

# Senior Handbook

2021-2022



“Inspiring Excellence and  
Character”

Important Dates

September 13- First SENIOR MEETING

September 30- Deadline NC Residency Determination

<https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/>

October 1- Scanned or emailed photos for student yearbook

October 1- FAFSA opens up for seniors

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

October 18-22-

Free NC College Application Week

<https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

October 29- Senior Portrait Make-Up

May 9-12- TerraNova Testing

May 22- Baccalaureate (3:00 PM- Location pending)

May 27- Commencement (7:00 PM)

Welcome back! Senior year means you need to start deciding about your plans after high school. Please schedule an appointment to see me soon to discuss your future. Please be on the lookout for announcements about senior information and deadlines. I will be sending scholarships out through email and the Student Services website. Please check your email **DAILY!** This is also a working document.

### **Remind101 Info:**

For this year, I will be sending some announcements, important info, and scholarship info through Remind101. I'll still send emails with the information but some students don't check their email often so you can sign up through Remind and get the text alerts. So here is the information to add me:

Senior 2022 announcements (general class of 2022 announcements will be sent through this group):



### **How do I apply to college?**

College Application Week is Oct. 18-22. Visit here for information about [College Application Week](#) and see the list of colleges waiving their application fees. Students need a CFNC (College Foundation of North Carolina) account before they can apply. Visit [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) to learn more.

## **Important School Information for College Applications**

Your college apps will ask you to enter information about your school. The information below may help make the process easier for you. Your school counselor will upload your official transcript and our school profile, along with other requested information, your college prospects want to know.

Here's some information to keep handy as you start the college application process:

### **Andrea Morris**

My email address is [a.morris@thealbemarleschool.org](mailto:a.morris@thealbemarleschool.org)

### **Albemarle School Address**

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Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909

### **Phone**

(252) 338-0883

### **School Code**

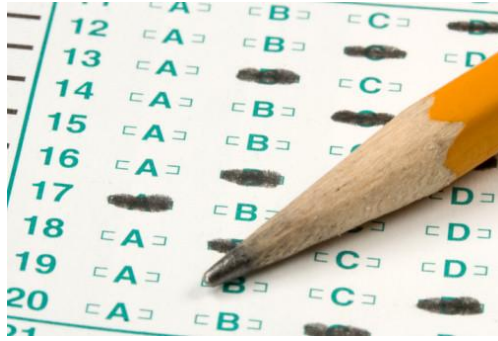
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### **Reporting GPAs and Class Rank to Colleges**

For the weighted and unweighted GPAs, you report them on a 4.0 scale. Colleges may also ask if we provide exact rank, and we do.

### **Transcript**

You will need this as a reference for college applications, to give to recommenders, and for college applications. We also want you to review it for accuracy before we send it off to colleges!



### **SAT/ACT Scores**

Colleges will want official SAT and/or ACT reports. Unfortunately, that means they will not accept them from your counselors.

### **SAT Dates and Registration**

Sign Up at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

### **Sending ACT Scores**

[Act.org](https://act.org)

You can also register for additional ACT tests on the same website.

### **[SAT and ACT Tests](#)**

If you want to take the SAT or ACT see this [form](#) for specifics for signing up. If you currently receive the Opportunity Scholarship, please see Mrs. Morris about receiving a waiver. You can receive a waiver to take 2 ACT tests, 2 SAT tests, and 4 college application fee waivers.

### **STANDARD TEST REQUIREMENT WAIVER**

*Due to the impact of COVID-19 on standardized test availability and the likelihood of additional testing date cancellations the UNC Board of Governors has waived the standardized test requirement for first-year students applying for admissions for Spring 2021, Summer 2021, and Fall 2021 to all UNC System Institutions. On May 27, 2021, the UNC Board of Governors voted to extend the current testing waiver for students applying for admission in Spring 2022, Summer 2022, and Fall 2022.*

*Students will have the option to submit an ACT or SAT test score, but test scores will not be required for admission decisions. Those who do not submit a standardized test score will need to meet the minimum weighted GPA of 2.5 to be considered for undergraduate admission.*

*If you have any further questions please contact Bethany Meighen, Vice President for Student Affairs, at [bdmeighen@northcarolina.edu](mailto:bdmeighen@northcarolina.edu).*

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

*Can I still submit a standardized test score?*

*Yes. Students may also submit a standardized test score in addition to their weighted GPA for admissions evaluations.*

**\*\*\*Important Note about SAT/ACT:** SAT and ACT scores are being waived for Fall 2022 admission to UNC system colleges/universities, you can see more STANDARD TEST REQUIREMENT WAIVER

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**Average GPA and Testing for NC State Fall 2020 class:** *Competitive programs are towards the higher end of these averages (College of Engineering and College of Science)*

Weighted GPA - 4.13-4.44

Unweighted GPA - 3.70-3.96

SAT average - 1250-1400

ACT average - 27-32

The average high school GPA for our Freshman at ECU over the last 5 years is a 3.0-3.4 unweighted GPA. That range includes about 50% of incoming freshmen, meaning 25% scored below and above that GPA range. If a student has below a 2.5 unweighted GPA, then they will be automatically denied.

If a student has a test score, they are more than welcome to send in the score. Some scholarships will still require a test score, and certain majors may require a test score. For example, here's the Engineering Department's criteria for admitting Freshmen into the major: <https://cet.ecu.edu/engineering/apply/>

### **RDS**

If you are applying to a public North Carolina college then you need to fill out the [residency determination service](#) and receive your number to include in your applications.

### **FAFSA**

If you plan to apply for financial aid the FAFSA opens on October 1, 2020. A parent **AND** the student needs a FAFSA ID number before you can apply. Visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

Ms. Amy Denton from CFNC has recorded a video to walk you through all the steps of financial aid and paying for college. PLEASE watch this video as it is very informative. This video shows how to apply to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/3gQWX8T> and Passcode is: =\*cRs7&3

**Please bring Mrs. Morris a copy of acceptance and scholarship letters.**

### **Scholarships**

Scholarship opportunities are already coming into the guidance office. Most scholarships are completed online. Do not wait until the last minute. Visit [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), <https://www.cappex.com/>, <https://www.goingmerry.com/>, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grants-scholarships> for other scholarships not specific to a certain college.

Also, please make a gmail email account as your school email account will be deleted right after graduation. I know many of you will still need to access CFNC, etc after graduation. It is best to use a personal email address when applying for college.

Let me know if you have any questions. It's my job to help you and I enjoy helping you guys. There are many of you guys so be patient as I return messages, make appointments, and provide you help.

## **CFNC.org Senior Year Time Line and Tips:**

### **FALL SEMESTER**

- Keep studying!
- You want to avoid "senioritis" — a drop in motivation and, consequently, grades, that is sometimes experienced by seniors.
- Save your money!
- It's a good idea to start planning for those unexpected costs of college.
- Some colleges require the CSS/PROFILE, a supplemental financial aid form, in addition to the FAFSA.

### **August/September**

- Check your transcripts to make sure you have all the credits you need to get into the colleges that interest you.
- Find out from the colleges whether or not they need official copies of your transcripts (these are sent directly from your school).
- Register for the October/November SAT and ACT tests if you plan to take them.
- Take another look at your list of colleges, and make sure they still satisfy your requirements.



- It's not uncommon for students' goals to change.
- Make sure you meet the requirements (including any transcript requirements) for all the colleges to which you want to apply.
- Double-check the deadlines.
- Give any recommendation forms to the appropriate teachers or counselors with stamped, college-addressed envelopes, making certain that your portions of the forms are filled out completely and accurately.
- Most early decision and early action applications are due between October 1 and November 1.
- Complete NC Residency Determination
- Keep this in mind if you intend to take advantage of these options, and remember to request that your high school send your official transcripts to the college on time.

### **October**

- Make a final list of schools that interest you and keep a file of deadlines and required admission items for each school.
- Many students like to have a "dream school" and a "safety school" as well as two or three others.
- Postsecondary Plans
- Take the SAT or ACT tests. Have the official scores sent by the testing agency to the colleges or universities that have made your final list of schools.
- Register for December or January SAT tests, if necessary.
- Get started on any essays to be included with your applications.
- Give your essays to others (teachers, parents, friends) for feedback.

See CFNC.org's College Application Essay Tips

### **November**

- Completion of submitting your college admission applications.
- Be sure to check them over thoroughly! Having someone else review your application with you can help you catch any errors.
- Be sure to consult with your school counselor about scholarship opportunities.
- Not all scholarships are for top students and athletes. There may be a perfect scholarship for you — it's worth doing a little research.
- Use CFNC.org Scholarship Finder
- Work on your scholarship applications, and mail according to deadlines.
- Check with the financial aid office of schools you are applying to for specific information on scholarships and costs for tuition, fees, room and board, and any additional financial aid info they require.

### **December**

- Watch your mailbox if you submitted an early decision application.
- Early decision replies usually arrive between December 1 and 31. If you do get an acceptance, you should withdraw any other applications.
- If you haven't already done so, make sure your official test scores are being sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Schedule any remaining required interviews.
- Start thinking about how you're going to spend your summer. Summer is a great time to earn extra money and gain work experience.
- Ask your counselor about internships, and start researching the summer job market in your area.

### **Spring Semester**

#### **January**

- In order to be considered for financial aid, you will need to submit a FAFSA, even if you have not yet been notified of your acceptance to the college(s) to which you applied.

- If you don't already have a good computer, investigate purchasing one for college.
- You or your parents can subsidize the cost of a computer for college in your student loans.
- Request that your high school send your official transcripts to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Make sure your parents have completed their income tax forms in anticipation of the financial aid applications.
- If you have to file taxes this year, do it as soon as possible. You'll need to do this for any financial aid forms.
- Contact the admissions office of the colleges to which you have applied to make sure that your information has been received, and that they have everything they need from you.
- Keep an eye out for financial aid workshops and seminars, for both you and your parents.
- There is a lot of help out there when you're looking for info on financial aid.
- See CFNC.org Financial Aid Wizard

### **February**

- Make the necessary corrections and return it to the FAFSA processor.
- Complete your scholarship applications.
- Contact the financial aid office of the colleges to which you have applied to make sure your information has been received, and that they have everything they need from you.

### **March - April**

- You will probably hear from the colleges as to whether or not you are accepted by April 15.
- Compare your acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers.
- These are all important things to consider when choosing a college.
- How to Select a College or University

-When you choose a college that has accepted you, you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit for freshman tuition.

-This should ensure your place in the entering freshman class.

### **May**

-Decision time!

-You should decide on a college by May 1. Notify that school by mailing your commitment deposit check. Many schools require that your notification letter be postmarked by this date.

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-If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular college and have decided to wait for an opening, contact that college and let them know you are still very interested.

### **June**

-Have your school send your final transcripts to the college you will be attending.

-Contact your college to determine when fees for tuition, room and board are due, and how much they will cost.

### **Summer After Senior Year**

-Participate in any summer orientation programs for incoming freshmen.

-Now that you know you will be attending college in the fall, it is a good idea to make sure you have student health insurance in case of any emergencies.

**SENIOR STAT SHEET for Yearbook**  
Activities/Clubs/Offices Held/Awards Record  
(School and Church, if you elect)

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9th Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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10th Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ATTENTION SENIORS: PORTRAIT INFORMATION**

Also, you must take the formals as they are the only pictures that can be used for your class portrait that will hang in the hallway.

Photographers will be set up in the library on October 2nd to take formal pictures as well as cap and gown.

Please have some casual pictures taken in different outfits (at least 10 shots) to give the yearbook something to place on senior pages.

If you have any questions please call the school and ask for Joy Banks.

### **COMMENCEMENT SLIDE SHOW ITEMS**

Please bring to school the following items.....

- Your Senior Formal for your page
- Your Senior Casual for your page
- Your Senior Cap and Gown for your page
- Favorite Youth picture between 3 years and 5 years

These are some of the shots to be used in the slide show. Please be looking for these so you can bring them in to be scanned and returned. Don't wait to bring all at once.

- Picture with your mother
- Picture with your father
- Picture with grandparents
- Picture with siblings
- Picture with your car or truck
- Picture in water (tub, pool, skiing, swimming, beach)
- Picture with best friend

- Picture playing sports or individual formal shot in uniform(tee ball, soccer, cheering, basketball, shooting, softball, volleyball, horseback riding, racing, dancing)
- Picture with your favorite pet
- Picture in Halloween costume
- Pictures from the Prom or decorating

## SENIOR NIGHT INFO SHEET

NAME:

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PARENT(S) Name:

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PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:

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ATTENDANCE at ALBEMARLE SINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME:

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