

Welcome to Sophomore/Junior Night

**Thursday, November 2, 2023
6:00 pm**





Meet Your Administrators



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Principal



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Principal



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Assistant Principal



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Assistant Principal



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Student Services Website

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WAKE TECH CCP

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OF COLLABORATIVE DESIGN

Phone: (919) 217-5350 x 1

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<https://khscdstudentservices.weebly.com/>

How to make an appointment

- To schedule an appointment with your counselor, visit the scheduling link on the team directory website.

<https://khscdstudentservices.weebly.com/team-directoryappointments.html>



Graduation Requirements

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Courses</u>
English	4: English I, II, III/AP Language, IV/AP Literature
Mathematics	4: Math 1, 2, 3, 4 <i>OR</i> Pre-Calculus
Social Studies	4: World History, Civics Literacy (AP Government and Politics), American History (AP US History) and Economics & Personal Finance
Science	3: Earth/ Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry <i>OR</i> Physical Science
Health/ Physical Education	1: Healthful Living I
Electives	10: *2 Foreign Language credits (same language) if applying to a 4-year college/university

Total Credits: 26

Wake Tech Career and College Promise Program

Allows eligible high school students to earn college credit for **FREE!**



Wake Tech CCP website:

<https://www.waketech.edu/admissions-aid/career-and-college-promise>

Wake Tech CCP Pathways

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

Leads to a certificate or diploma aligned with a high school Career Cluster. It is designed for high school students who want to work toward the completion of a credential before graduating from high school. Please contact CCP staff with any questions on what is needed for these pathways and courses.

College Transfer (CT) Pathway

Designed for high school juniors and seniors who wish to begin earning college credit towards our [University Transfer](#) degree programs- Associate in Arts, Associate in Engineering, Associate in Science or Associate in Fine Arts. These are intended to be for eventual transfer to a four-year college or university. The pathway includes courses prescribed in the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement with UNC System member institutions.

Wake Tech CCP Career and Technical (CTE) Pathway

To be eligible to enroll as a Freshman or Sophomore:

1. Be a high school freshman or sophomore
2. Have the recommendation and rationale of the high school principal or his/her designee
3. Grade of C or better in Math I, EOC score of 3, 4, or 5 for Math I, **and** EOG score of 3, 4, or 5 for 8th grade ELA Assessment; **or** demonstrate college readiness on an approved assessment in English, Reading, and Math



Wake Tech CCP Career and Technical (CTE) Pathway

To be eligible to enroll as a Junior or Senior:

1. Be a high school junior or senior
2. Have an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or better on high school courses; or demonstrate college readiness on an approved assessment in English, Reading, and Math or have the recommendation and rationale of the high school principal/designee if GPA does not meet requirement.



Wake Tech College Transfer (CT) Pathway

To be eligible to enroll as a Freshman or Sophomore:

1. Be a high school freshman or sophomore; **and**
2. Be identified as gifted by local AIG plan in English/Reading and Math; **or** aptitude **and** achievement test scores for English, Reading, and Math (92nd to 99th percentiles) in the Mental Measurements Yearbook published by the Buros Institute of Mental Measurements; **and**
3. Demonstrate college readiness in English, Reading, and Math on an approved assessment; **and**
4. Receive recommendation (verifying maturity to enroll) of high school principal (or equivalent administrator) via memo; **and**
5. Receive written consent of the student's parent/guardian via memo; **and**
6. Receive mandatory academic advising prior to course registration

Wake Tech College Transfer (CT) Pathway

To be eligible to enroll as a Junior or Senior:

1. Be a high school junior or senior, and
2. Have an unweighted GPA of 2.8 on high school courses; or
3. Demonstrate college readiness in English, Reading, and Math on an approved assessment



Wake Tech CCP Continuation

For continuation in the program:

To maintain eligibility for continued enrollment, a student must:

1. Continue to progress toward high school graduation: and
2. Maintain a GPA of 2.0 in college coursework after completing two courses.



CCP Enrollment

First step: Student views online mandatory information session.

Next, students begin CCP Enrollment Online:



- CCP Application (received via email) Once this is submitted, you will receive a link for EV form.
- Eligibility Verification (EV) Form
 - Signatures -Students will be required to put the **name and email** of their designated parent and appropriate staff member on the EV Form for e-Signature.
 - (9th & 10th grade – krichardson@wcpss.net, 11th & 12th grade –eclarkson@wcpss.net)
- Attach high school transcript (PDF Format) and any applicable supplemental documents.

<https://khscdstudentservices.weebly.com/wake-tech-ccp.html>

Career Development Coordinator

- Can help identify potential careers suited to match strengths and interests
- Connect with employers
- Review resumes

Ms. Laura Wright

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Room 613

Ext. 25142



Interested in the Military?

- The military branch requires the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) for entrance into the military.
- ASVAB -an aptitude test that helps you determine your own natural abilities, which will assist you in making informed career choices. See Ms. Wright for more info.
- Recommended that you take JROTC courses at KHSCD.

■ ■ ■ ■ *Practice ASVAB: <https://asvabpracticetestonline.com/>

Community College Admissions

- “Open Door” Policy
 - Anyone who is 18+ and has graduated from high school can be admitted.
- No SAT/ACT scores required.
- No application fee.
- Sports and clubs available!
- <https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/>

UNC System Minimum Admission Requirements

High School GPA	Admissions Test Scores*	High School Courses
2.5 weighted GPA	SAT Score: 1010 (verbal and math) ACT Score: 19 (composite score)	WCPSS graduation requirements & 2 levels of same foreign language will meet UNC System requirements

*** UNC System universities will not require SAT and ACT test scores on students' applications for the spring, summer, and fall 2024 sessions due to COVID-19. ***

What are colleges looking at?

- Academic Achievement (Grades, Rigor of classes, GPA)
- SAT/ACT scores
- Extracurricular Activities (clubs, sports, job, etc)
- Community Service
- Personal Statement
- Recommendation Letter(s)



GPA (Grade Point Average)

Grade Point Average (GPA) summarizes your overall performance in your high school courses.

When it comes to GPA, **start strong** and **stay strong!**

Facts about GPA:

- It is cumulative and reflects all of the classes you take in high school.
- Honors & AP level classes help you to earn extra quality points, which can enhance your GPA.
- GPA can play an important role in opportunities offered to you in and after high school.
- Typically, the higher your GPA, the more choices you will have for college, scholarships, etc.

Quality Points

Letter Grade	Standard Course	Honors Courses	AP Courses
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

College Admissions Tests

ACT

Register at: www.act.org

- Writing is optional
- Max Score = 36
- No penalty for guessing
- Cost: Estimated \$60 w/o writing Estimated \$85 w/ writing section
- Test waivers (4) available to eligible students

SAT

Register at:

www.collegeboard.org

- Essay is optional
- Max Score = 1600
- No penalty for guessing
- Cost: Estimated \$60
- Test waivers (2) available to eligible students

ACT/SAT Scoring



SAT SCORING

MATH	200 – 800
READING AND WRITING	200 – 800
TOTAL	400 – 1600

ACT SCORING

ENGLISH	1-36
MATH	1-36
READING	1-36
SCIENCE	1-36
COMPOSITE	1-36

ACT/SAT Fee Waivers

- SAT and ACT fee waivers are available for economically disadvantaged students. (free/reduced lunch, trio, etc)
- You may receive 2 SAT and 4 ACT waivers a lifetime.
- If using SAT/ACT fee waiver, you also qualify for College Application fee waivers.
- See Student Services if you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver.

Preparing for the ACT/SAT

- **Know what to expect.** Be familiar with the format of the test that you choose to take by taking the PreACT and PSAT.
- **Take practice tests** - for free. bigfuture.org, satpractice.org, cfnc.org, KhanAcademy.org, act.org, Kaplan.com.
- **Check your timing.** Be sure to time yourself while you are completing practice tests so you can experience real test-day conditions.
- **Pace yourself** - don't spend too much time on a single passage or question.
- **On difficult questions,** eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining. **Answer every question.**
Remember, there is no penalty for guessing.

College Admissions Tests

Changes made to ACT starting September 2020

- **Section Retesting:** Students who have completed the full ACT will have the ability to retake one or more sections without retaking the entire ACT.
- **Superscoring:** Score reports will now include student's ACT superscore and composite score.
 - Takes the average of the four best subject areas from each ACT attempt

Tips for Sophomore/Junior Year

- Review your academic plan with your counselor
- Use **CFNC.org** to take interest assessments that will match your interests with college/career options.
- Attend college fairs and financial aid workshops
- Visit/Research colleges and check admissions requirements of colleges that interest you.
- Start researching scholarships, grants, and loans using **CFNC.org**
- Find a summer job or internship in your field of interest. (contact our CDC, Ms. Wright)
- Participate in enrichment opportunities (visit our KHSCD Student Services website)
- Prepare for College Admissions test. 10th - Pre-ACT and/or PSAT 11th - ACT/SAT
- Talk with coaches about college sports and scholarship eligibility
- Talk with military representatives if interested
- Take rigorous courses and keep your grades up

AP Courses

- College level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** in May, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam will earn students college credit in all UNC Systems Schools (For private and out of state will need to research)

AP Course Benefits

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences aligned with student interests
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college-saving time and money!
- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success

AP Courses offered at KHS

- **English:** English Language and Composition (11th), English Literature and Composition (12th)
- **History and Social Sciences:** Psychology, United States History, World History, US Government & Politics
- **Computer Science:** Computer Science Principles
- **Mathematics** Precalculus, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry
- **World languages:** Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture
- **Fine Arts:** Studio Art: 2-D Design

AP Exam Information

- Register at myap.collegeboard.org- same login info as SATs
- Have access to online resources from College Board by joining AP Course
- AP Exams are mandatory



NCSSM

NC School of Science and Mathematics is a public residential high school for science, technology, engineering, and math that offers three programs for students.

- The application period for these programs is from October 15, 2023 to January 5, 2024
- All of the programs are free to those who are admitted.
- Apply through cfnc.org

You can find more information at: <https://www.ncssm.edu/>



NCSSM and Summer Ventures

Program	Description	Who Can Apply
Residential	For high-achieving students interested in STEM Students attend NCSSM for 11th and 12th grade Located in Durham, NC	Current 10th grade students
Online	Classes taken online with NCSSM while still enrolled at your current school *Some courses may not be included on your WCPSS transcript	Current 10th grade students
Summer Ventures	Four-week summer program on a college campus Focused on hands-on, student driven research	Current 10th and 11th grade students

Governor's School

Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically, intellectually, and artistically gifted students in the nation. The students spend four weeks in this residential program, which is held on two campuses: Salem College in Winston-Salem and Meredith College in Raleigh. Competition is extremely stiff for this high honor and terrific opportunity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIOVyrev4Ck>

Information Session at KHS: Wednesday, October 25th during all Lunches in the Student Services conference room

Who is eligible?:

11th graders - In the disciplines of Art, Choral Music, Dance, English, Instrumental Music, Mathematics, Natural Science, Social Studies, Theater, World Language: Spanish.

10th graders - In the disciplines of Dance, Choral Music and Instrumental Music

Academics: 3.75 unweighted or weighted GPA, Arts: 3.5 unweighted GPA

*If you are interested, please reach out to Mr. Blackwell for additional information.



Mark your Calendars

November, February - Sophomore Classroom lessons (English II)

November, February - Junior Classroom lessons (English III)

February 28th - FREE ACT for all Juniors

March - Registration (grades 9-11) and Junior Conferences Begin



EDUCATION IS THE
PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE,
FOR TOMORROW BELONGS
TO THOSE WHO PREPARE
FOR IT TODAY.

Malcolm X