

CLASS OF 2027

SENIOR NIGHT



Sept. 1, 2026



FUTURE READY COURSE OF STUDY

English - Four credits

English I, II, III, IV

Math - Four credits

Math I, II, III and 4th math that aligns with student's post-secondary plans

Science - Three credits

Earth Science, Biology, & a Physical Science (Physical Science, Physics, Chemistry)

Social Studies - Four credits

World History, Civic Literacy, American History, Economics and Personal Finance

Health & Physical Education - One credit

Two electives from either CTE, Arts, or World Language
Four elective credits strongly recommended from one of the following: CTE, ROTCS, Arts, or any other subject area

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION OPTIONS



Early Action: Students are NOT committed to accept the college's offer of admission and may file other applications.

Early Decision: A binding commitment to a college. You are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission and withdraw your other applications. (Duke, Elon, Davidson, High Point).

Regular Admission: Deadline is usually November-February

Rolling Admission: Submit at your convenience up to a certain date. Receive your decision within 4-6 weeks.

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS



Accepted (yay!): You'll want to investigate more about the school and wait for their financial aid package before making a decision.

Denied: a final decision by the college not to offer admission.

Deferment: They want another look in their regular decision pool of applicants. Make sure to update the school on any accomplishments, additional recommendation letters, or grade/score reports.

Waitlisted: Provide the school with similar information as for deferred schools.

APPLICATION SITES

The Common Application

Coalition

SENDeDu

CFNC

School's personal portal/application

NC College Connect



NC COLLEGE CONNECT

A new program that provides a simpler and faster way to
get admitted to college

Eligibility criteria:

Weighted 2.8 GPA

Meet the state graduation requirements (*additional
requirements may be needed for certain institutions)

Respond to safety questions

Students will receive a tailored list of colleges for which they
meet the GPA and other requirements. This means a student
may not see every participating NC College Connect college
on their list.

Letters will be mailed on Sept. 15 and students can go into
their portal and claim your spot.



NC COLLEGE CONNECT



Claiming your spot means you're accepting an offer of admission and sending your information to that college.

- Claiming your spot does not bind you to enrollment
- You can claim spots at multiple schools
- No traditional application is required for those schools. DO NOT APPLY SEPARATELY
- No letters of recommendation, essays, or resumes are needed to accept admission.

How to claim your spot:

- Make sure your CFNC account information matches your Infinite Campus name exactly
- View your colleges that you are matched with based on your GPA
- Complete a short form for each school you're interested in
- Colleges will follow up with next steps after you accept your admission.

NC COLLEGE CONNECT



Participating UNC System Schools:

Appalachian State University
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Fayetteville State University
NC Central University
UNC Asheville
UNC Charlotte
UNC Greensboro
UNC Pembroke
Western Carolina University
Winston-Salem State University

Apply as soon as possible so you don't miss out on
deadlines for financial aid, academic programs,
scholarships, honors programs, and housing

STANDARDIZED TESTING



SAT
collegeboard.org

Sept. 12

Oct. 3

Nov. 7

Dec. 5

Mar. 6

May 1

June 5

ACT
act.org

Sept. 19

Oct. 17

Dec. 12

Feb. 27

Apr. 10

June 12

July 10

Average SAT Score: 1029

Average ACT Score: 19.4

Test Scores and College Applications

Test-optional for all: Allows applicants to decide for themselves.

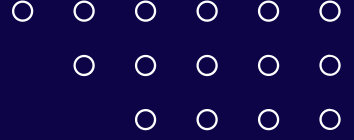
Test-optional for some: Might be required for certain majors (STEM, Nursing). Might not be required if you meet a GPA/Rank requirement.

Test flexible: Another test, such as an AP exam, could count as a school's test requirement for admission.

Test blind: College won't look at test scores for admission even if they are submitted.

Test optional/blind for admissions, but required for enrollment:
Scores used for scholarships, course placement, etc.

Should I submit my scores?



Look at the colleges you're applying to and find their average score range.

If your score is comparable or higher > send it

If it's lower, consider whether it still adds to your application. If not > don't send it

Should I still take the SAT if all the colleges on my list are test optional?

Yes!

You'll keep your options open

Scores may be required for scholarships

Gives colleges more information about your academic performance

ESSAYS



View the essay as an opportunity; it's one of the few things you have complete control over.

View it as a way to sell yourself to the admissions team

READ the prompt

Make it personal and unique

Don't make it a list of accomplishments; that's what your resume is for

PROOFREAD

Optional essays are NOT optional

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

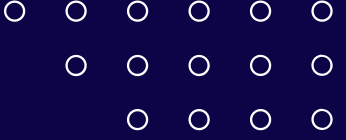
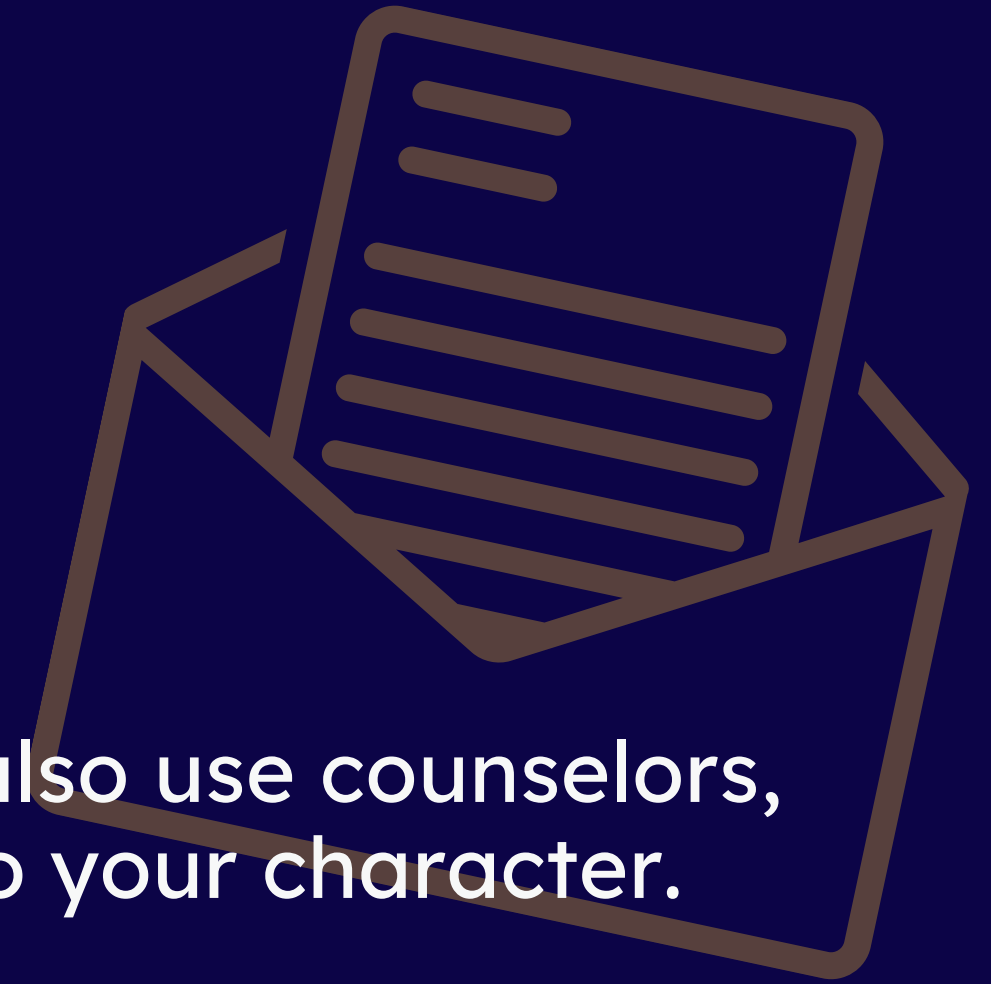
Many schools require letters from teachers. You can also use counselors, coaches, managers, or other people who can speak to your character.

Be mindful of how many **academic** letters your school requires. Schools may only want letters from teachers and not anyone else.

Ask a teacher who knows you well and who can write about your character, strengths, and qualities.

Give your teacher AT LEAST two weeks notice

Requesting letters of recommendation through MajorClarity will be explained soon.



TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors will receive a paper copy of their transcript in advisory. Review it and make sure there are no errors.

All transcripts will be uploaded into MajorClarity and sent to the schools.

We will send three transcripts each year

Initial: All grades through end of junior year

Mid-year: All grades through end of fall semester
senior year

Final: All grades through end of senior year.

These will be given at graduation and students should mail it to their school.



FINANCIAL AID



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed by all students wishing to be considered for any financial aid.

The FAFSA is a confidential document used to collect information to determine a student's need for financial aid.

The FAFSA will open on October 1.

Financial Aid Night: September 23 from 5:30-6:30.
Registration link opens on Friday.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Some schools have a prominent scholarship that can pay most or all of the college expenses (Morehead-Cain, Levine, ECU Scholar, Park). These are highly competitive.

There are less competitive scholarships offered through colleges, community and national organizations, and local businesses.

Scholarship applications can sometimes be as detailed as a college application so don't wait until the last minute.

NEVER pay for scholarship information or applications.

Where to find scholarships:

CATA Counseling website

Scholarships.com

BigFuture

Going Merry

INTERVIEW PREP

Counselors are available to prep students for internship, job, or scholarship interviews. Contact your assigned counselor to set this up.



COLLEGE VISITS

College visits will be held during Cougar Time. Location TBD.

Sign-ups are done through the College Visit Sign-Up form located on the College Corner page of the counseling website.

Upcoming visits

Davidson: Sept. 15

UNC Chapel Hill: Oct. 1

University of Alabama Birmingham: Oct. 8

NC State Goodnight Scholarship Presentation: Oct. 20

UNC Asheville: Oct. 23





Major Clarity

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MajorClarity is the system we use to send transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other college documents.

If you are using NC College Connect do not put your schools into MajorClarity

MAJORCLARITY + COMMON APP

Students will connect their accounts and Common App schools listed in CA will show in MajorClarity.

Students DO NOT need to do a transcript or letter of recommendation request for schools in Common App.

Be sure to indicate which deadline you're applying to in Common App to ensure your documents are sent on time.



MAJORCLARITY RESOURCES

Google “CATA Counseling”
Click “College Corner” tab
Scroll down to “While You’re Applying”

Two links:
Video on the Student Application Center
Link to resource page for MajorClarity +
Common App

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION VS. COUNSELOR EVALUATION

A counselor evaluation is an academic snapshot of your time in high school. Not all schools require a counselor evaluation.

If a school requires a counselor evaluation, we will automatically complete it; you don't need to request this.

A recommendation is written by a teacher, coach, manager, etc. that expands on your character, achievements, and other things that colleges can't determine based on your transcript, resume, etc.

Counselors are happy to write a recommendation but please have a conversation with them first. A counselor recommendation does not take the place of an academic teacher recommendation.

SCHOOL PROFILE

This is an overview of our school. It helps colleges understand the type of school we are, how rigorous our course offerings are, and other information that is used in reviewing your application.

Our school profile is linked on the counseling page under the College Corner tab.

Also on this page is info you might need when completing your application, such as our GPA scale and class rank information.

SENIOR MEETINGS

Counselors will meet with seniors in the upcoming weeks to answer questions and assist in the application process.

INTERNSHIPS - MRS. BARTELL

APPLY by logging into MajorClarity through Clever from Student Startup Page

- ▶ Click Work-Based Learning link on left side
- ▶ Select which type of Internship you are interested in and follow prompts
- YOU CAN APPLY FOR A FULL CREDIT/1 BLOCK CLASS INTERNSHIP
- AN INTERNSHIP COUNTS AS A FULL CREDIT AND WILL AVERAGE INTO THE GPA
- STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN INDUSTRY BY CTE UNLESS YOU SET UP YOUR OWN - THEN JUST NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
- DEADLINE FOR SPRING SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS OCT. 1
- MUST COMMIT TO 8 HOURS A WEEK

Thank you for coming!

Counselors will be meeting with seniors in the
upcoming weeks

This presentation will be available on the Senior
page tomorrow morning