

HOGGARD HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT SERVICES

Senior Student/Parent
Information

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Student Services Staff

Registrar

- Denise Simpson (transcripts)

Counselors

- Josh Carnelley (A-CI)
- Leigh-Ann Ahrenberg (Co-Go)
- Sharon Leinwand (Gr-K)
- Crystal Loesch (L-O)
- Noah Jawitz (P-Sn)
- Webster Guthrie (So-Z)

Social Workers

- Kimberly Francum (A-K)
- Kimberly Richardson (L-Z)

Additional Resource Staff Who Are Helpful for Senior Year

- Sheryl Coston, CTE Coordinator
 - Christi Lea Osborne, IB Coordinator
 - Jennifer Crudeli, AIG Coordinator
 - Annette Johnson, CFCC Liaison
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School Counselors are for ALL students:

- ❏ Academic
- ❏ Career
- ❏ Personal Social

- In meeting with our seniors this fall and working with them throughout this school year our goal is to be of assistance in helping them have a productive and enjoyable senior year and to prepare them for their next journey.
- Our role is to show them the tools to use, the places to look, the people they need to talk to, and to prepare them to advocate for themselves as they transition out of the high school setting.
- Each counselor has a large caseload, and meeting with our students is essential (and required), but we have to be cognizant of our time so we are meeting the needs of all of our students.

Graduation Requirements

Students in New Hanover County are required to have 28 credits to graduate

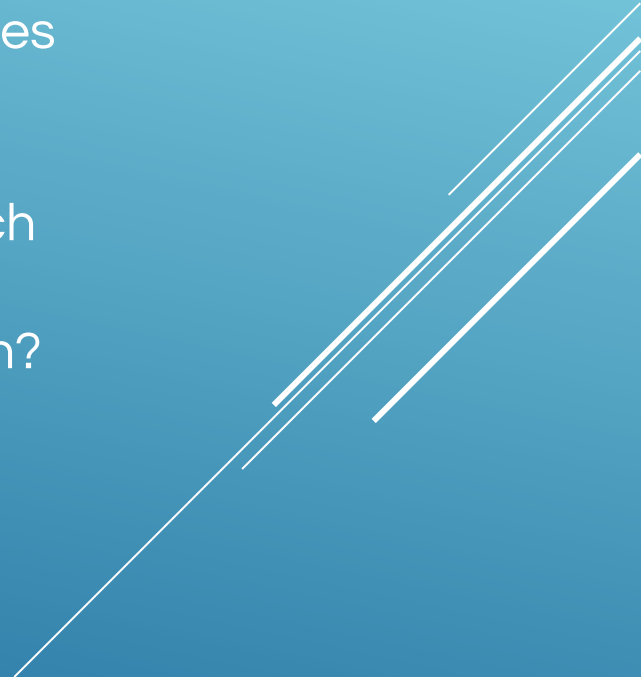
Those credits must generally include the following:

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Social Studies
- 3 Science
- 1 Health/PE
- 11 Electives
- CPR (hands only)

Counselors will review requirements with students during meetings this fall.



Post-Secondary Options

- Approximately 90% of our students attend post-secondary schools, seeking undergraduate (four-year studies) or community college/technical schools (two-year studies).
 - Some start at community college and transfer to four-year studies after one to two years.
 - Other options include military, employment, and gap years.
 - The individual's decision is based on the needs and goals of each adolescent and family.
 - What is the return on the investment of time, money, preparation?
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Four-Year College: Navigating the Process

The application process can be stressful for our students and families. Applying to schools requires attention, organization, and adherence to individual colleges' submission expectations and deadlines.

Factors in the Process:

- School selection - Where? Why?
- Applying - How? Deadlines?
- Fees - Why? How Much?
- Test scores - Which ones? How to Send?
- Transcripts - What is needed and how to have them sent?
- Letters of recommendation - From whom and how to get a helpful letter?
- Financial planning - What is the Expected Family Contribution?

Breaking Down the Process

Where should I apply? It's very important to research schools.

- Majors, campus life, location/setting, size, cost, demographics.
- Investigate individual college profiles. A good approach for categorizing choices is to divide into:
 - Reach or dream schools
 - Match schools
 - Safety schools
- After narrowing list, visit your top schools in each category.
 - During the Covid-19 pandemic most colleges have added Virtual tours of their campuses and Virtual Visits (please visit your specific schools websites to find out more information)
 - **Join us September 23rd at 6:00pm for our Virtual College Night**
 - Zoom link will be provided closer to the date.

Virtual Exploration

- CFNC: Great information specific to NC
<https://www.cfnc.org/>
- College Board: More great information on a national level
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- An invaluable list to help compare:
https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf

The Application Process

Each school website will note how you can apply.

Main ways to apply to a college are:

- The Common App

<http://www.commonapp.org/how-apply#component-wrapper-10>

- The Coalition App

<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

- The college website (example)

https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/undergraduate_admissions/apply_now/index.php

- CFNC

https://www1.cfnc.org/Apply/To_College/College_Applications/default.aspx

- *Application must be submitted and fees paid for the application to be complete.*

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<https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/>

NC applications should direct you to the NC Residency Determination Site as listed above

- This is required to be filled out to pay instate tuition costs vs. out of state tuition
- Personal information must be entered in correctly
- You as a family will only have to fill this out one time if done correctly

Application Due Dates Are Real Due Dates.

There are firm deadlines for application submission (four-year colleges), with a few exceptions:

- Early Action (non binding)
- Restrictive Early Action
- Early Decision (binding)
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admissions

Webarticle that discusses the differences when it comes to application submission:

[https://www.niche.com/blog/whats-the-difference-between-early-action-restrictive-early-action-and-early-decision/#:~:text=Restrictive%20Early%20Action%20\(sometimes%20Restricted,schools%20in%20the%20early%20rounds](https://www.niche.com/blog/whats-the-difference-between-early-action-restrictive-early-action-and-early-decision/#:~:text=Restrictive%20Early%20Action%20(sometimes%20Restricted,schools%20in%20the%20early%20rounds)

Deadlines for application submission to community colleges can vary slightly.

https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf

Test Scores

Pre-Covid 19

Most colleges want test scores.

- SAT versus ACT-Which is preferable?
 - Most colleges accept either
- SAT Subject Tests-When to take them?
 - Check each school you are applying to. Do they require subject tests?
- AP Scores-How are they helpful in the admissions process?
 - Can gain college credit for some AP classes you take. Each school will have different requirements.
 - Example: <https://uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit-examAP.html>
 - Same goes for IB scores: example: <https://uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit-examHLIB.html>
- Placement test at the Community Colleges
 - If applying to CFCC, you can send previous test scores to see if they qualify. If not, you may have to take a placement test at CFCC.

How to send test scores:

- Electronically through testing sites such as College Board or ACT (log in to your account)
 - Counselors cannot send these
 - Make sure students merge school ACT with ACT exams they have taken on their own by calling ACT
- Fees (four free scores with purchase of exam)

Early deadlines (November SAT is the latest for most colleges, NOT ALL) vs. rolling admissions (match your SAT to the timeframe for consideration).

Test Scores

Post-Covid 19

Due to the pandemic and how it has affected standardized testing for the last 7 months many colleges are entering into a test optional phase for the students applying for admission for the Fall of 2021 or Spring 2022.

At this time all public NC public universities have moved to test optional when it comes to the admission process.

However, we truly ask that you do your homework when it comes to the application process and which schools require standardized test scores and which do not. Even if they do not require a test score they may require supplemental materials as a part of your application process in place of standardized testing.

We encourage you all to review the article below about test optional colleges across the country at this time and the various choices you have during the application process.

<https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

Transcripts

- **Colleges want the transcript as a definitive piece of the application.**
- What does a transcript show? Past, present, and future courses, rigor of courses, weighted and unweighted GPA, numerical averages, academic history.
- If a student is applying to schools on The Common Application, Send Edu. or Coalition, you **DO NOT** have to request that a transcript be sent. Counselors automatically upload your transcript to these accounts if you have correctly put in our contact information and email addresses. Check with your counselor to ensure they have received these requests.

CHECK ON COMMON APP ACCOUNT TO SEE IF YOUR TRANSCRIPT WAS UPLOADED!

- Also, a reminder that some schools just want you to self-report your transcript information vs. sending one in.
- You only need to request a transcript if you are applying to a school not on the Common App, Coalition or Send.edu (on a school's website) Please see information below on how this can be completed.
- Your transcript shows the courses you are enrolled in for the entire year. Be sure to check with your counselor that your 2nd semester schedule is as accurate as possible.
- 2nd semester dual enrollment classes will not appear on the transcript sent to colleges
 - You can note the classes you plan to take a UNCW/CFCC on your applications when it asks what your senior year schedule is.

There are 2 ways to request a transcript be mailed if you are applying to schools not on the Common App/Send.edu/Coalition:

- **Fill out the Google Form found on our website or in the Senior Canvas (Preferred method)**
- **See Mrs. Simpson in the Student Services Office to fill out a form. DO NOT EMAIL HER. She will not accept transcript requests via email.**

***Although some deadlines are as early as October 15th, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc. do not have to be in by that deadline. There is often a 2-4 week grace period for these documents to be sent in by counselors.**

Supplemental Materials

Colleges want supplemental materials, which can include:

- Essays-Number of essays may vary by school if essay is needed.
- AP test scores
- Counselor Forms/Secondary School Report
- School Profile-Available online and we provide if indicated.
- Teacher Recommendations

FOLLOWING UP:

- **Colleges send automated email reminders to students to send transcripts, test scores, and other documents, often even after these items have been submitted. Please check your common app account before reaching out to your counselor to see if these documents have been uploaded.**

Letters of Recommendation

Many colleges require one or more letters of recommendation (read the admission requirements and know for sure who needs a letter/s of rec)

- For common app schools, these are uploaded directly to common app from your teacher once you input their email address (check that they received your request!)
- Should be from *academic teacher* who knows you and can attest to your attitude, work ethic, accountability, and integrity.
- Schools prefer a letter from an *academic* teacher, unless applying to arts or technical program - sometimes a community member letter ok as secondary recommendation
- Ask teachers several weeks in advance - don't just plug in their email
- Counselor recommendation usually pertains to transcript and school report. If a school requires an actual letter from a counselor, please discuss this with the counselor assigned to your alphabet. **We do not do this automatically. You must discuss this with us.**
- Help recommenders remember you - tell them why you have chosen their recommendation
- Do not send more recommendations than the school requests.
- Electronic letter (common app) or USPS (provide a stamped envelope)
- Privacy - understand a teacher may not share their letter with you
- Allow a grace period and check for submission in your account
- Express gratitude - teachers spend their free time writing letters.

Missteps to Avoid

College admissions do NOT want:

- Extra letters of recommendations
- Copy and paste essays - don't send a UNC essay to NC State!
- Art portfolios, unless specifically requested
- Music demos, unless specifically requested
- Something "cute" or "memorable"
- Social media recklessness
 - Be aware of what your students post
 - Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, etc. . . Schools will check!
- Parents reaching out – students should self-advocate

Financial Planning

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

website: <https://studentaid.gov/>

- Federally-based scholarships, grants, loans, work studies
 - Below is a great link to learn more about the Fafsa and its benefits
 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid>
- Never pay for FAFSA
- Have tax returns ready!

Below are some various options on how to get help when filling out the fafsa

- CFNC- College Foundation of North Carolina- free and confidential service to families here in NC
 - <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/>
- There are usually local FAFSA days at local colleges where they will help you fill out the FAFSA.
- Check with SECU about assistance with FAFSA

Recommended event from CFNC: ***students and families***: please share [this registration](#) for a **FAFSA** webinar on Tuesday evening, October 6; hosted by Mapping Your Future, a national nonprofit

- **Your school counselor is not a trained FAFSA adviser**

CSS Profile

- Required by some schools for school-based and merit funds
- Check with your schools to see if they require

Scholarships

Scholarship hunting is a self-propelled process that requires a lot of work on the student's and parent's parts, but can be very rewarding.

- When speaking to students about scholarship we focus on three key areas for scholarships
 - Colleges- Merit based, need based, and performance based (check with your colleges and their financial aid websites)
 - Early action – merit scholarship pool
 - By applying to those early deadlines, you are often automatically considered for merit based scholarships.
 - Local Scholarship- examples such as SECU, Kiwanis, local businesses, etc. (check the Hoggard student services website and local resources)
 - <https://www.hoggardstudentservices.com/active-scholarships.html>
 - State and Nation wide scholarships- DAR, Coca-Cola Scholars, etc. (set up a scholarship profile with CFNC, and other large national scholarship search engines such as Fast web, Big Future that can also be found on our Student Services website)
 - Our website <http://www.hoggardstudentservices.com/scholarships.html>
- ***Never pay for a scholarship application or search engine, these should all be free of charge.

Roles in the College Application Process

The Student:

- Know your deadlines
- Take virtual tours
- Pay fees - application is not submitted until fee is paid!

(Fee waivers available based on need for some schools - see counselor)

- Transcript Requests
- Teacher Recommendations
- Request Test Scores from testing company
- Secondary or Supplemental forms

Teacher:

- Teacher recommendation

Student Services Office:

- Send Transcripts and school profile
- Secondary School Reports (SSR) -- if required
- Counselor recommendation -- if required

Parents:

Three roles for parents in the college application process, as suggested by

College Times Magazine

- Coach
- Consultant
- Executive Assistant

Admissions Decisions

Generally your student will receive an email or a letter regarding a college's admission decision.

- **Accepted**
 - If accepted Early Decision your child needs to withdraw all other applications.
 - Most colleges don't need commitment until late April or early May
- **Deferred**
 - If early action or early decision, then basically you've gone into the regular admission candidate pool.
 - If deferred regular decision, they probably want more information to evaluate you.
 - Check and see if they specifically ask for new test scores or mid-year grades.
- **Waitlist**
 - School has made offers of admission for all its spaces, but if people don't accept, they will start pulling from the waitlist
- **Denied**
 - Admission has not and will not be offered; if there is no back-up plan, your counselor can help you create one.

Community College Two-Year Schools

- North Carolina Community College System (58 institutions)
 - Associate's Degree
 - Transfer Programs - UNC System Schools
 - Certificate/Licensure/Technical
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- Louisburg - on-campus housing
- Miller Motte
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- Applications
- Testing - SAT, ACT, Accuplacer
- Registering for Classes

Pros

- Tuition is less expensive
- Student wants a job that doesn't require a 4 year degree
- Can live at home (no rent, save money)
- Able to keep part-time jobs
- Can continue with dual enrollment programs

Cons

- No on-campus housing
- Miss "going away" experience
- Some credits may not transfer
- Might still live at home
- Student aid (if not "degree-seeking")
- Managing rent, bills, etc.

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Military Opportunities

Military recruiters from all armed services branches would typically visit Hoggard regularly pre-covid 19, if you are interested in speaking to any of our area reps please reach out to them and include parents in these discussions.

- High School Diploma required
- ASVAB required, typically offered here at Hoggard and also individually with area recruiters
- Benefit of joining (Leadership, training, education, travel, etc.)

**The student should contact Mr. Jawitz, School Counselor, for more information.

Helpful Websites

□ <http://www.commonapp.org/>

□ <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

Visit these sites to apply to multiple colleges in one application.

□ <http://www.cfnc.org>

Helps you plan, apply, and pay for colleges in NC

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

Helps you plan, apply, and pay for colleges around the country

□ <http://www.hoggardstudentservices.com/>

Please continue to check our website for new important information.

TWITTER: www.twitter.com/JTH_Advising

Class of 20-21 Canvas page-received invitation via email 9/4 and 9/11. Parents can also join as an observer to get the same updates.

Upcoming virtual college visits

September:

- **16th:** 6PM-Virtual Senior Parent Night Video goes live on youtube
- **22nd:**
 - Fayetteville State-9AM
- **23rd:**
 - Wingate-2PM
 - Virtual College Visit Night- 6PM-App State, CFCC, ECU, NC State, and UNCW will be in attendance
- **24th:**
 - Davidson-Elon-High Point (combined session)-9AM
 - UNC Charlotte-UNC Pembroke-UNC Greensboro (combined session)-2PM
- **25th:**
 - UNC Chapel Hill-2PM- (County Wide Zoom)
- **28th:**
 - Meredith College-2PM
- **29th:**
 - William Peace University-9AM

If you have any questions regarding yourself or your student, please contact your counselor:

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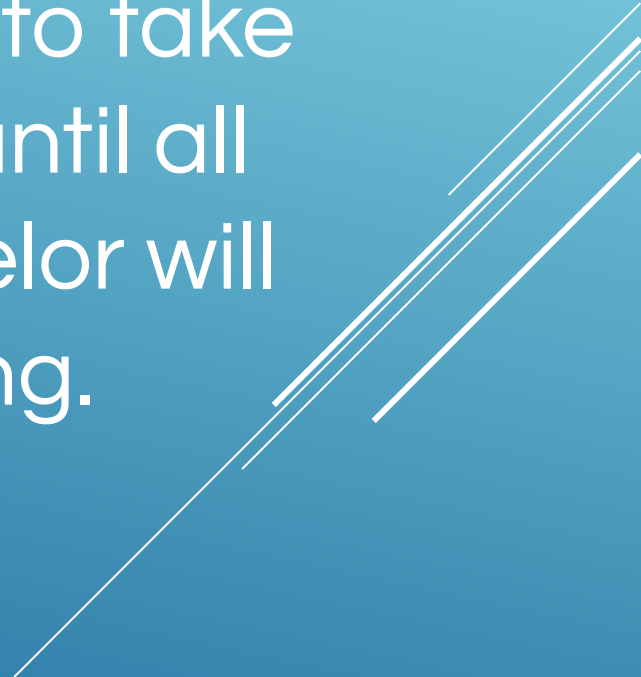
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Hoggard Counselors will begin to host virtual meetings with Seniors to discuss individual plans for after high school. Meetings will begin to take place starting Sept. 15th and continue until all seniors have been met with. Your counselor will contact you to schedule your meeting.

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