NC A&T State University and NC State University as they share insight into Health Science Career pathways.

The session is designed to give families information about various programs and opportunities available through partnerships.

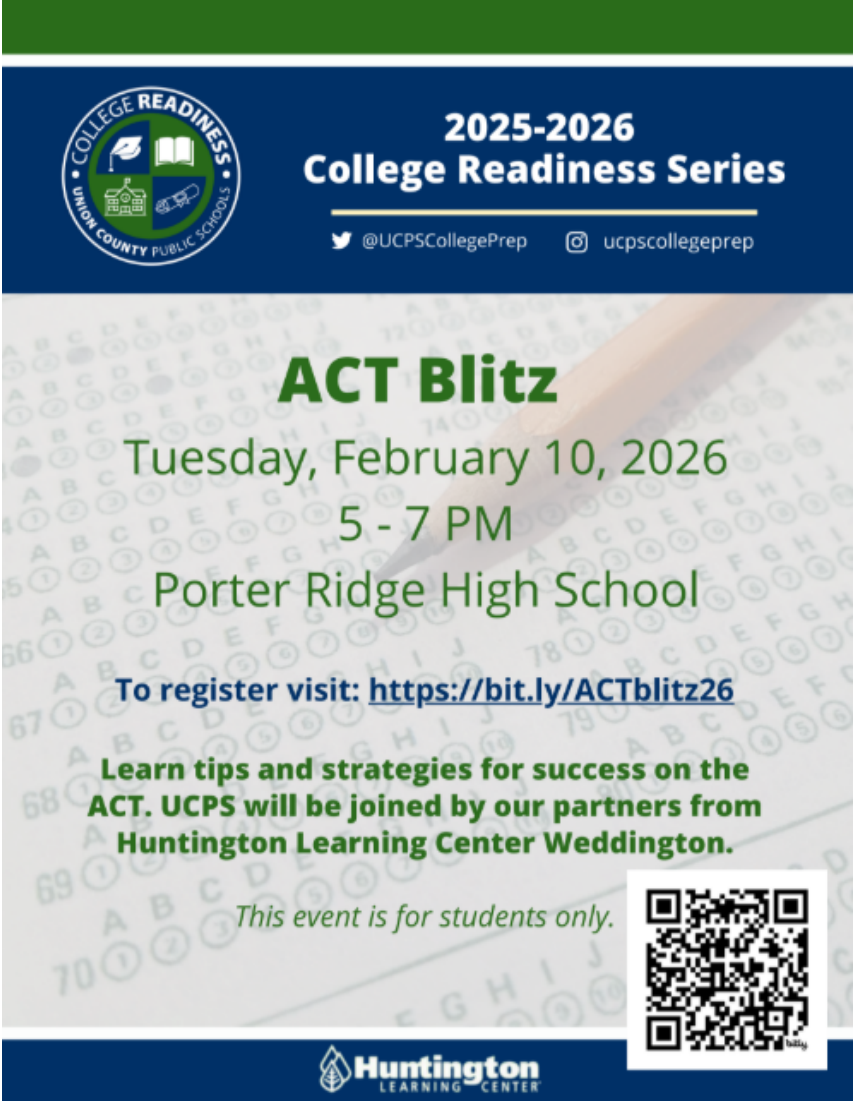
THURSDAY
January 22 | 6:30 p.m.

LINK TO THE EVENT



STAY CONNECTED      www.ucpsnc.org

ACT BLITZ

The poster features a dark blue header with the Union County Public Schools logo on the left and the event title '2025-2026 College Readiness Series' on the right. Below the header, the background is a light gray with a faint pattern of letters and numbers. The main text is in green, announcing the 'ACT Blitz' on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 5-7 PM at Porter Ridge High School. A registration link is provided, followed by a paragraph about learning tips and strategies, mentioning partners from Huntington Learning Center. A QR code is located on the right side, and the Huntington Learning Center logo is at the bottom.

 **2025-2026**
College Readiness Series

 @UCPSCollegePrep  ucpscollegeprep

ACT Blitz
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
5 - 7 PM
Porter Ridge High School

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/ACTblitz26>

Learn tips and strategies for success on the ACT. UCPS will be joined by our partners from Huntington Learning Center Weddington.

This event is for students only.





ED LUNCH AND LEARN



Hosted By **EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENTS**
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DATE	TOPIC
OCTOBER 16	Union Diversified, Inc. Union Diversified Industries, Inc. (UDI) has been a trusted partner in IDD services and industrial support for over 50 years. UDI provides paid employment opportunities, helping adults with developmental disabilities contribute to their homes and communities. Join us to learn how UDI can support your adult child.
NOVEMBER 20	Partners Behavioral Health Management Partners Behavioral Health Management is a managed behavioral healthcare organization dedicated to helping individuals access services for improved well-being. In this webinar, you'll learn about the NC Innovations Waiver (the "long waiting list") and Child 1915 (b)(3) Services (commonly known as "respite").
JANUARY 15	Autism The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by autism. They raise public awareness, advocate for services across the lifespan, and provide the latest information on treatment, education, research, and advocacy. A representative will explain their services and how they support families and children with autism.
FEBRUARY 19	Down Syndrome This session will help parents become informed about Down Syndrome Association and the resources that are available to parents and students.
MARCH 19	North Carolina Able Have you started saving for your child with special needs? The NC ABLE Act allows individuals with disabilities to save in a tax-advantaged account for qualified disability expenses, similar to 529 college savings accounts. These accounts offer a pathway to economic independence and financial security for those who previously couldn't save.
APRIL 16	Union County Clerk of Court-Guardianship This session will guide parents through the steps of pursuing guardianship in different situations. The Union County governing branch serves as the initial point of contact for guidance in the process. Guardianship forms can be submitted six months before the individual's 18th birthday.

STAY **CONNECTED**      www.ucpsnc.org

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

SPIRIT WEAR

Click [HERE](#) to shop!

**** The Weddington High
Booster online store is NOW
OPEN and will CLOSE on
Wednesday, 1/21 for delivery
the week of 2/6 - Orders
placed prior to 12/23 will be
delivered the week of 1/12 **
HOME FOR YOUR OFFICIAL
WARRIOR MERCHANDISE -
The store will open for Spring
sports soon.**

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 PROTOCOLS



NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For fall sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime or at the mid-point of an event.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.



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

WHS is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters