



Our school CEEB code is 341-812. This code is requested on college applications, ACT, and SAT registration.

Students planning on attending a four year college or university should definitely plan on taking the SAT or ACT as early as possible. **Fee waivers are available in Ms Kummer's office.** If you are planning on attending a two- year school, you also have the option of skipping these standardized tests and taking an admission test offered through the community college.

SAT Testing Schedule 2019-2020

www.collegeboard.org to register

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Nov. 2 | Oct. 3 | Oct 22 |
| Dec. 7 | Nov. 8 | Nov. 26 |
| March 14 | Feb. 14 | March 3 |
| May 2 | April 3 | April 21 |
| June 6 | May 8 | May 27 |

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ACT Testing Schedule 2015-2016

www.actstudent.org to register

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Oct. 26 | Sept. 27 | Oct. 13 |
| Dec. 14 | Nov. 8 | Nov. 25 |
| Feb. 8 | Jan. 10 | Jan. 17 |
| Apr 4 | Feb. 29 | March 16 |
| Jun 13 | May 8 | May 25 |

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Senior News:

HCAM seniors will be applying for colleges and universities the week of October 21 through 25. **Remember to claim or create your CFNC Account and get a Pin # by completing the www.ncresidency.org (see below for more information)** before College Application Week. You will not be able to complete college applications without completing these two tasks. You have information on both tasks in the senior folder that was given to you when you met with Ms. Kummer.

Financial Aid Workshop: All seniors and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Financial Aid Workshop on Wednesday, October 25 @ 5:30 p.m. in the HCAM Cafeteria. There will be a representative from CFNC to assist you with information on how to pay for college and the FAFSA.gov form required for financial aid.

Student Transcripts: Many colleges and universities are now requesting that transcripts are sent electronically. If you are planning on attending a school in North Carolina, it is strongly recommended that you apply for colleges through CFNC. CFNC can upload your transcript through PowerSchool upon request. See Ms. Kummer if you have questions.

To apply for Financial Aid in college, you need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You can complete the FAFSA after October 1 by going to www.fafsa.gov.

RDS – All North Carolina students are required to sign up for the Residency Determination Services (began in 2017) to determine in-state tuition and financial aid. Ideally, you should do this before applying to NC colleges and universities. Go to www.ncresidency.org to complete this. I would recommend having a parent help you with this.

Seniors, some of you will be receiving scholarship notices from colleges/universities as you apply. Please bring Ms. Kummer a copy of any scholarship you receive (whether or not you choose to accept this) so we can recognize your achievements during Senior Award Night in the spring.

The Counseling Office does not encourage or recommend that you pay for assistance with scholarship searches. One of the best sources of scholarship and financial aid information is the Financial Aid Office and Scholarship Office at the college to which you are applying. Be sure to visit each college's website and follow that individual school's instructions regarding required forms and deadlines.

Scholarship 411:

Some free search areas for scholarships and financial aid are:
www.fastweb.com www.cfnc.org www.collegefortn.org
www.actsstudents.org
www.collegeboard.org www.cappex.com www.Scholarships.com

****Individual scholarship information is also available in the Counseling Office on the "Scholarship Wall" on new and previously announced applications. Each scholarship gives details on scholarship criteria and how to apply.**



New Scholarships:

AES Engineers – Any student can apply. You do not have to major in Engineering. Scholarship is based on character not academic statistics. Go to www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. Deadline is October 6.

Air Force ROTC Scholarships – offers scholarships in all academic majors necessary to meet Air Force needs. There is a service obligation if you are awarded a scholarship. Go to <https://afrotc.com/scholarships>.

CFWNC – Various scholarships are open to NC residents. Criteria varies for each scholarship. Scholarship applications will go live during the first week of November. Go to <https://www.cfwnc.org/Scholarships/ProgramsandEligibility.aspx>.

Coca-Cola Scholars – Seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher, are well rounded individuals with high developed interests in their community are encouraged to apply. Go to <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applications/theprocess/>. Deadline is October 31.

CVCC – various scholarships are available to students. Go to http://www.cvcc.edu>About_Us/CVCC_Foundation/scholarship-application.cfm to apply once you complete your CVCC application.

Elks Most Valuable Student Competition – Students do not need to be related to a member of the Elks to apply. Deadline is November 15. Applications available at https://studentscholarship.org/scholarships/9716/elks_most_valuable_student_competition_scholarship.php.

Foundation for the Carolinas – This organization has a large database of local and state scholarships. Please visit their website for all available scholarships. <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search>.

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards – To qualify students must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0. Deadline is October 15. Go to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships/1376/hispanic_heritage_youth_awards_scholarship.php.

Horatio Alger Association – Students interested must be planning on pursuing a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, have critical financial need, involvement in community service, be a US citizen, and have a GPA of 2.0. Applications are available at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/applicants/>. Deadline is October 25.

North Carolina Teaching Fellows – High school students can receive \$33,000 in forgivable loans (\$8,250 per year up to four years) if willing to commit to teach STEM or special education in NC public schools. Interested HS students can apply by January 13 at <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/ncteachingfellows>.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – Students may apply that have demonstrated exemplary community service. Applicants must apply online at either www.nassp.org/spirit or <https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply>. Deadline is November 5, 2019



Seniors are allowed two college visits during their senior year if proof from the admission office from the college is brought back to school. Listed below are some colleges/universities that have contacted us about specific dates:

NC A&T Open House – Saturday, September 28 from 10 am – 1 pm. Check in begins at 8:30 am at Corbett Sports Center, 1601 East Market St., Greensboro, NC.

Gardner-Webb University – if interested in visiting go to gardner-webb.edu/visit.

East Tennessee State University offers many out of state scholarships to students living in western North Carolina. To register for a campus tour go to: etsupws.etsu.edu/campustours

Lenoir-Rhyne University – October 26 from 9am-2pm. Go to lr.edu/chooselr to register.