

SOARING THROUGH JUNIOR YEAR



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Class of 2027**ACTION REQUIRED**

As of 2020, state law mandates that ALL seniors must have their second Meningitis vaccination before they begin their senior year.

Please submit a copy of your immunizations, showing the Meningitis vaccinations, via email to: yssanders@wcpss.net or drop off in the main office.

This proof must be received from each rising senior BEFORE the first day of your senior year.

Today's Objectives

- x Student Services Overview
- x Graduation Requirements
- x Preparing for Senior Year
- x College Planning
- x WTCC Reminders
- x 2026-2027 Course Registration
- x Next Steps





Meet the Team



Tracy Taylor
Dean of Students
(Hablo español)



Stacy Davidson
Counselor A - L



Rossy Garcia
Counselor M - Z
(Hablo español)



Student Services

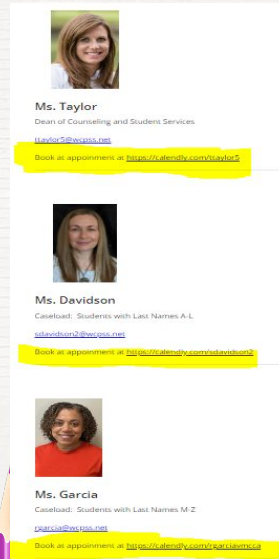


How to make an appointment...

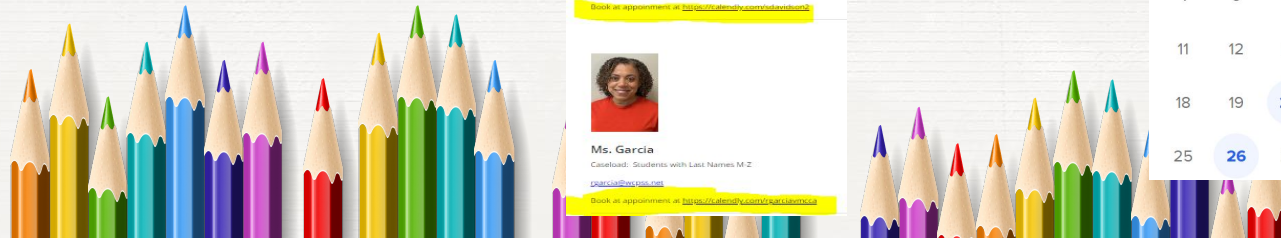
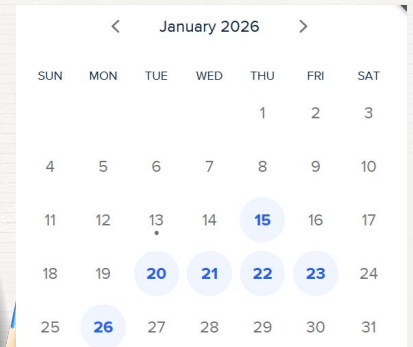
1. Visit Student Life → Student Services page of the VMCCA website.



2. Click the Calendly link under your School Counselor's name.



3. Click a date with a blue dot and fill out the info. You will get a confirmation email.



Graduation Requirements

English 4 credits

- ★ English I
- ★ English II
- ★ English III/AP Language
- ★ English IV/AP Literature

Math 4 credits

- ★ Math 1
- ★ Math 2
- ★ Math 3
- ★ Math 4 (or any upper level math)

Science 3 credits

- ★ Earth & Environmental Science/AP Environmental Science
- ★ Biology
- ★ Physical Science/Chemistry/Physics

Social Studies 4 credits

- ★ World History
- ★ Civic Literacy
- ★ American History/AP US History
- ★ Economics & Personal Finance

Health/PE 1 credit

- ★ Healthful Living

Electives 6 credits

- ★ 2 credits required in same area
 - World Language
 - Fine Arts
 - Career & Tech Education (CTE)



22 Credits Total



College & Career Ready (CCR) Recognition

School Goal- 95% of graduates will be classified as CCR in at least 5 of the following:

- 2.5 weighted GPA
- Minimum SAT 930 or ACT 17
- Score 3 or higher on 3 or more EOCs
- 2 high school credits of World Language (courses taken in MS for HS credit count)
- Silver or higher on WorkKeys exam
- 3 or more college/university transfer courses with grade of C or higher
 - ◆ AP courses, BIO 110, 5th period
- 2 or more CTE credentials
 - ◆ Ex. OSHA, Microsoft Excel, Python, etc.
- 10 or fewer unexcused absences per semester of Junior & Senior years
- Community Engagement (40+ Hours)
- Internship/Clinical/Salon/Employment (120+ Hours)
- Completion of WTCC Program Area



Community Engagement 40+ Hours

- **Volunteer Hours (school-related & community)**
- **Participation in SkillsUSA**
- **Field Trips (education based)**
- **Leadership/Community Conferences/Panel Participation**

Students will now submit hours here:





Preparing for Senior year

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Post-Secondary Plans

- ✗ **Career Development Coordinator - Mr. Baldwin**
 - Career exploration / internships
- ✗ **Grade 13**
 - Pursue a 5th year at VMCCA and attend WTCC tuition free
 - WTCC courses must be in your program area
 - Students who take advantage of 5th period classes, summer courses, and Grade 13, may be able to earn an associates degree in their program area
- ✗ **Community College - Wake Tech**
 - Open admission policy
 - College transfer program
- ✗ **College/University**
 - Start exploring a range of colleges - develop a list
 - Big Future and CFNC great resources for developing college list
 - **SAT/ACT – Scores required if weighted GPA between 2.5-2.8. Above 2.8, optional to report**
 - All Juniors will take ACT on March 11th- those scores can be submitted.
- ✗ **College Visits**
 - One of the best ways to see if a college is a good fit for you
 - Many colleges provide virtual tour videos, can be helpful if not able to visit in-person
- ✗ **Summer Plans**
 - Consider summer programs, volunteer opportunities, and/or work





Factors Considered in College Admissions

★ Academic Performance

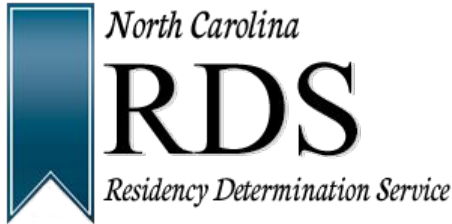
- Academic rigor
- GPA/Class Rank
- Test scores (if submitted)

★ Personal Characteristics

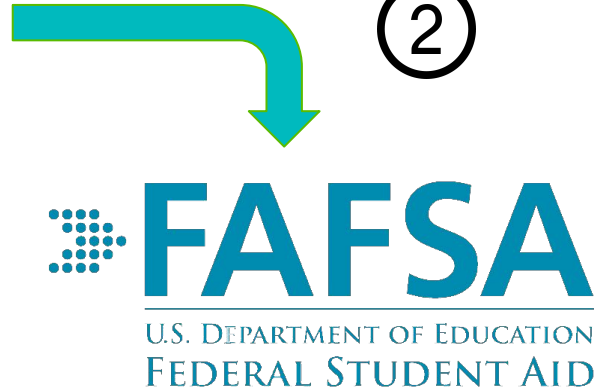
- Essays
- Extracurricular Activities (including work)
 - Leadership, volunteering
- Recommendation Letters

Components of college application process

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OR



How to apply to college using the Common App



Do NOT begin Common App until after August 1st.

 **NC College Connect**

College admission in North Carolina just got easier.

Seniors with a weighted GPA of 2.8 and above, you're already admitted to college. And juniors, you're well on your way.*

YOUR MOMENT HAS ARRIVED, AND THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IT HEAD ON. With NC College Connect, you can be directly admitted to participating colleges and universities where you already meet admissions requirements. No essays, test scores, or recommendation letters needed. Yes, it's that easy.

Seniors—if you had a 2.8 weighted GPA at the end of your junior year and meet NC College Connect requirements, you're already in! Not a senior just yet? You could be eligible for this program next year!

NC College Connect is a program that directly admits North Carolina public high school seniors to participating UNC System universities, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and their local North Carolina community college where they already meet admissions requirements.

College Planning Resources

[CFNC Next Step Program](#)

Next Step Program Overview

January through June 2026

If you're a high school junior or parent/guardian of a junior, it's almost time for Next Step 2026! Next Step helps juniors take action toward their next step after graduation, and enables parents/guardians and educators to support them along the way.

[CFNC Finding the right college handout link](#)

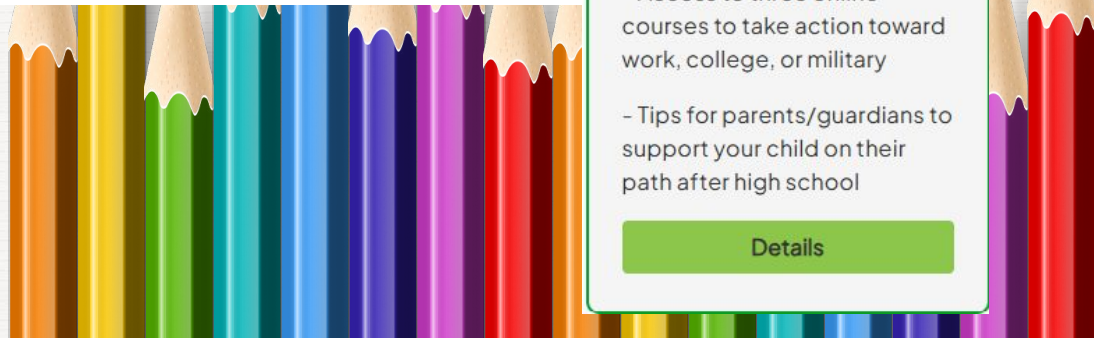


Students and Parents/Guardians

Why Next Step?

- Get ahead before your busy senior year
- Easy way to share your contact information with NC colleges, if you're interested
- Access to three online courses to take action toward work, college, or military
- Tips for parents/guardians to support your child on their path after high school

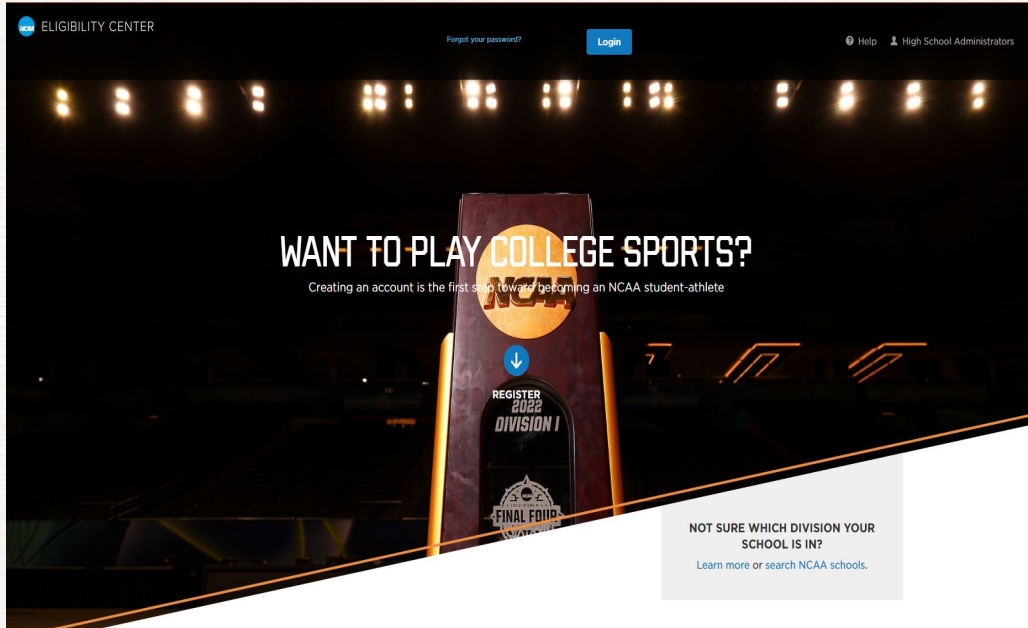
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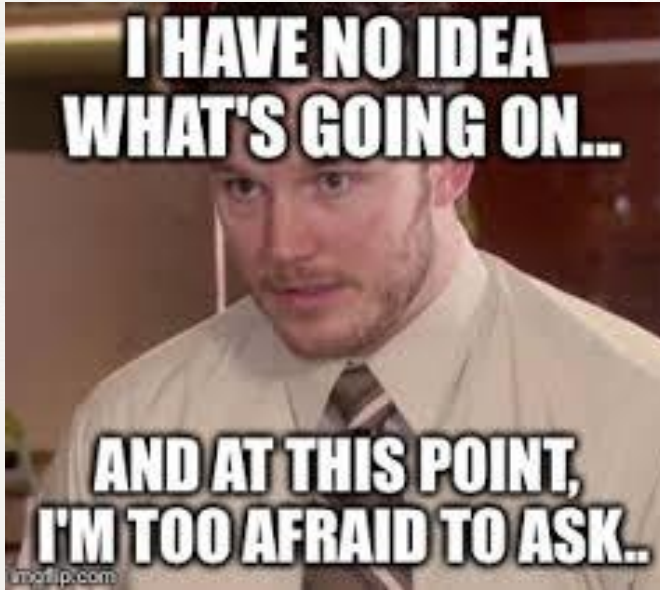


Division I & II College Athletes

Register with NCAA Eligibility Center - \$110 fee

- Fee waiver available for those who qualify - contact Mrs. Taylor
- Notify **Mrs. Taylor** if you apply so she can upload your transcript





Questions so far?



Course Registration

2026-2027 School Year



WTCC courses - Reminders



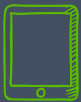
- ✗ **During Senior year, you will have either 1 or 2 WTCC classes per semester.**
 - WE has 1 class period per semester
 - BP, NA, FMT, SGD, and COS have 2 class periods per semester
- ✗ **Students are expected to attend at least 90% of all scheduled class meetings.**
 - If absences exceed 10%, instructor will submit a withdrawal form to WTCC Registration and Records.
 - If withdrawn after the 10th day of VMCCA/WCPSS classes, the grade will reflect as a WF.
 - WF = Withdraw Failing (Zero GPA quality points)
- ✗ **WTCC GPA**
 - Enrollment in your WTCC Program area marks the beginning of your college GPA and transcript.
 - If your WTCC GPA drops below a 2.0, you will **NOT** be eligible for financial aid **after high school graduation.**
- ✗ **Stay connected**
 - It is essential for students to check both WCPSS student email and WTCC email.
 - During senior year regular communication will be shared via WCPSS student email.

5th Period

Fall	Spring
ENG 111 - Writing and Inquiry	PSY 150 - General Psychology
HUM 110 - Technology and Society	COM 120 - Intro to Interpersonal Communication

- ★ Juniors and seniors may enroll in up to 2 dual-enrollment courses per year (one each semester)
- ★ Minimum GPA 2.2 (2.8 for ENG 111)
- ★ Final grade of C or above, college transfer credit
- ★ AP-equivalent quality points toward high school GPA

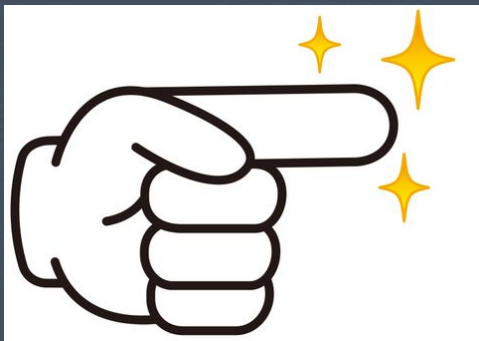




Ms. Gina Beaudry

Director of Career &
Technical Education
Partnership

WTCC



Schedule an appointment -
gvbeaudry@waketech.edu



Registration Instructions




1. Review credit check sheet.
2. Write your first and last name and your counselor's name where indicated at top of your course selection sheet form.
 - a. Davidson - Last names A - L
 - b. Garcia - Last names M - Z
3. Check your WTCC Program area.
4. Check off your remaining GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS courses (based on credit check sheet).
5. **Then**, select the number of elective courses along that correspond to your WTCC Program area. **Total of 4 or 6 WCPSS courses (core and electives)**
 - a. Two (2) credits of the same foreign language is highly encouraged for 4-year colleges/universities, but not required to graduate.
6. **Lastly**, select 2 alternate courses (elective courses) by writing "A" on the line.
7. **Discuss - Talk with your teachers about their recommendations for your course selections if you are unsure.**



Modified Schedule info

Key points

- Must have at least one WCPSS course each semester
- Must provide transportation
- Cannot be on campus or stay on campus during modified class period(s)
- Student responsibility to verify athletic eligibility
- Form required - turn in ASAP
- Not guaranteed - based on course offerings, class sizes, & grad requirements

 VMCCA Modified Schedule Agreement

INSTRUCTIONS - Complete this form if your rising senior will be registering for fewer than 8 courses. Student Services does not recommend Modified Schedules for students who plan to attend a 4-year college immediately after graduation.

Student's Legal Name _____

PowerSchool#	Grade Level	STUDENT'S Phone Number - In case there are scheduling questions () -
1st Semester* ____ 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th		2nd Semester* ____ 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th

*Check all period(s) you want to be off campus. *Check all period(s) you want to be off campus.

Modified Schedule is a privilege given to SENIORS by the principal. This form must be submitted prior to the 10th day of academic classes for the semester. This form DOES NOT guarantee a modified schedule. The student and parent must agree to the following terms.

Parent Initials	Student Initials	Comments
		Modified Schedule is a privilege and can be revoked (Wake Tech Program area classes cannot be dropped).
		Students MUST have at least two classes (1 must be a WCPSS class) per semester to be considered full time.
		Students CANNOT be on VMCCA's campus when not scheduled for a class. Students must leave campus immediately once they have completed the last scheduled class OR arrive on campus at the start of the first class of the day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who are on campus when they are not scheduled for a class will have their modified schedule revoked.
		Students must provide their own transportation to school - either personal vehicle or carpool. Students who ride the bus (to and from school) CANNOT have a modified schedule.
		The student and parent/guardian understand that the school is no longer liable for the student once they leave campus.
		The student waives the right to take a full schedule and has verified with their counselor that they will be able to fulfill ALL graduation requirements with a modified schedule.
		It is the student's responsibility to determine whether a modified schedule will affect admission to a particular college/university.
		Student drivers: NC State law requires students under 18 to pass at least 70% of the coursework each term. Students with reduced course load who fail any course will not meet this standard.
		All athletes must pass 3 classes each semester in order to maintain athletic eligibility.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Signature of Student	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
INTERNAL USE / COMMENTS:	
Signature of Counselor/Principal	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) ____ Approved ____ Denied

[Modified Schedule Agreement Form](#)



Next steps....

1. Talk with teachers about course recommendations.
2. Review Course Registration with parents/caregivers.
3. Have your Course Selection Sheet ready at individual meetings with counselor. Individual conferences with school counselor begin the week of February 2nd.
 - a. If we have snow days next week, you can book a Google Meet with your School Counselor.
4. ACT - March 11
 - a. Bootcamp - Feb. 24 & 25



Questions?