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How do YOU look on paper?

- Review your transcript & confidential information

- Remember- 26 credits is the MINIMUM needed for graduation

- Colleges look at BOTH weighted & unweighted GPA- Unweighted GPA is used to determine Honor Grads

- Class Rank only changes with final semester grades

- Seniors should not change courses- once transcripts have been sent to colleges, dropping courses could damage your chances of acceptance.
North Carolina boasts 16 post-secondary institutions within its UNC System of Higher Learning

Below you will find the AVERAGE WEIGHTED GPA & SAT/ACT scores of admitted freshmen at each of these universities.

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HARNETT COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

✓ 4 English Credits

✓ 4 Math Credits
  (Math I, Math II, Math III, 4th math consistent with postsecondary plans)

✓ 3 Science Credits
  (Earth/Environmental, Biology, a Physical Science (includes Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics)

✓ 4 History Credits
  (World, Civics/Economics, & American History I, American History II OR Topics of US History & AP US History)

✓ 1 Health/PE Credit
College Day is an annual event provided for high school seniors in North Carolina. It is sponsored by participating colleges, universities, community colleges, private trade schools and military recruiters. The purpose of this activity is to provide seniors with a face-to-face experience of talking with various admissions officers and/or recruiters.

There will be approximately 55 representatives from various colleges and universities at Triton High School on Wednesday morning, October 3. You should have in mind at least three college representatives that you plan to spend time with during this activity. **PLAN TO SPEND YOUR TIME WISELY.** Use this time to gather information about financial aid or scholarships as well as getting information about applications. **Do not take materials that you will not use.**

The following colleges and universities will be attending College Day this year:
Below are some questions you may wish to ask and some information that you may need to know before talking with the recruiters:

1. Is the school a public or private school? (Public schools are supported by state taxes while private schools are usually supported by religious or church groups.)
2. Where is the school located in relation to Harnett County?
3. What programs of study are offered that you might be interested in or would qualify for admissions into?
4. What is the cost per year?
5. What kinds of financial aid or scholarships are available?
6. What kind of visitation days are provided for high school students?
7. What kind of housing or living accommodations are available?
8. What deadlines are in effect for submission of applications?

If you wish to share information about yourself that will help a recruiter answer the questions above, you should bring your unofficial transcript with you or at a minimum know your SAT/ACT scores and your GPA.

**CLASS of 2017: What to Do and When to Do It**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

- Review your SAT/ACT scores
  - Know where you need to improve
- Register for the November SAT or ACT
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for SAT and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for ACT
- Talk with college representatives at College Day on October 5
  - Come prepared with specific questions
• Dress nicely- you want to make a good impression

☐ Have an individual conference with your counselor to look over graduation requirements and discuss future plans.

☐ **Apply for Financial Aid-NEW THIS YEAR** -
  • FAFSA applications are available beginning October 1, 2017.
  • Begin gathering income tax data for the FAFSA. Start the application process because many colleges award money on a “first come, first serve basis”.

☐ Narrow your college choices to 3 or 4 schools and begin working on their online applications.

☐ Get recommendations from teachers and counselors
  • Give 2 weeks notice unless you want a standard non-personal letter.

☐ Complete a Recommendation Information Sheet with your achievements, activities and awards. Share it with those writing recommendation letters.

☐ Check the THS Student Services website for available scholarships and other important information.

☐ If you plan to participate in athletics at a Division 1 school, register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse (www.eligibilitycenter.org).

☐ If you plan to enlist in the military OR if you need help determining what area you are interested in studying, sign up for the ASVAB- Given at THS in December.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

☐ Take or retake SAT or ACT to improve your score. Check testing deadlines in Student Services or online at **www.collegeboard.com** or **www.actstudent.org**.

☐ Complete college applications. Remember “the earlier the better”

☐ Participate in College Application Week- many schools will waive the application fee during this week- take advantage of this opportunity!

☐ VISIT your college choices before making a final decision.

**JANUARY**

☐ Request first semester grades to be sent to colleges who ask for them.

☐ Make sure you end up very strong with first semester grades because many colleges will request your first semester transcript before making a final decision on admissions.

☐ Continue to check scholarships- these are updated each week as they arrive in our office.

**FEBRUARY/MARCH**

☐ Don’t slack off- colleges & universities review your final transcript.

☐ Continue applying for scholarships. Watch the THS Student Services website.

☐ You should receive acceptance letters from colleges no later than March 31st.
APRIL

- Make that final college choice decision if you haven't already done so!
  - Accept an admissions offer and notify other colleges you have been accepted at to decline their offer.
  - If you are wait-listed and wish to be kept in consideration, be sure to advise the college, but also be formulating an alternative plan for college.
- Finalize plans for housing and make any required deposits to the college you plan to attend. Watch those deadlines!
- You should receive your financial aid offers by mid-April. If you've not done so yet, call the college financial aid office.

MAY

- Notify your counselor of your final choice and of any scholarships you have been awarded.
- Request that your final transcript be sent to the college you have decided to attend. A request form will be given to you from Student Services prior to graduation.
- Plan to attend Senior Scholarship Night at THS in May.

Seniors Applying to College

*Please note that the minimal admission requirements for UNC System Universities include:*

| 2.5 UNWEIGHTED GPA |
| SCORING 880 ON SAT and/or ACT COMPOSITE SCORE OF 18. |

1. Research different colleges and universities.
2. Log-In to your CFNC.org account and view available online college applications.
3. Transcripts will be sent electronically through CFNC transcript manager. Students can also request for official transcripts to be sent to a college/university from their school
counselor. Please submit a transcript request from the Triton High School Student Services link.

4. It is a good idea to apply to three or four colleges using the following guidelines to help you in your choices:

   1st choice -- the school you wish to attend above all others
   2nd & 3rd choice -- schools which you would be happy attending, but may 
                    not have quite as high admission requirements as your first choice.
   4th choice -- a school at which you feel you will have no difficulty in being 
                    admitted, and one at which you feel you would be successful enough to 
                    be able to transfer to your first choice later.

5. Don’t get discouraged if you are not accepted by your first or second choice. Each 
   year hundreds of students get turned down by the school of their first choice. There’s 
   always more than one way to be successful in life if you are willing to work hard enough. 
   It’s not where you start college, it’s where you finish that counts!

6. If you are applying to one of the area community colleges, you will be contacted 
   by the school after you apply to schedule a time for a placement test. Students do not 
   have to take the SAT or ACT to be admitted to a community college.

7. Students planning to attend a community college will have a counseling session 
   at the community college before being admitted. The purpose of this is to determine 
   whether or not the student has chosen a field of study that is appropriate. Students 
   may then be asked to enter the Learning Lab before enrollment if it appears that he/she 
   may have academic difficulty. In the Learning Lab the student has the chance to "catch 
   up" on any subject he/she may need in order to enter a certain field of study.

Please be aware of application deadlines at the colleges to which you are applying.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:

The SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test
This is a test required for admission by most colleges and universities. To register for 
the SAT, visit www.collegeboard.org. The cost is $46 (No Essay) and $60 (With Essay) 
if you register by the deadline. Late registration fee is $75 (No Essay) and $89 (With 
Essay). Fee waivers are available to those who qualify. Also, testing with a fee waiver 
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* Dates that SAT is given at Triton

**ACT - American College Testing**

The ACT is also used for acceptance at colleges in our state. To register for the ACT, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The cost is $46 (No Essay) and $62.50 (With Essay) if you register before the deadline. Late registration is $75.50 (No Essay) and 92.00 (With Essay). Fee waivers are also available to those who qualify.

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**The school code for all SAT or ACT correspondence is as follows: Triton - 341220**

**It is the student’s responsibility to register for these exams.**

**SAT/ACT**

- Most four year colleges/universities require either an ACT or SAT score.

- Juniors in the state of NC are required to take the ACT, and this score can be used for college admission.
• **ACT/SAT scores are not included on your transcript (per Harnett County policy).** Scores must be sent to Colleges/Universities through ACT or Collegeboard. If you do not choose to send your scores during registration or by nine days after your testing date, you will be charged a fee to send these scores.

• **Up to 2 Fee waivers** are available to those who qualify. Remember, if you take the SAT with a fee waiver, you will then be eligible for up to 4 college application fee waivers.

• **If you receive free or reduced lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver.** You must provide a copy of the letter from child nutrition as proof that you receive free/reduced lunch. If you’ve lost your letter, contact the Harnett County Child Nutrition Office at 910-893-8151, and they will provide you with another letter. Due to confidentiality laws, this information is not provided to us by the County. You must provide it.

• You must register on-line, and you must provide an uploaded picture for safety measures.

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**Information Regarding FAFSA-Application for Financial Aid**

1. Carefully review college catalog on the college website to determine application method and sources of financial aid available.
2. Complete the FAFSA as soon after October 1 in the current year as possible. List all colleges and programs that you want to receive the results. If at all possible, use a completed tax return (1040, 1040A) to help complete the FAFSA. Institutions want to take into account each family’s special circumstances so explain any condition that may affect your family’s ability to pay for college (recent illness, loss of employment, or unusual expenses.)

3. Check to see if additional financial aid forms are required by the colleges to which you are applying and the deadline dates for financial aid applications. Many colleges have a March 1 deadline so immediate action is necessary. Some colleges require applicants to submit an additional form, "CSS/Financial Aid Profile.” These colleges include UNC-CH, Duke, Wake Forest, Meredith, Elon, etc. Check with the School Counselor for this form. This form should be completed in the fall.

4. When processing of FAFSA is completed, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent to the student and the colleges listed on the application at time of submission. He/She should send all copies of the Report to the financial aid office at any school the student is interested in attending that was not listed on the initial FAFSA application. Be sure to read all messages on the SAR and make photo copies before mailing.

6. The college and state agencies will notify the student of his/her eligibility for financial aid, and the types and sources of aid they will offer. Review the award letter carefully. The Director of Financial Aid at each college is responsible for determining a student’s need, knowing which funds for which student is eligible, and making a decision about who will receive financial assistance as well as the amount. The financial aid package usually a combination of grants, loans, and work study is then presented to the student.

7. If after analysis of the FAFSA it is determined that a student is not eligible for typical financial assistance, the student and his/her family may contact the college financial aid office for information and resources related to other assistance programs. Parents and students should also research various civic groups, employment sites, ethnic background, church organization to determine availability of aid.

Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid

Financial aid is awarded to any student who applies and qualifies. In order to qualify for most financial aid, your form must be completed by March 1. It is important that you follow the dates for application deadlines and work with the college you wish to attend to meet the application deadlines at that particular college.

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will make you eligible for all of the above types of aid. It is of the utmost importance that you and your parents keep accurate
financial records and complete Federal Income Tax forms early so that you can complete your FAFSA before the deadlines.

**FAILURE TO MEET DEADLINES MAY ELIMINATE YOU FROM CONSIDERATION... EVEN IF YOU QUALIFY.**

**Scholarships**

Scholarships are financial awards given for excellence. They may be given in the areas of athletics, academics, or other special abilities. These financial awards do not have to be repaid. There are merit scholarships for which you may apply at the particular college you wish to attend. You should check with the financial aid director at your college for information. As scholarship information is received announcements are available to students via the schoolwide television screen and also available on the THS Counseling website. Read this information carefully and see your counselor for additional information. Numerous local scholarships become available all during the year.

As seniors, it is your responsibility to look for announcements and read posted scholarship information on the TV, in the Counseling Office, or on the THS Counseling Website.

**THS Counseling website:** [https://sites.google.com/a/harnett.k12.nc.us/student-services/](https://sites.google.com/a/harnett.k12.nc.us/student-services/)

There are numerous web sites available for FREE financial information. A few of these are:

- FastWEB - Scholarship and Financial Aid Search--[http://www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Department of Education--[http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index)
- N.C. Financial Aid Booklet for North Carolinians--[http://www.ncseaa.edu](http://www.ncseaa.edu)

**REMEMBER TO NEVER PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION!!!!!!!!!!**

**Loans**

Loans may be made by the college awarding financial aid or the College Foundation of Raleigh, N.C. Loans must be repaid by the student after he/she leaves college. Most loan programs for college students allow liberal repayment periods and low interest rates. Graduates entering certain careers like teaching or the health profession sometimes have part of their loan canceled.

**Work-Study Programs**
College Work-Study Programs offer a type of employment often related to a student’s field of study. Most students who show need for financial aid are likely to be offered some combination of these three kinds of aid.

**Aid From Other Sources**

Veteran's Administration can be a source of financial aid if the student is the child of a parent who has died or was disabled as a result of service-connected injury or disease. Further information can be obtained from your counselor or from the County Veterans' Administration office in Lillington.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**

Any student who is currently being served by an IEP or 504 plan can receive not only financial assistance, but counseling and job placement services from Vocational Rehabilitation. During the early part of the senior year, each senior will be asked to complete a survey provided by the local Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Please read and complete the survey accurately. You will be contacted by the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor if you qualify for any services.

**Important Facts**

It is generally felt by assistance programs that students should be expected to work for a reasonable portion of their expenses and perhaps borrow modestly against their future earnings. It is also expected that the family contribute the maximum financial effort which can be afforded from disposable income and assets toward the costs of education.

Although there are numerous commercial services that charge a fee to locate all the financial aid programs for which a student may qualify, this same information is FREE and available as close as the nearest school counselor or university or college financial aid offices.

There are numerous scholarships available to area students from local clubs, organizations, and businesses. Students should understand that scholarship awards are normally based upon academic excellence, SAT or ACT scores, participation in extra-curricular activities and evidence of good citizenship.
Students should be aware that scholarship opportunities vary from year to year. Any new scholarship information will be made available to you via THS Scholarship website. Generally, we do not receive any applications from local organizations who give scholarships until AFTER we receive confirmation from the organization that they will be offering a scholarship for this year.

**THS Scholarship Website:**
*(Link Can Be Found on the THS Student Services Page)*

https://sites.google.com/a/harnett.k12.nc.us/student-services/home/triton-scholarships-page

For deadlines, seniors should watch all TV announcements and check the THS Scholarships website often. This site organizes scholarships by their deadline. Individual students *will not* be selected by counselors to complete scholarship applications. It is the student’s responsibility to search for, print, and complete scholarship applications. If you do not have access to a printer or computer; please see your counselor. If your scholarship application requires a recommendation, give your teacher or counselor a 2-week notice. When turning application packets into your counselor, it is your responsibility to make sure they are complete packets. Your counselor will include a copy of your transcript when it is turned in.

Many universities offer incentive grants and scholarships. These are usually based on merit and financial need. Others are offered through various departments of study within the university. You are encouraged to contact your school of choice regarding these scholarships or grants. Pay attention to deadlines. *Many University Merit Scholarships require you to complete your application for admission before a certain date. Ultimately, it is the student’s responsibility to research and know these deadlines.*

**Job Placement Services**

The following agencies are available to assist high school graduates with job placement services:
Harnett County Schools Vocational Education Job Placement Service

Job assistance is available to any Harnett County high school graduate up to two years after graduation. The office is located on West Ivey Street, Lillington, N.C. and the phone number is 893-2019. There is no charge for this service.

Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

ESC is a state operated agency which provides services to any resident of North Carolina. Aptitude tests are administered when necessary and placement services are offered free of charge. ESC offices are located in such cities as Dunn, Fayetteville, Raleigh, etc. They are listed in the white pages of the phone book.

Harnett County Department of Human Resources

A state agency which deals with youth and adults through job placement services for economically disadvantaged persons. There are several different programs available, such as On the Job Training; Summer Youth - Manpower; and Individual Referral Program with Community Colleges. The office is located on Hwy. 421, Lillington, N.C. The phone number is 893-2191. Services are free.

United States Armed Services

Air Force, Army, Marines, and Navy recruiting offices are located in cities such as Sanford, Raleigh, and Fayetteville. See the yellow pages of the phone book or high school guidance counselors for recruiter's names and phone numbers.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Services are offered to anyone who meets their guidelines. Assistance is offered to individuals who are mentally or physically handicapped. The Harnett County office is located at 214 W. Edgerton St., Dunn, N.C. Phone number is 892-7040.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
IS PROVIDED TO YOU BY CFNC & COLLEGEBOARD

THS COUNSELORS RECOMMEND YOU USING THESE SITES AS YOUR RESOURCE WHEN PLANNING, APPLYING AND PAYING FOR COLLEGE!