

Senior Parent Night

September 15, 2022

5:30 pm



Tonight's Topics

- Post Secondary Options
- Senior Conferences
- NCAA Next Steps
- College Application Process
 - Applications
 - Requesting Transcripts
 - Scholarship Search
 - Paying for College
 - Social Media



Post Secondary Planning

Post Secondary Options

- 4-Year College or University
- 2- Year College
 - University Transfer Program
 - 6- or 12-month Certificate Program
- Military
- Continue Pursuit full-time
- Work
- Trade School (Miller Motte , ECPI etc.)



Choosing Colleges/Universities

- What is a “good” school?
 - A “good” school meets your child’s interests academically, geographically, financially and social emotionally.
 - Has a variety of activities of interest for your child.
- To search in-state colleges and universities visit www.cfnc.org
 - College websites
 - Take virtual tours
 - And more



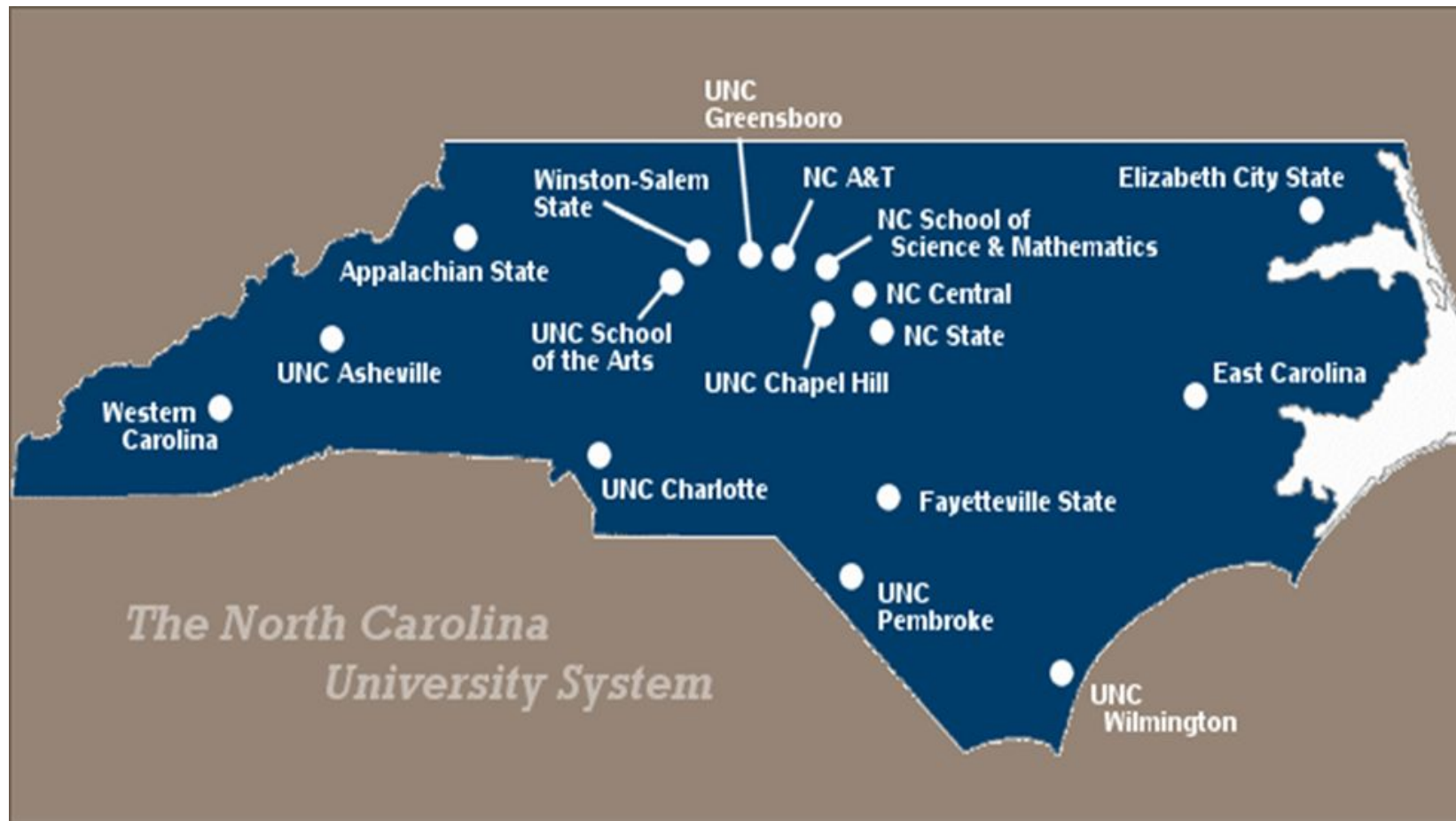
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Plan Your Future Apply to College Pay for College Save for College 🔍

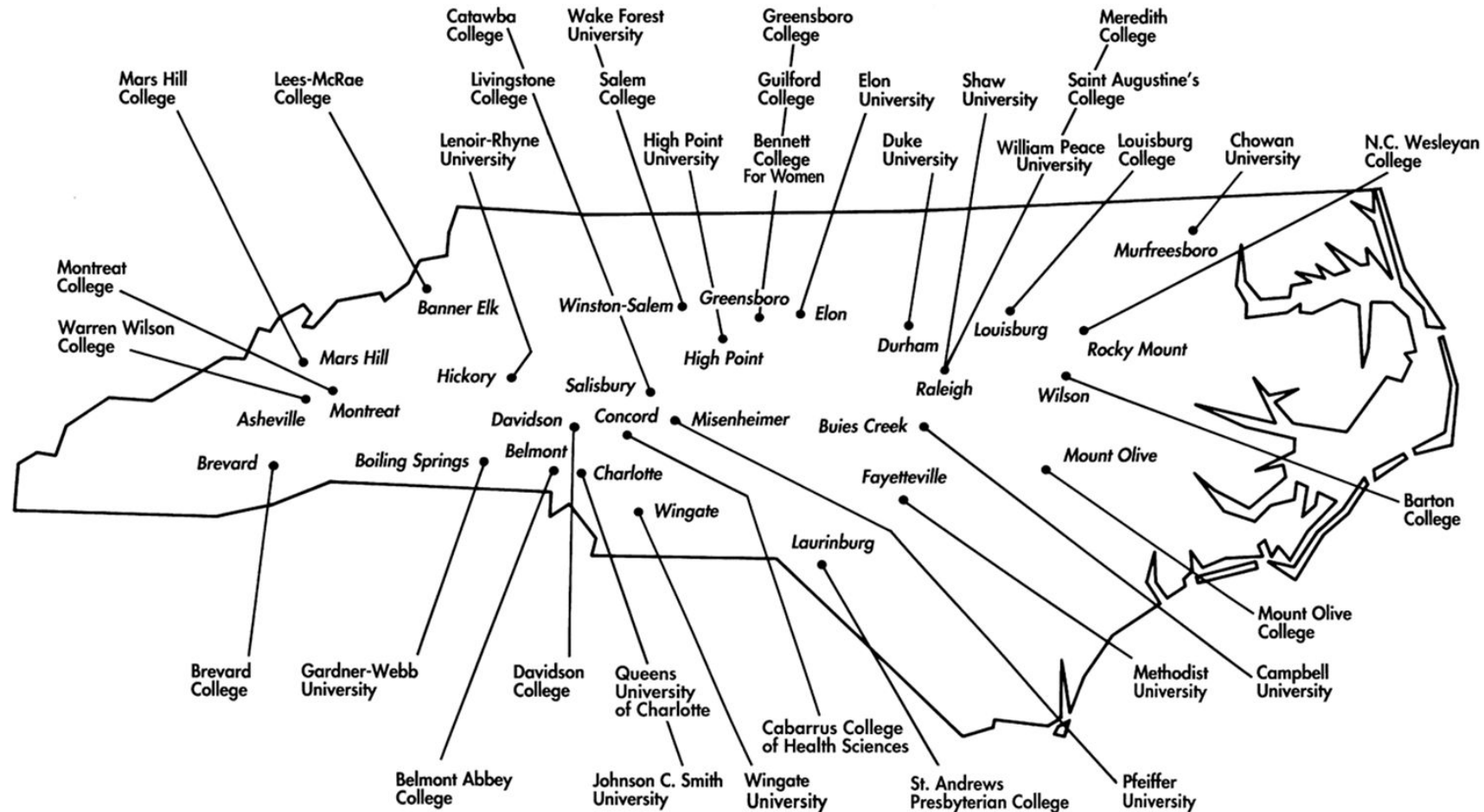
**“There is no
elevator to
success. You have
to take the stairs.”
— Zig Ziglar**



UNC System Colleges and Universities



NC independent Colleges and Universities





Applying to College

Which colleges/universities are a good match for my child?

Look at data on students previously accepted

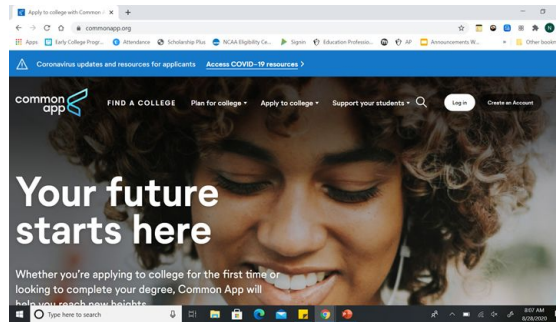
- Average and mid-range SAT/ACT scores
- Average GPA and GPA range
- UNC system data comparison

Think of college choices on a continuum: Safety- Target - Reach

- **Safety Schools** – almost certainly be admitted
- **Target Schools** – test scores, GPA are similar to those of the recent entering class
- **Reach Schools** – meet criteria but may not have the stellar qualifications of most first-year students

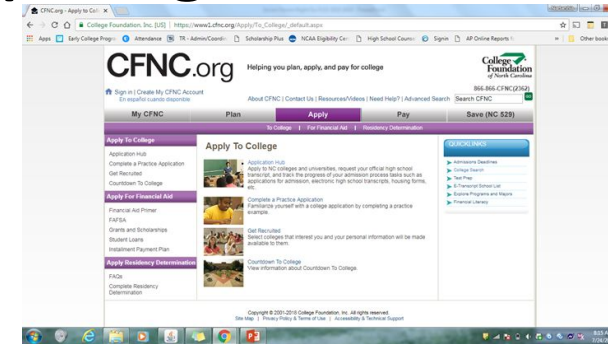
Methods of Applying to College

Common App



- Over 900 participating colleges and universities around the world
- [Commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)

CFNC (College Foundation Of NC)



- Apply to any North Carolina college, university or community college
- [Cfnc.org](https://cfnc.org)

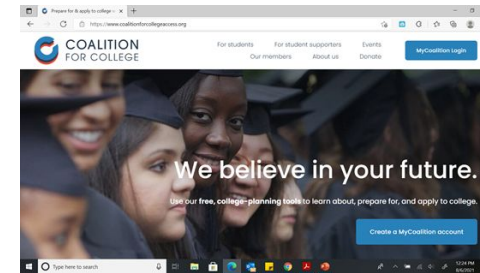
Methods of Applying to College

College Websites



- Apply directly via the college website.
- Click on “undergraduate admissions” and start your application there.

Coalition



- 150 colleges and universities use the Coalition
- To date there are 6 NC Schools who use the Coalition
- <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

The Five Components of College Applications



GRADES, COURSES
AND CURRICULUM



STANDARDIZED TEST



LETTERS OF
RECOMMENDATIONS



ACTIVITIES



ESSAYS

Types of Applications



Regular Decision

Most applications are due between January 1 and February 1. Decisions are received in March.

Early Action

Applications are typically due October 15 or mid-November, and decisions are released December/January. Students are not required to commit to a particular university until May 1. Many colleges require you to submit your application during Early Action window to be considered for university scholarships.

Early Decision

Students apply Early Decision Only use if they are 100% sure they are attending this school regardless of financial aid at other schools. Early decision is a plan where you may submit, your application early to one college, usually by October 15 of your senior year. You are notified of your status by December 1. This is a BINDING AGREEMENT As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission. You must also withdraw your application from other colleges if accepted under Early Decision. (Used by Duke, Elon, Wake Forest, etc.) Points to remember are the same as listed above in Early Action.

Rolling Admission

There are no application deadlines. Universities accept applications throughout the year. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. Students usually receive a decision within 4 to 6 weeks.

Standardized Testing



- Achievement test with reading, writing & language and math
- 3 hours in length
- Scored on a scale of 400-1600
- Register at www.collegeboard.org



- Achievement test with math, critical reading, science, and optional writing section
- 2 hours 55 minutes without writing section
- 3 hours 40 minutes with writing section
- Scored on a scale of 1-36
- Register at www.actstudent.org

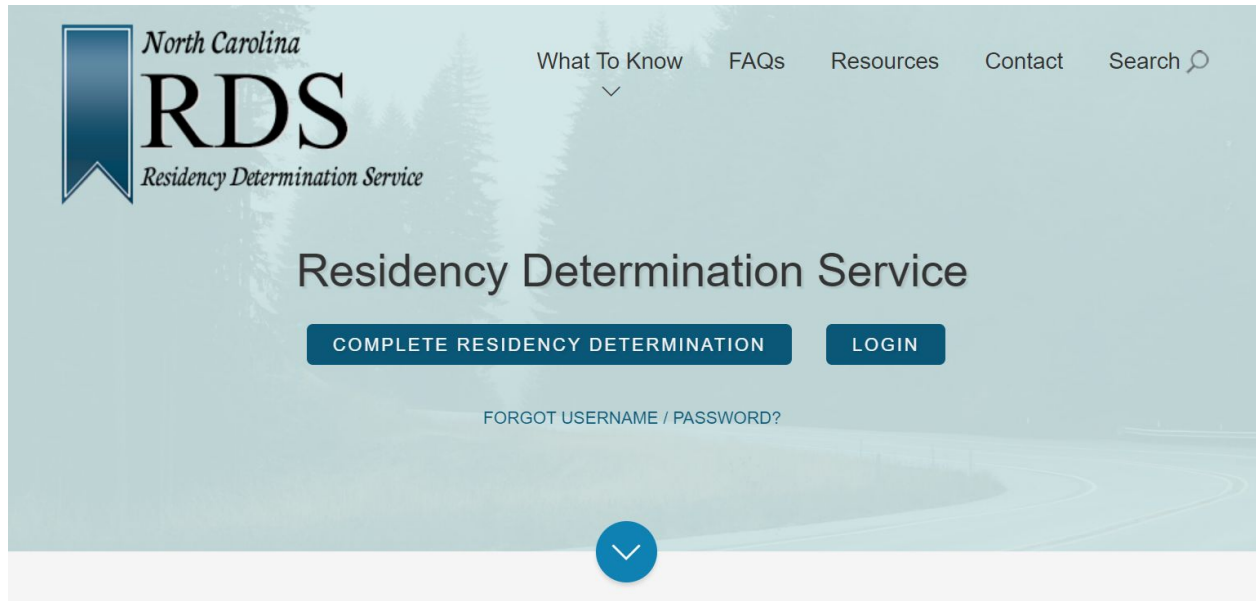
Test Optional, what does this mean?

Test optional for the Class of 2023

- Several colleges and universities have announced that they are going 'test optional'; meaning they will not require SAT and/or ACT test scores on student applications.
- More emphasis place on the applicants academic and extracurricular record.
- Academic criteria that will be reviewed include the student's grades in core academic courses, the rigor of a student's course selection as compared to what is offered in the school/community.
- UNC System universities will not require SAT and ACT test scores on students' applications for the spring, summer and fall 2023 sessions. The UNC System Board of Governors voted to extend test optional for the next admissions cycle because COVID-19 limited test-taking options for students.
- Universities state, "students should not feel any pressure to take standardized tests at this point. Scores submitted will only be used to enhance a student's application."
- [Test Optional Schools to date](#)

Community Colleges

- NC Community College System:
 - One of the largest systems of higher education in the nation with 58 comprehensive community colleges serving all 100 NC counties.
 - One within a 30-minute drive of all NC residents.
 - Lowest tuition in the Southeast Region – one of the lowest in the nation!
 - You may apply to the community college of your choice, regardless of your county of residence
 - Offers' Associate Degrees and Certificate Programs
 - Offers college transfer programs to 4-year colleges such as UNC C-STEP and NC State's' C3 .
- NC Community Colleges: <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/>



Residency Determination Services

- NC Residency Determination
 - Is required for all students considering and/or planning to attend any public college or university in North Carolina (2-year or 4-year).
- <https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/>

Transcripts

What is it?

- An official document that reflects academic progress throughout high school

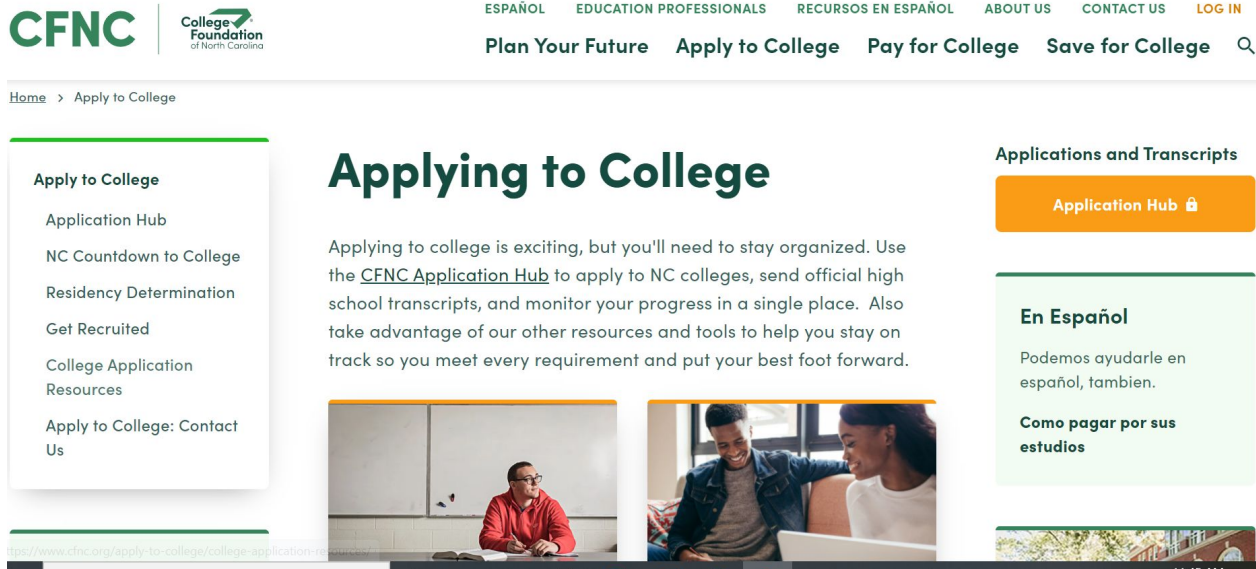
What's on it?

- Demographic Information
- Courses taken for High School Credit
- Grades
- GPA
- Class Rank

What's not on it?

- Extracurricular Activities
- Standardized Test Scores (ACT, SAT)
- **Transcripts will be available September 27th , 2022**

Requesting a Transcript



Common App

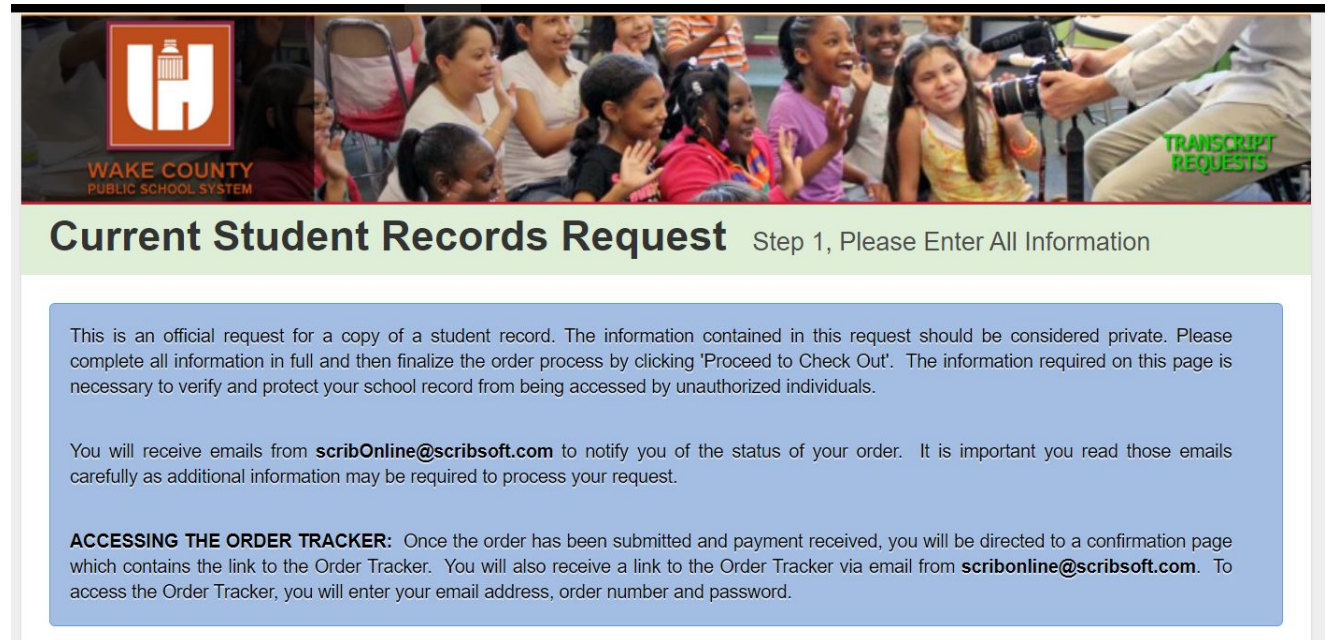
- If applying to a college or university via Common App, Ms. Sharpe will upload your transcript for you for free.

College Website

- If applying to an in-state college or university directly via their website, use CFNC.org to have your transcript sent electronically.
 - Go to www.cfnc.org
 - Log in to your CFNC account
 - Click on “Apply To College”
 - Click on “Application Hub”
 - Select “Request a Transcript”

Requesting a Transcript Continued

- Out of State College or University (non- Common App), Scholarship or Unofficial Transcript for Coaches
1. Go to <https://wcpss.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent>
 2. Follow the prompts
 3. The first three requests are free. There is a fee for each request thereafter.



WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

Current Student Records Request

Step 1, Please Enter All Information

This is an official request for a copy of a student record. The information contained in this request should be considered private. Please complete all information in full and then finalize the order process by clicking 'Proceed to Check Out'. The information required on this page is necessary to verify and protect your school record from being accessed by unauthorized individuals.

You will receive emails from **scribOnline@scribsoft.com** to notify you of the status of your order. It is important you read those emails carefully as additional information may be required to process your request.

ACCESSING THE ORDER TRACKER: Once the order has been submitted and payment received, you will be directed to a confirmation page which contains the link to the Order Tracker. You will also receive a link to the Order Tracker via email from **scribonline@scribsoft.com**. To access the Order Tracker, you will enter your email address, order number and password.

Paying for College

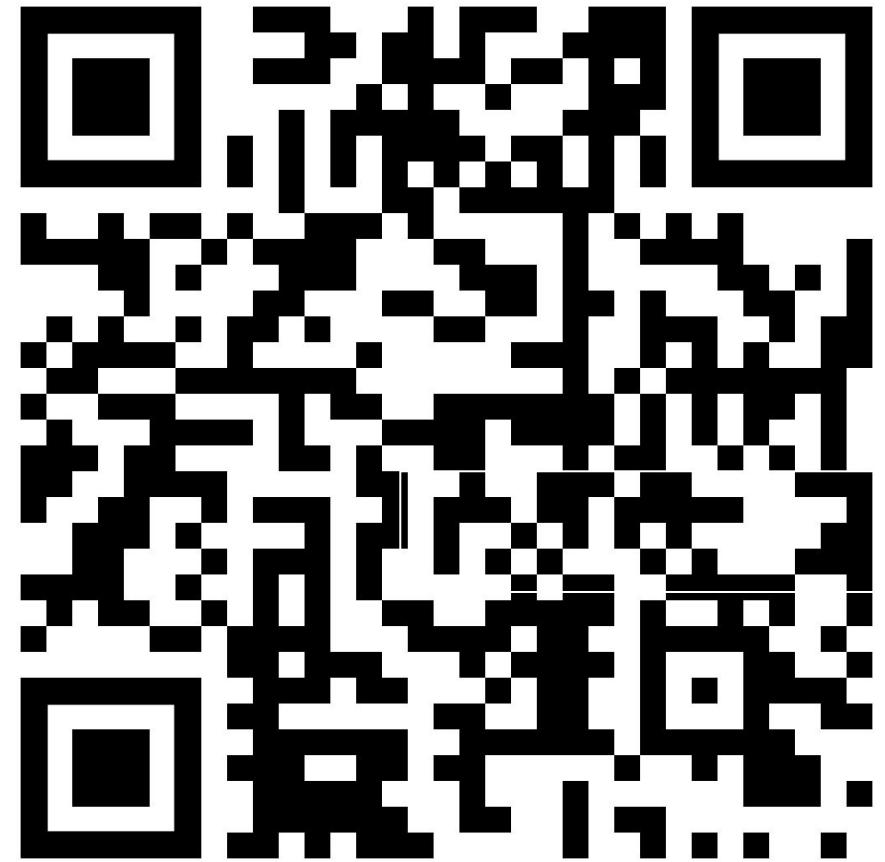


Ms. Moore

Crossroads Flex

Financial Aid Advisor

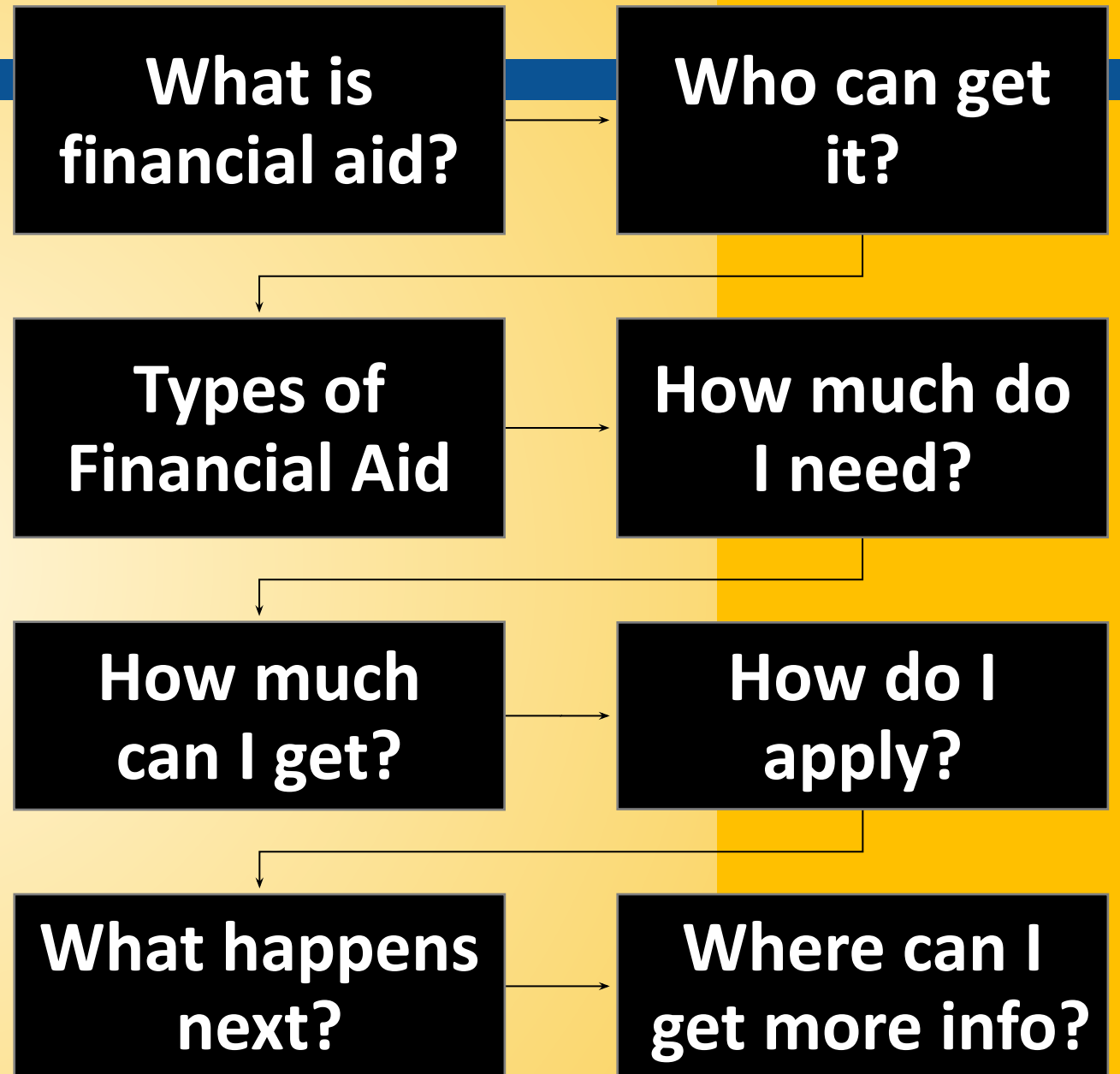
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**Google Meet appointments available on
Wednesdays 8am to 1pm.**

What will be presented?

A more detailed presentation is posted to Ms. Moore's website, on the FAQ page.



Financial Aid Resources

- **FAFSA** – <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
“Free Application for Federal Student Aid”
- **CSS Profile** – through CollegeBoard.org
- **College Foundation of N.C.** - www.cfnc.org
- **FastWeb** – <https://fastweb.com>
- **FinAid** - <https://finaid.org/>
- **Financial Aid Workshop** - *Date TBA*



EARLY BIRD

Students who file the FAFSA during the first three months tend to receive double the grants, on average, of students who file the FAFSA later.

Source: 10 Financial Aid Myths: What you don't know can cost you by Kathryn Flynn



To file the FAFSA, the student and one of his/her parents are required to use an FSA ID, made up of a username and password.

Create an FSA ID

- You can apply for an FSA ID at any time, you do not have to wait until October 1.
- If a parent has multiple children completing the FAFSA, the parent should use the same FSA ID for each child.
- Your FSA ID is used to sign legally binding documents electronically. It has the same legal status as a written signature.
- **Don't give your FSA ID to anyone or allow anyone to create an FSA ID for you—not even your parent, your child, or someone helping you fill out the FAFSA® form.** Sharing your FSA ID could put you at risk of identity theft!
- From the time you apply, it can take anywhere from **one to three days** to



Some colleges have their own forms. These forms must be filed according to the college's deadlines.

Chapel Hill, Elon, Wake Forest, Duke, Davidson



College Scholarship Service (CSS)

Profile

Multiple



**apply
now**

-
- "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
 - "You can't get this information anywhere else."
 - "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."
 - "We'll do all the work. You just pay a processing fee."
 - "The scholarship will cost some money."
 - "You've been selected" by a "national foundation" to receive a scholarship – or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered.



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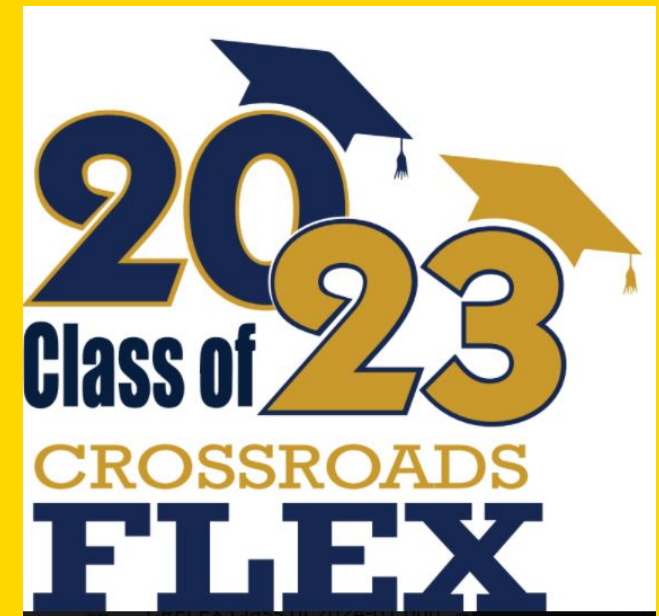
North Carolina

RDS

Residency Determination Service

Residency for tuition classification and State financial aid.

Helpful tips



 Get student involved in the process.

- Double check entered SSNs.
- Begin searching for outside scholarships now!
- DO NOT PAY for scholarship searches!
- DO NOT PAY to complete the FAFSA!
- Private Colleges are not always more expensive.
- Explain unusual circumstances to the Financial Office.
- Meet earliest deadline of colleges in which you are interested.
- Provide all information requested.

 Complete all questions accurately.

- Don't wait until you are admitted to file the FAFSA.
- Keep a copy of all documents for your records.



Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

[Start Here](#)

Returning User?

[Correct info](#) | [Add a school](#)

[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Can start completing on October 1, 2023 using your 2020 tax information
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Crossroads FLEX Financial Aid Counselor
 - ✓ Ms. Wanda More (wmoore@wcpss.net)
 - ✓ Available to meet with students and families via Google Meet or phone.



Apply with CSS Profile

Each year CSS Profile gives access to more than \$9 billion for thousands of undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

[Sign In to Fall 2021/Spring 2022](#)



Check participating Schools
and Scholarships



Learn how to apply



Completing the CSS Profile
for the Noncustodial Parent

CSS Financial Aid Profile

- Establishes eligibility for institutional aid at select colleges
- CSS Application

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

<https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>

Paying for College

Search sites such as:

- [College Board website](#)
- [WCPSS Scholarship Bulletin](#)
- [National Scholarship Search Service](#)
- [CFNC website](#)
- Check with
 - individual college websites
 - employers, parent employers, community and religious organizations
 - military benefits at American Legion and Veterans Affairs
- Remember, if they are asking you to pay a fee or to provide your social security number, it is a scam!



Please keep up with scholarship offers so that you can share them with me in the Spring.

The district asks that we report the total amount of scholarship dollars offered to our Senior Class each school year.



Eligibility Center

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Login](#)

[? Help](#)

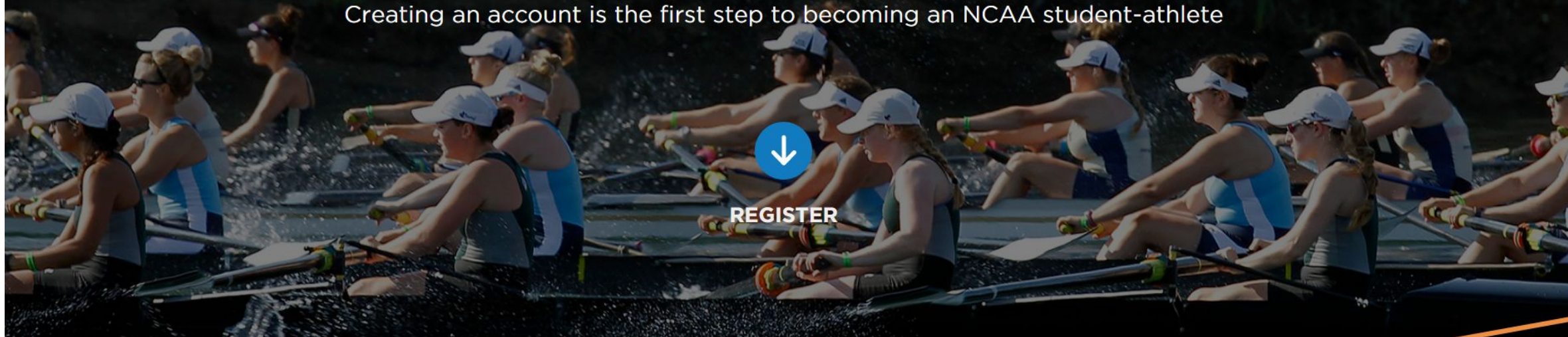
[High School Administrators](#)

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER



If your child plans to play collegiate sports

- Be sure your son/daughter has:
 - A current NCAA account
 - Has selected Crossroads FLEX High School as their current high school
 - Has shared their NCAA number with prospective colleges
 - Must send SAT scores directly from College Board; use code 9999
 - Everyone expecting to play sports at the college level must register





Senior Meetings

Will be held **September 22nd – Oct 5th** . At the meeting we will:

- Review your child's transcript
- Review your child's graduation requirements
- Discuss post-secondary plans
- New Class Rankings **will be available September 27th, 2022**
- You will be able to send your transcript to the universities you are applying to **after September 27, 2022**
- To send your transcript you will use:
 - [CFNC](#) – for instate colleges and universities
 - [SCRIB Order](#)- for out-of-state colleges and universities

CFNC Countdown to College Month

October 17-21, 2022

Many private colleges waive their application fee during this week.

Some public colleges waive their fee this week as well.



Social Media

- Review all accounts to ensure that photos, captions, stories and posts are appropriate.
- Check all photos that they have been “tagged” in to make sure all items in the photo are age appropriate.
- Review your email address. Is it business appropriate?
- <https://www.wral.com/applying-to-college-admissions-officers-may-be-checking-you-out-on-social-media/17722808/>
- <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2019-08-22/why-colleges-look-at-students-social-media-accounts>



Senioristis

- Is defined as “decreased motivation towards studies displayed by students nearing the end of their high school matriculation.”
- Symptoms include procrastination, slowness, and apathy regarding schoolwork
- It happens to some degree to all seniors.
- Remember, they have worked hard for thirteen years, they can see the finish line and they are ready for a break.
- The key to combatting this?
 - Encouragement! Encouragement! Encouragement!



What Honors can we earn as Seniors?

WCPSS has adopted the Latin Honors system based on your weighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) from the end of 1st semester senior year.

Cum Laude

- Students with a 3.75 - 3.99 weighted GPA

Magna Cum Laude

- Students with a 4.0 - 4.249 weighted GPA

Summa Cum Laude

- Students with a 4.25 or higher weighted GPA

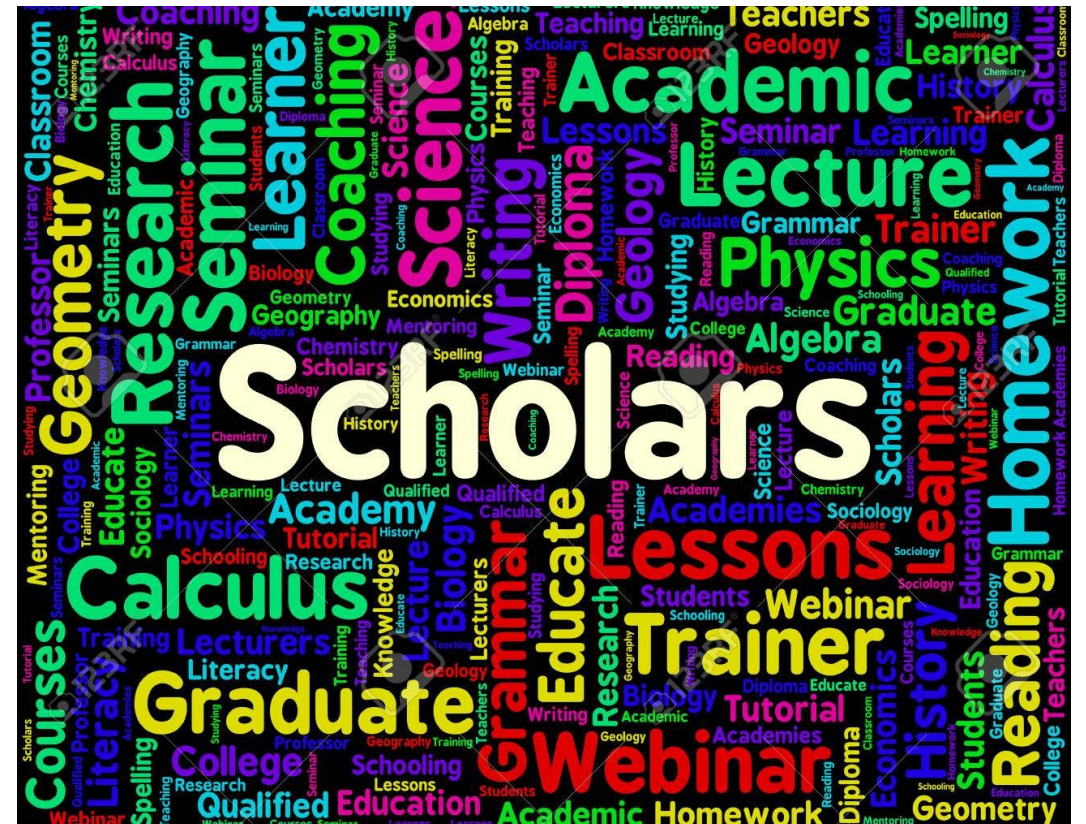
Students will receive their stole for graduation with this distinction at graduation rehearsal as well as a notation on the graduation program.

What is the North Carolina Academic Scholars Endorsement?

North Carolina Academic Scholars Endorsement applies to students who complete the requirements for this academically challenging high school program are named North Carolina Academic Scholars and receive special recognition.

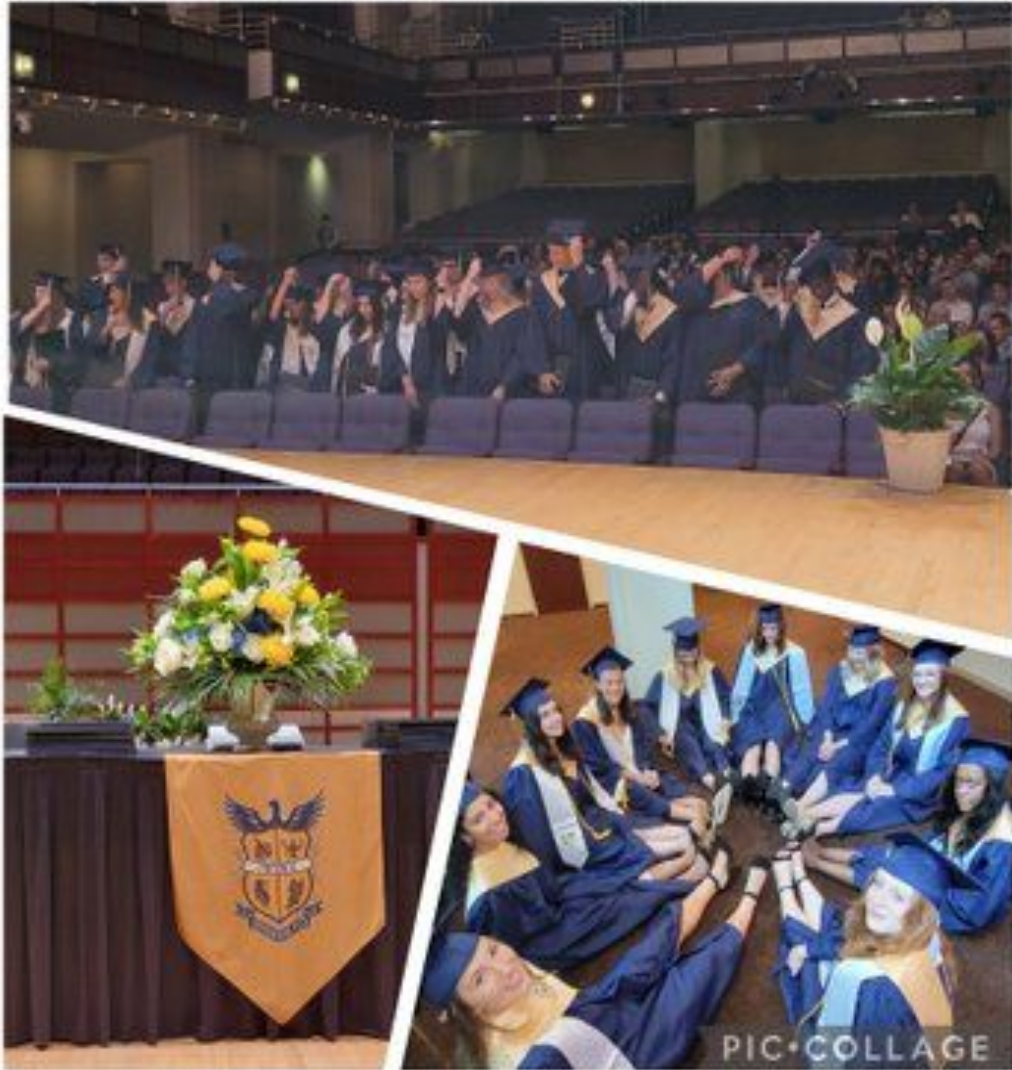
Students must:

- ☐ Have an overall four-year unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- ☐ Complete all requirements for a North Carolina high school diploma.
- ☐ and...



➤ Complete all the requirements of the North Carolina Academic Scholars Program (see chart below)

Content Area	Credits	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, IV
Math	4	NC Math I, II, III, and a higher-level math course with NC Math 3 as a prerequisite
Science	3	Physics or Chemistry, Biology, and Earth/Environmental Science
Social Studies	4	<p>Graduation Requirements for those entering between 2014-15 and 2019-20: World History, American History I & II, and American History: Founding Principles, Civics, & Economics</p> <p>Graduation Requirements for those who entered 9th grade in 2020-21: World History, an American History course, A Founding Principles course (either Civics & Economics or Civic Literacy), Economics and Personal Finance</p> <p>Projected Graduation Requirements for those who enter 9th grade in 2021-22: World History, Civic Literacy, American History, Economics & Personal Finance</p>
Healthful Living	1	Healthful Living I
Electives	6	Two (2) elective credits in a second language required for the UNC System; Four (4) elective credits constituting a concentration recommended from one of the following: Career & Technical Education (CTE), JROTC, Arts Education, Second Languages, and other subject areas
	3	Three higher level courses taken during the junior and/or senior years which carry 4.5 or 5 quality points such as: AP/IB, Dual enrollment or college equivalent courses, online courses, other hors or above designation courses
	or	
	2	Two higher level courses taken during the junior and/or senior years which carry 4.5 or 5 quality points such as: AP/IB, Dual enrollment or college equivalent courses, online courses, other hors or above designation courses AND Completion of the NC Graduation Project
Total Credits		25 or 24+ NCGP



Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal

June 5, 2023

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Duke Energy Center for the Performing
Arts-Meymandi Concert Hall

2 E South Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

A low-angle photograph of graduates in black gowns and caps, throwing their caps into the air against a clear blue sky. The graduates are in the foreground, looking up with joyful expressions. Their caps are scattered across the upper half of the frame.

Graduation

Tentatively scheduled
June 12, 2023

More details are forthcoming.

(Subject to change based on state
and district guidance regarding
COVID)



Senior Items

Cap and Gown /Senior Products order information

Senior Packet given out at Senior Brunch. See Ms. Sharpe if you did not receive one.

Cap and Gown memorabilia orders will continue until the Spring and distribution of your items ordered will be in Spring of 2022.

Further information can be found at
www.Jostens.com



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.

Yearbooks can be ordered directly from Jostens by going to Jostens.com. and entering Crossroads Flex as school. Cost is \$50 if ordered by September 30th. Prices will increase as we get closer to the end of the year. Save \$15 by ordering early.

Senior Ads

If you are interested in creating a Senior Ad for your student to appear in the yearbook, please complete this form: [Senior Ad Submission](#) Form

Senior Quotes

Later in the year, your students will be asked to submit their desired quote for the yearbook. Many students use well-known quotes of people they admire, but they are also welcome to create their own, unique sayings. All quotes should be school-appropriate and when applicable, have the proper attributions. You may want to consider talking to your Seniors about possible quotes they may want to consider to make sure the selected quotes are the best representations of the students.

Senior Dues

- All Seniors are required to pay a Senior Graduation Fee to help offset costs associated with graduation and other senior events during the year. These fees will apply to the diploma, graduation stage décor, graduation program, the senior reception & recognition certificates, and the senior picnic activities & décor.
- The fee will be **\$40.00** for the 2022-2023 school year. Dues may be submitted using the [Online School Payment](#) portal. (OSP may charge a small upcharge of $\approx 4\%$). Seniors may also pay their dues on campus at the front desk.

SENIOR
PAID
DUES

As the parent/guardian what do I need to remember ?

- Remember:
 - Celebrate that you are the proud parent of a senior in high school!
 - Encourage and support your child even more this year.
 - Know that they are nervous about their next step in life.
 - They are concerned with:
 - Whether or not they are “good enough” to get into a particular college
 - Moving away from home
 - Meeting new people and finding new friends
 - Responsibilitiesgetting up on their own, talking to professors, scheduling time to do their homework, getting along with a stranger (roommate), etc.
- Have your son or daughter schedule their Senior Interview with Ms. Sharpe and plan to attend if you can. If not, we can conference call you in to be a part of the process.
- College applications are a process; think marathon, not a sprint!



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Make sure your child is currently working on their college applications.
- If your child is considering attending college in North Carolina, be sure to complete the RDS process.
- Be sure your child has completed their Senior Brag Sheet
- Ask your child if s/he has scheduled their Senior Conference with Ms. Sharpe. Parents are invited to join. Conferences will be held both face-to-face and via Google Meet.
- Keep up with all scholarship offers to your child as Ms. Sharpe will request that information in the Spring to compile the total scholarship award for Crossroads FLEX Class of 2023!
- Be sure to pay Senior Dues (for graduation fees, senior events etc.)



