



SENIOR MAVERICK PLAN

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Your senior year will be one of the most exciting and yet challenging years of your life! You are making the transition from teen to young adult and will be making some decisions that will drive the rest of your life.

MATCH & FIT - Creating a school list

If you want to attend a 4yr college/university, creating a college list will be one of the first steps you take. Begin thinking about the types of things you are looking for in a school. Do you want to stay close to home? How much does cost matter to you? Big school? Small school? Figure out what matters most before you start looking at specific schools because remember, there are thousands of schools out there! After that, start thinking realistically about your chances of being admitted at a given school. Compare your own GPA to the average GPA of admitted students. Same with test scores. A balanced school list usually has 1-2 "reach" schools (i.e. your chances of getting in are low), 2-3 "target" schools (i.e. a realistic option), and 1-2 "safety" schools (i.e. I know I'll get in). Make sure you prepare for CFNC's College Application Week when colleges in NC will waive their application fees. The dates for college application week are October 18-22-- be on the lookout for an upcoming event!

FINANCIAL AID - FAFSA, Scholarships, Fee Waivers

College can be expensive, there's no doubt about it. There are affordable options out there (like the NC Promise schools) as well as steps that you can take to receive financial aid (FAFSA, Scholarships, NC Residency). Separately, applying to school can be expensive! Application fees can range from \$50-\$100, but if you qualify for CMS free-reduced lunch we can provide a fee waiver! Finances should never prevent you from achieving a college dream. This year, make sure to take advantage of our CreekCash scholarship spreadsheet along with Mr. Wyner's monthly scholarship newsletters!

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Many 4yr colleges/universities require that you submit a standardized test score (usually SAT/ACT). Even if a school is "test-optional," it's still a good idea to have an SAT or ACT score to submit for scholarship consideration. ACT and SAT practice tests are available on their respective websites. For upcoming SAT testing dates, visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines> and for upcoming ACT test dates, visit <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html> (make note of the registration deadlines for each exam).

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Sep 11, 2021	Aug 6 2021
Oct 23, 2021	Sep 17 2021
Dec 11 2021	Nov 5 2021
Feb 12 2022	Jan 7 2022



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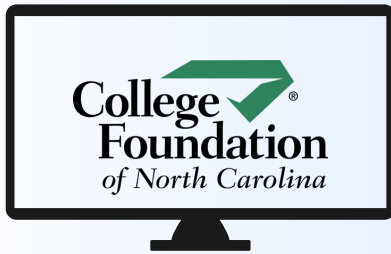
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COMMON APP + NAVIANCE



Apply to schools across the country by linking your Naviance account to the Common App portal you create!

CFNC



Apply to schools in North Carolina using CFNC-- don't forget to take advantage of Free College Application Week!

SCHOOL WEBSITE



Apply to an individual school using their school portal (i.e. 49er portal, RamAdmissions portal, etc.)

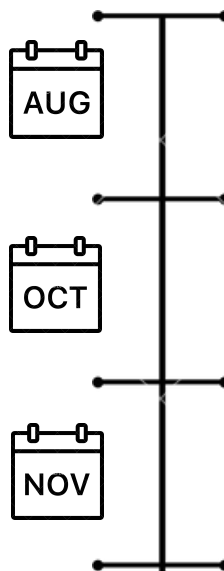
NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Thinking of continuing your sport in college? You must apply online with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This site will allow schools to view your previous classes and help determine your eligibility for college sports. There's a \$90.00 fee to apply. See Ms. White for a waiver if you're on free/reduced lunch.

CPCC

Central Piedmont Community College (1 of the 56 community colleges in NC) offers numerous routes for attaining an associates degree, a certificate, or transfer credit to a 4-yr school. CPCC can be a great way to save some money while working towards a desired credential. Talk to Ms. White or Mr. Wyner for more information on these pathways!

SENIOR TIMELINE



- > Start thinking about post-grad plans. Is college right for you?
- > What type of school? (big/small, far/close, private/public)
- > Create a list of schools with deadlines (balanced, 3-8 schools)
- > Get started on college essay; take ACT and SAT exams

- > Create an FSA ID for both you and a parent or guardian
- > File the FAFSA! Applications open Oct. 1 of each year
 - > visit studentaid.gov and sign in with FSA ID
- > Complete RDS (residency for in-state tuition)
- OCTOBER 5 - PARENT JAM!
 - > Financial Aid info event featuring CFNC's Timeka Ruffin

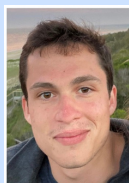
- > Finalize and send applications this month (have a reviewer!)
- > Request recommendations
- > Request transcripts
- > Request an application fee waiver if you qualify
- > Take an additional SAT or ACT test to improve score

WORKFORCE

Recognizing that college may not be for everyone, there are a number of workforce resources available! NC Works offers information for HS graduates making this transition, as does "Reality Check," which allows you to explore jobs that align with your career preferences. Apprenticeships, internships, and local job listings can all be explored on the NC Careers website, as well. If you have not already, you should review your years in high school and create a resume which will list by school year all the school, civic, religious, community, and sports you have participated in. Contact your counselor for assistance with his process.

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Those with a bachelor's degree earn approximately \$1,000,000 more over the course of their careers than those with only a HS diploma



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