

# Parent University: Junior Parent Night

Testing

College

Careers

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Counselors work with students in 3 main areas:

\*Academic Support & Advising

\*College & Career Planning

\*Social & Emotional Support

# Additional staff members to know

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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
- \*Check with schools on how Covid-19 will affect standardized admission requirements



## 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.
  - Very few colleges do not use test scores or make them optional.

Minimum scores for UNC system:

880=SAT (Verbal and Math)

17=ACT Composite

- For private colleges, check with admissions to determine test score requirements

## 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.

# SAT

Scores used for admissions and scholarships

Includes Reading, Writing and Language, Math, Optional Essay

Three hours long without Essay

Add 50 minutes for Essay

**Five** reading passages

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

**Cannot use calculator on all Math questions**

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

Score range is 400-1600

or

# ACT

Scores used for admissions and scholarships

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

Two hours, 55 minutes without Essay

Add 45 minutes with Essay

**Four** reading passages

Math covered: Arithmetic, Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Trigonometry

**Can use calculator on all Math questions**

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

Score range is 1-36

# 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](http://www.castlelearning.com)**

**Username: nc650.studentID**

**Password: students will create**

## *2020-2021 Dates and Deadlines*

### SAT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
12/5/20	11/5/20
3/13/21	2/12/21
5/8/21	4/8/21
6/5/21	5/6/21

### ACT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
12/12/20	11/6/20
2/6/21	1/8/21
4/17/21	3/12/21
6/12/21	5/7/21
7/17/21	6/18/21

**\*\*All juniors will take ACT in spring semester - date TBD**

**COVID-Most schools for the 2020-2021 school year are “test optional”. Until we know more for next year, assume you will still have to take the SAT or ACT for college admissions purposes.**

# Current Costs

## SAT

### SAT Registration Fee

**\$52; SAT with Essay costs \$68**

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

**\$55; with Essay costs \$70**

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.



# Placement for Community College

You will be placed in classes based on your unweighted high school GPA. You are exempt from taking the RISE Placement Assessment. You will be placed into entry-level English and Math courses based on the following unweighted high school GPA ranges:

- 2.8 OR HIGHER
  - Register for any entry-level English or Math course
- 2.2.-2.799
  - Register for any entry-level English or Math course and are required to take the corresponding co-requisite course ( review placement testing advising guide for possible co-requisite exemptions ).
- LESS THAN 2.2
  - Must successfully complete a Transition English and/or Transition Math course prior to enrolling in entry-level English or Math courses ( review placement testing advising guide for possible co-requisite exemptions ).



# CCRG (Career & College Ready Graduate)

- The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) in consultation with the State Board of Education (SBOE) is required to develop a program that introduces the college developmental math, reading, and English curriculum in the high school senior year. High school seniors that are not career and college ready by the end of their junior year, will have opportunities for college remediation prior to high school graduation through cooperation with community college partners.
- Students who have between a 2.2-2.799 GPA at the end of their Junior year will be given the opportunity to complete CCRG modules in reading and math.
  - CCRG Reading and English will be embedded into English IV (senior English) course work.
  - CCRG Math will be embedded into multiple senior level courses such as NC Math 4 or Discrete Math for Computer Science.
  - Some students may also opt to work on these requirements independently, if appropriate (Math only).
  - Students affected by the legislation are still able to enroll in honors level courses and the completion of the CCRG curriculum will need to be arranged at each high school. CCRG curriculum will not be a part of honors coursework.

# CCRG continued

The goal of this legislation is to:

- promote college success
- provide students with the opportunity to bypass developmental English and math courses at the college level
- provide future cost savings to students and families by minimizing the need for developmental courses at the college level

Exemption Possibilities

Test	SAT (March 2016 and Future)	ACT	Math 3 EOC	College GPA and Credit
English	480 composite score for Evidenced- Based Reading and Writing	18		College GPA 2.8+  <i>and</i>  6+ UGETC credits earned
Reading		22		
Mathematics	530	22	4 or 5	

\*Also exemption opportunities with AP/IB exam scores



# 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 Findlay, 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.

For SAT & ACT accommodation requests, contact Karen McCallon at [karen.mccallon@nhcs.net](mailto:karen.mccallon@nhcs.net)

- 504 students-also CC your students counselor on this as we will supply the 504 and documentation we have on file.

Accommodations for ACT/SAT/AP/IB Tests are NOT submitted automatically. You must request this a minimum of 8 weeks prior to your intended test date. (There is an exception for the school-wide ACT in February for Juniors. We will reach out to you to have these sent. Any ACT prior to the February date would have to be requested)



# Additional Information to Consider Related to Testing

All juniors take the ACT in spring 2021 (date TBD). They should do their best on that ACT, as colleges know that juniors have taken the test, and this can be used for admission. (This can also potentially exempt you from CCRG modules!)

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

55% of 2020 Hoggard graduates enrolled in 4 year college

31% of 2020 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
- Housing options, availability for parking
- Distance from home
- Cost of attendance
- Reach, Match, Safety - Freshman Profile, First Year Facts



# The College Search

*(NC-specific)*

CFNC.org - “Plan for College” [www.cfnc.org](http://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

Take advantage of opportunities for Zoom sessions with colleges

## 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 the Student Services Website and announcements for upcoming college visits

The logo features a blue and green diagonal shape on the left side, with the letters 'NCAA' in white, bold, sans-serif font to its right.

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 etc.) or travel (Appalachian Service, Mission Trips etc.)

Part-time job or Camp Counselor

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

Test Prep - ACT & SAT independent or guided

FastWeb Article about summer programs

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/summer-programs-for-high-school-students>

# 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. Annette Johnson 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 2021 deadline has passed, but the Summer/Fall 2022 deadline will occur in late March and there will be an interest meeting in Feb. for parents and students.

## UNCW (Mrs. Leinwand is the contact for this option)

- Take higher level courses
- You must pay tuition
- Spring 2021 deadline has passed, but the Summer/Fall 2021 deadline will occur in late March and there will be an interest meeting in Feb. for parents and students.

# Career Exploration

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.
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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”.

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>)



# Websites we recommend

County Curriculum Guide

(<https://resources.fnalsite.net/images/v1598029133/nhcsk12ncus/sotjxyyxbtfukqae9rhe/CurrCourseGuide2020-2021.pdf>)

Hoggard Student Services ([www.hoggardstudentservices.com](http://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](http://www.collegeboard.org))

ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

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

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



Thank you!

If you have specific questions regarding your student.  
Please contact your student's counselor!

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