

# Senior Quick Reference Guide

## SAT/ACT TESTING:

- Register for the **SAT** and send official scores to colleges: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Register for the **ACT** and send official scores to colleges: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**\*\*\*UNC System Schools update - Effective Fall 2025, students with a weighted GPA between 2.5 and less than 2.8 must submit SAT or ACT scores. Students with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or higher have the option to submit these scores.\*\*\***

## APPLYING TO COLLEGE:

- **College/University Admissions Websites**
- **Common Application:** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- **CFNC:** [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)

### **Resources Include:**

- Access Free SAT/ACT test prep
- Explore colleges, careers and potential majors
- Learn about financial aid and scholarships
- Residency Determination Number (RDN): [ncresidency.org](http://ncresidency.org)

## **Supplemental Material for Applications:**

- **Counselor Recommendations/Secondary School Reports:** If an application is requesting a counselor statement and you are applying electronically, put your assigned counselor's email address in the online application. If the college requires a paper copy of the counselor recommendation, you will need to provide the form for the counselor to complete. Please make sure that you complete all "student sections" of the form prior to giving it to your counselor. **Please send your counselor report request and complete the senior google form at least 3 weeks prior to any deadline. However, keep in mind that we counselors can submit our recommendations/reports after students' deadlines.**
- **Teacher Recommendations:** Counselors do not keep up with teacher recommendations. You will need to provide your teachers with enough time for them to complete them for you. Allow **at least 3 weeks** prior to any deadline you are trying to meet. We suggest that you provide your teachers with a copy of your resume upon requesting their recommendations.
- **Common App Questions**
  - Graduation Date: **June 2026**
  - Graduating Class Size: **see updated transcript in late-September**
  - Class Rank Reporting: **Exact**
  - GPA Reporting Scale: **4.0**
  - Rank Weighting: **Weighted**
  - GPA Weighting: **Weighted**
  - Current or Most Recent Year Courses > "Please select the course scheduling system your institution is using": **Semester**
  - Current or Most Recent Year Courses > Course Schedule: **Select the semester (First or Second) you are taking the course**
  - For completed courses (if required): Grading Scale: **1-100**
  - For completed courses (if required): Schedule: **Yearly**

**SENIOR RANK:** Seniors are officially ranked various times during their senior year. The first time will be at the end of September, which is when you can begin to request transcripts for college applications. The second time will be late January to include first semester grades for mid-year transcripts requested by colleges. In late June a final ranking will be done in order to send final transcripts to colleges.

**SENIOR HONORS:** awards honors designations based on the Latin Academic Honor System. There are three distinct categories for eligibility: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude.

- **Cum Laude:** graduating with “honor” by earning a cumulative GPA ranging from 3.75-3.99
- **Magna Cum Laude:** graduating with “great honor” by earning a cumulative GPA ranging from 4.0-4.249
- **Summa Cum Laude:** graduating with “highest honor” by earning a cumulative GPA of 4.25 and higher

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- **Scholarship Newsletter:** Updated monthly, it is available starting in September on our Student Services webpage. It includes a list of other scholarship resources as well as information on school-nominated scholarships offered by various organizations. To apply for a school-nominated scholarship, please check our Scholarship Newsletter.
- Please report scholarships using the Scholarship Reporting google form on the Senior Canvas website as you receive them. This form will be available until Mid-May 2026.

### **FINANCIAL AID:**

- **FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid):** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Opens October 1st, 2025
- **Financial Aid Advisor:** You may schedule an appointment with Mrs. Linda Brannan, our Financial Aid Advisor, in the following ways:
  - Monday's - 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting only using Google Meet.
  - Wednesday's - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in person at the school or virtual meeting using Google Meet.
- You can find Mrs. Brannan's appointment link under Student Life→Student Services→Preparing for College/Career

### **HEADED TO WORK:**

Career Development Coordinator: Mr. Katsuleris

- Career Assessments, Internships and Job Shadowing
- [mkatsuleris@wcpss.net](mailto:mkatsuleris@wcpss.net)

### **HEADED TO THE MILITARY:**

Career Development Coordinator: Mr. Katsuleris

- ASVAB - Test at school or contact a military recruiter