

Parent University: Junior Parent Night

Testing

College

Careers

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Big ticket items

1. Testing
2. College exploration
3. Summer Opportunities/Community Involvement
4. Senior Opportunities
5. Career Exploration

Admissions Testing Overview

- Standardized testing as part of the college application process
- Which test is the right fit?
- Importance of test preparation
- Test registration, payment, and deadlines
- Testing for community college admissions
- Testing for military acceptance
- Eligibility for testing accommodations

How important are test scores in the college admissions/consideration process?

Importance varies by school

In general, larger public institutions may place more emphasis on test scores; smaller and/or private institutions may place less emphasis.

A very few colleges do not use test scores or make them optional.

(website to check: <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>).

Minimum scores for UNC system:

880=SAT (Verbal and Math)

17=ACT Composite

Which test is the right fit? SAT or ACT

The best way to decide which test is right for the individual student is to take a timed, full-length, practice test in each. Many of our students did that with the PSAT and the Pre-Act in their sophomore year.

Content and style of the SAT and ACT are very similar.

Factors such as how students handle time pressure and types of questions students find most challenging can help determine which test is a better fit.

For example, the pace of the SAT gives you slightly more time to think through problems, while the ACT can be more of a time crunch.

Some students really thrive under the pressure of the clock, while others prefer the extra time to ponder a question.

SAT

or

ACT

Scores used for admissions and scholarships

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Includes Reading, Writing and Language, Math,
Optional Essay

Includes English, Math, Reading, **Science**,
Optional Essay

Three hours long without Essay

Two hours, 55 minutes without Essay

Add 50 minutes for Essay

Add 45 minutes with Essay

Five reading passages

Four reading passages

Math covered: Arithmetic, Algebra 1 and 2,
Geometry, Trigonometry, **Data Analysis**

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Geometry, Trigonometry

Cannot use calculator on all Math questions

Can use calculator on all Math questions

Essay question tests comprehension of a **source**
text

Essay question tests evaluation and **analysis of**
complex issues

Test preparation is very important!

Potentially, test preparation can:

Reduce test anxiety

Help optimize scores

Cut overall costs of getting desirable scores

Numerous test preparation resources are available online and in bookstores.

****Method Test prep through New Hanover County Schools- free online test prep program, this information is on the Student Services Website.**

Login Info for Students:

www.castlelearning.com

Username: nc650.studentID

Password: students will create

Registration Deadlines

SAT

Test Date	Deadline
3/9/19	2/8/19
5/4/19	4/5/19
6/1/19	5/3/19

ACT

Test Date	Deadline
2/9/19	1/11/19
***2/20/19	test at Hoggard NA
4/13/19	3/8/19
6/8/19	5/3/19
7/13/19	6/14/19

Current Costs

SAT

SAT Registration Fee

\$47.50; SAT with Essay costs \$64.50

Four free scores reports (up to nine days after test)

Check the website for additional fee information, as many fees can accrue for late registration, change of testing location, additional test scores, etc. In addition, the basic fee with and without essay may increase from one year to the next.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>

ACT

ACT Registration Fee

\$50.50; with Essay costs \$67

Four free score reports

Check the website for additional fee information, as many fees can accrue for late registration, change of testing location, additional test scores, etc. In addition, the basic fee with and without essay may increase from one year to the next.

<https://www.act.org>

Fee waivers for the SAT and ACT are available for those who qualify.

Examples of qualifying factors:

Student is enrolled or eligible to enroll in Free or Reduced Lunch program.

Family income falls within the Eligibility Guidelines from USDA Food and Nutrition.

Student is enrolled in a federal program that aids low-income families.

Family receives public assistance.

Other extenuating circumstances.

Fee waivers are available for SAT and ACT (maximum of two per student for each test). Students must work with their school counselors for fee waiver eligibility, access, and assistance. All inquiries are confidential.

Testing for Community College

Placement testing is used to check skill levels/developmental readiness in reading and math for community college entrance.

These placement tests are available (for free at community college) once the student registers for community college,

A student may enter CFCC with an unweighted GPA of 2.6 or higher without placement testing as a college freshmen (this is not the case for dual-enrollment)

In addition, these test scores may be used in lieu of CC placement testing:

SAT Evidence-Based Reading/Writing=480; ACT Reading=22 or English=18

SAT Math=530; ACT Math=22

The ASVAB

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (**ASVAB**) is a test that covers basic knowledge such as math and verbal skills, writing skills, and vocabulary.

It is used for military entrance, as well as for determination of Military Occupational Specialties.

The ASVAB is available for administration at Hoggard HS at certain times throughout the year (typically Fall and Spring) contact is Mr. Dwight Finley, CTE Special Pops.

****Check out this website for more information about the ASVAB:**

<http://official-asvab.com/applicants.htm>

Students Seeking Accommodations for Testing

To seek accommodations, a parent must present a documented diagnosis with a medical and/or a psychological evaluation. The evaluation should be recent. There also should be evidence that developmental disabilities have been supported with educational plans at school (IEP, 504). These two testing agencies interact independently, including approval/denial of accommodations.

Requested accommodations must match the needs evidenced with the disability.

For SAT accommodation requests, contact Ms. Hopkins at terry.hopkins@nhcs.net.

For ACT accommodation requests (504), contact Ms. Burden at kelly.burden@nhcs.net.

For ACT accommodation requests (IEP), contact your students' case manager at Hoggard.

The accommodations request is sent automatically for juniors' February, school-wide ACT administration at Hoggard (for students with 504s and IEPs).

Additional Information to Consider Related to Testing

All juniors take the ACT on Wednesday, February 20th. They should do their best on that ACT, as colleges know that juniors have taken the test, and this can be used for admission.

SAT Subject Tests typically share test dates with the general SAT. Individual college admissions websites are the best resource for determining need or enhancement provided by taking specific SAT Subject Tests.

Taking the SAT or ACT more than 2-3 times likely will not enhance the score remarkably. Tests are sometimes superscored, with highest scores from each section utilized in admissions decisions.

Two-three administrations of one or the other, or both, should be enough to get a typical score. Test-taking should begin spring of the junior year, especially for those wishing to apply Early Action

College Brainstorming and Exploration

59% of 2017 Hoggard graduates enrolled in 4 year college

33% of 2017 Hoggard graduates enrolled in 2 year college

Does your child have a dream school?

It is ok to be undecided, but we want to start the conversations...

Factors to consider when selecting colleges:

Majors and Programs of Study

Does your dream school have your major?

No plans, choose school with a broad range of majors

Size and Setting of School

The College Search

(NC-specific)

CFNC.org - “Plan for College” www.cfnc.org

College Search, Explore Programs & Majors

Condensed information, Individual school pages, Links to school’s sites

(National)

Big Future - College Search (National) <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

“Find Colleges”

Search by Test Scores, GPA, Majors, Size, Student Life...

College Visits

Admissions Tours and Open Houses

Take a transcript

Excused Absences, Inquire at front office

Campus Environment - student union, dining hall

* Try to visit when students are on campus

*Ask a lot of questions: refer to college visit planner handed out to juniors

Admissions representatives at Hoggard

Check College & Scholarship Calendar on the Student Services Website and announcements for upcoming college visits

NCAA

Students who are pursuing athletics at the Division 1 or Division 2 level are encouraged to register with the NCAA eligibility center during their junior year, there is an application fee for this.

The NCAA will review a students' grades, classes, and test scores for eligibility. Mr. Carnelley will upload transcripts to the NCAA eligibility website at the end of a student's junior year and re-submit again at the end of their senior year as instructed by the NCAA.

Students are required to submit their ACT/SAT scores from ACT or College Board., Mr. Carnelley cannot do this.

Students must have at least 16 **core** classes upon graduation (10 completed before their 7th semester, and a 2.3 minimum GPA in their core classes to be eligible to play as a freshman in college (+ required test score)

Please visit the NCAA Eligibility Center for more information (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>)

Summer Opportunities & Community Involvement

Participating in extracurricular activities not only allows students opportunity for experience and self-discovery, it also looks good on their resumes and college applications.

Colleges want to bring young adults on board who will enrich and contribute to their campus. How high school students spend their time outside the classroom is a large indicator of what they might bring to the college in which they enroll.

We encourage our students early on to use their free time and summers wisely.

College-Based Programs - Research training, Condensed Academic Courses, Campus experiences

International - Study Abroad Programs (2 weeks, host family)

Volunteer - local (Salvation Army, Surfer's Healing, Habitat) or travel (Appalachian Service, Mission Trips)

Part-time job or Camp Counselor

NCVPS Courses - need reliable internet - yearlong course crammed into 8 weeks

Test Prep - ACT & SAT independent or guided studying

Senior Year Class Options: “Looking Outside the Box”

NCVPS (Counselors are students' contact for this option)

Online classes that are taught across the state of North Carolina.

Free of charge to students and parents.

There are county guidelines we review when meeting with interested students.

CFCC (Ms. Ahrenberg/Mr Jawitz for College Transfer and Ms. Sheryl Coston for Career Tech programs are the contacts for College and Career Promise.)

A statewide program where students take college classes that are “Tuition free”, however other fees do apply.

Students that qualify take classes either on campus or online from CFCC.

Classes consist of transfer classes or non-transfer technical classes (Culinary, Cosmetology, etc.).

Spring 2019 deadline has passed, but the Summer/Fall 2019 deadline will occur in late March and there will be an interest meeting in Feb. for parents and students.

Senior year class options. . . continued

UNCW (Mr. Carnelley is the contact for this option)

Students/Parents pay full tuition and fees, maximum two classes per term.

Students who qualify take classes either on campus or online from UNCW.

Spring 2019 deadline has passed, but the application period for Summer/Fall 2019 will occur in March and there will be an interest meeting in Feb. for parents and students.

Career Exploration: the benefits of exploring now

Career Interest exams

CFNC.org (one-stop shop for career and college exploration here in NC)

ASVAB: Once you take the exam at school it also has a career assessment along with online research tools to further your exploration.

Explore Careers online

NC Careers (<http://nccareers.org/>)

US Bureau of Labor (<http://www.bls.gov/k12/content/students/careers/career-exploration.htm>)

US Dept. of Labor (<https://www.careeronestop.org/getmyfuture/index.aspx>)

Career Exploration: the benefit of exploring cont....

Take electives in high school that match your interests:

Electives such as art, business, construction, drafting, computer engineering, etc. that can be taken here face to face, online, or at CFCC.

Interview those in the field:

Using your contacts, have your students speak to individual in the field they are interested in pursuing to hear first hand the pros and cons of their position.

Job shadowing during school breaks:

Using your contacts or just calling places of employment set up a ½ day job shadowing experience for your student, “on the job experience is eye opening for students”.

Most businesses aside from privacy concerns are very open to students who want to job shadow and welcome them to come in and learn what they do on a daily basis.

Career Exploration: the benefit of exploring cont.....

Summer Exploration programs:

As mentioned earlier summer enrichment programs are a great way for students not only to explore potential colleges, but programs to study, and possible careers.

Most colleges offer summer programs in different areas so review their websites for more information.

There are also national/international opportunities for families to research as well such as health/political symposiums.

Part-time jobs

Working a part-time job in retail, food, office assistant, or hands- on fields, are not only a great experience for kids if their hours are balanced, but they can also lead to career ideas.

Volunteering

Similar to working-part-time, if a student is struggling to gain employment they may be able to volunteer at certain business they they are interested in working at which may lead to employment.

Potential benefits of career exploration in high school

1. Graduating high school with a plan or multiple plans
 - a. Increases self-esteem
 - b. Students should have backup plans as well
2. Entering college or a post-secondary program with a path to follow
 - a. Knowing what classes they need to take, and the grades they must maintain
3. Decreases the amount of major's a student may change
 - a. Can use college electives to enhance their college major
4. Potential cost savings due to having a plan to stick to, not changing majors, and/or going to the correct school/program right away.
5. Looking at future career projections to pick a viable career path

Websites we recommend

County Curriculum Guide (<http://www.nhcs.net/instruction/Curr%20Course%20Guide%202016%20-%202017.pdf>)

Hoggard Student Services (www.hoggardstudentservices.com)

(Test prep, scholarships, senior endorsements, club information/sponsor websites - for example: Beta/National Honor Society, and more)

CFNC.org (<https://www.cfnc.org/index.jsp>)

(career assessments, school profiles, school websites)

SAT/Big Future (www.collegeboard.org)

ACT (www.act.org)

NCAA (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>)

Eligibility center for those students hoping to play Div. 1 or 2 level in college

Thank you for attending

Questions?