

Union County Early College High School
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VISION

The Vision of Union County Early College (UCEC) incorporates three core values, Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship, to provide an environment conducive to positive student-teacher relationships and increasing academic performance for admission to college courses during the first two years.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The Union County Early College High School program began in August 2006. We are one of the eleven district high schools for Union County Public Schools. Union County Public Schools is the sixth largest school district in North Carolina.

Union County is situated in the south piedmont area of North Carolina with an estimated population of 193,000 residents. The county provides a unique blend of rural and metropolitan lifestyles. Students from all over Union County attend our Early College program, with the majority of students coming from rural areas.

Union County Early College High School is located on South Piedmont Community College campus. We are an accelerated program combining four years of high school and two years of college transfer courses. Students can graduate in five years with a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

RECRUITMENT

Union County Early College accepts approximately 100 ninth grade students each school year. Rising ninth grade students from throughout the Union County Public School Systems apply for acceptance into the Early College program. Recruitment takes place at nine different middle schools in the district. This program is searching for students who have the potential for success in college courses and who are first generation college students.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Union County Early College High School is on a 4x4 block schedule. Students attend four high school classes for ninety minutes each during the eighteen week semester. Students may earn a minimum of eight high school credits in a school year. All high school courses are taught at an honors level, as long as it is available in the district. Students are required to complete a minimum of 28 credits to receive a college/university preparatory high school diploma and 61 community college credits to receive an associate's degree. Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate's of Art or Associate's of Science through South Piedmont Community College.

Students take community college classes during the regular school day, which counts as dual high school and college credit. Dual credit college courses generally count for one high school honors level elective credit. Students must pass the Accuplacer college entrance exam before beginning college courses. Typically, students take 1-2 college courses in ninth and tenth grade, 2-3 college courses in eleventh grade and 4 or more college courses in twelfth through thirteenth grade. Upperclassman may have only 1 or 2 high school classes.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English – 4 credits
 Math – 4 credits
 Science – 3 credits
 Social Studies – 4 credits
 Second Language – 2 credits
 Health and PE – 1 credit
 Electives – 10 credits

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100
 B = 80-90
 C = 70-79
 D = 60-69
 F = 0-59

Rank in class: All courses are included in the cumulative grade point average and the class rank. Grade point average is calculated on a four-point (4.0) scale.

2016-2017 ENROLLMENT

9th graders = 97
 10th graders = 103
 11th graders = 77
 12th graders = 57
 13th graders = 41
 Total Students: 375

WEIGHTED SCALE

Community College Course
 A = 5 grade points
Honors High School Course
 A = 5 grade points
Non Honors High School Course
 A = 4 grade points
On the transcript community college courses are noted with a letter grade and high school courses are noted with a percentage grade.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**English**

English I Honors, English II Honors, English III Honors, English IV Honors, Advanced Inquiry and Research

Math

Math 1, Math II Honors, Math III Honors, Advanced Functions and Modeling, *Algebra I, Algebra II Honors, Geometry Honors*

Science

Earth and Environmental Science Honors, Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors

Social Studies

World History Honors, American History I Honors, American History II Honors, Civics and Economics Honors, *United States History Honors, Global Awareness Honors*

Language

Spanish I, Spanish II

PE*Health and PE*

Courses in italics were taught in the past but are no longer taught by the high school. The remaining high school course requirements are met by dual credit college courses or virtual high school courses.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Union County Early College does not offer sports, fine arts or other traditional electives. Students have the opportunity to participate in school clubs, honor organizations, community college organizations and service activities throughout the year.

2016 GRADUATING CLASS DATA**Number of Graduates: 78**

86% Earned Associate Degrees

83% To a 4-year university

6% To a 2-year college

3% To the workforce

7% Other

Scholarships

4,848,087.00

Total four year value of scholarships

\$1,230,659.00

*Total yearly value of scholarships***UCEC Post Graduation Plans**

Appalachian State University

Averett University (VA)

Art Institute of Charlotte

Brigham Young University (UT)

Campbell University

Carolinas College of Health and Sciences

Catawba College

Central Piedmont Community College

Champlain College (VT)

Colorado State University (CO)

Columbia College Hollywood (CA)

Drexel University (PA)

East Carolina University

Elon University

Fayetteville State University

Freed-Hardeman University (TN)

Gardner-Webb University

Guilford College

Hampton University (VA)

Johnson and Wales University

Liberty University (VA)

Livingstone College

Mars Hill College

Michigan State University (MI)

Nashville Auto-Diesel College (TN)

New York University (NY)

North Carolina State University

Nova Southeastern University (FL)

Queens University

South Piedmont Community College

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (OK)

Tri-County Technical Community College (SC)

Truett-McConnell College (GA)

United States Marines Corps

United States Navy

University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa (TN)

University of California-Berkeley (CA)

University of North Carolina Asheville

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

University of North Carolina Charlotte

University of North Carolina Greensboro

University of North Carolina Pembroke

University of North Carolina Wilmington

University of Pennsylvania (PA)

Waynesburg University (PA)

Wesleyan University (CT)

Western Carolina University

Wheeling Jesuit University (WV)

Wingate University

Winston-Salem State University

Winthrop University (SC)