

SENIOR INFORMATION

It is important to keep in touch with the School Counseling office in your senior year. Please check out our website for the most up to date information

<https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/domain/1011>

- **COLLEGE VISIT DAYS/JOB SHADOWING:** Seniors may take **2** college visit days as well as **2** job shadow days. **When taking a college visit day**, the student must get documentation from the College/University on their official letterhead verifying the visit and **submit it to the NHS attendance office within 3 days** upon returning to Northwestern to have the day excused.
- **SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS:** For seniors who have already applied or are in the process of applying to Colleges **please use your Parchment account to request an official copy of your high school transcript be sent to your school(s) of choice.** If you need to create a parchment account you can register for your free account by going to www.parchment.com and clicking sign up now. You can request transcripts be sent directly to the school(s) you are applying to and you can request a transcript be sent to you for your records.
- **COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY:** NHS will host college application day on September 17. Several admissions representatives will be present to help students through the college application and answer questions you have about going to college. College Application Day will be at 9am in the auditorium. **If you have a free block please still report to the auditorium at 9am.**
- **JOSTENS:** Order your cap and gown now through www.jostens.com. Search for Northwestern High School to see all the packages you can order for your senior graduation!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17-	College Application Day—9am in the auditorium
October 1-	Northwestern College Fair—over 70 colleges will be in attendance
October 15-	Most college applications are due. Need a fee waiver to cover the application fee? Ask your counselor if you qualify
October 17-	ACT or SAT is offered. If you are not taking the ACT or SAT you can use this day for a College Visit or a Job Shadowing experience
November 13-	ASVAB—please sign up by November 11.
December 1-	FAFSA opens! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid needs to be completed for need based financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships that do not need to be paid back.

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Requirements for High School Graduation

SC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Required Units</u>
English	4 units
Math	4 units
Science	2 units
Biology	1 unit
US History & Constitution	1 unit
Government/Economics	1 unit
Other Social Studies Unit	1 unit
Physical Ed or JROTC or Marching Band/PE	1 unit
Computer Science	1 unit
Career Tech or Foreign Language	1 unit
Personal Health & Wellness	1 unit
Electives	6 units
Total Units	24 Units Minimum

HONORS GRADUATES

With Highest Honors: *Those students with a regular GPA of 4.5 or above will receive both written and verbal recognition during the commencement exercise. They will also wear the honor cord as part of their graduation attire*

With Honors: *Those students with a regular GPA of at least 4.2 but less than 4.5 will receive written and verbal recognition in the commencement program. In addition, any student who has all A's (grades of 90 or above) since entering high school (9th grade) will be eligible for honor graduate status*

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE PROFILES

SC Public Colleges/Universities (4 Year)

College	Average GPA	Average SAT	Average ACT
The Citadel	3.62	1080-1150	23
Clemson University	4.0-4.6	1250-1400	27-31
Coastal Carolina University	3.4	1090-1140	20-23
College of Charleston	3.85	1110-1270	22-27
Francis Marion University	3.0	860-	15
Lander University	3.76	1000	21
South Carolina State University	2.0 (min. GPA)	910	17
USC Columbia	3.8-4.39	1200-1340	25-30
USC Aiken	3.58	1055	21
USC Upstate	3.7	1025	20
USC Beaufort	3.3	1005	20
Winthrop University	3.2-3.9	1030-1200	23

SC Private Colleges/Universities (4 Year)

College	Average GPA	Average SAT	Average ACT
Anderson University	3.6	1110	23
Benedict College	At least 2.0	At least 750	At least 15
Bob Jones University	3.13		23
Charleston Southern University	3.63	1090	23
Claflin University	3.28	920	18
Coker College	3.4		22
Columbia International University	At least 2.0	At least 940	At least 18
Columbia College	3.6	1030	18
Converse University	3.89	1130	24
Erskine College	3.0	1070	18
Furman University	3.75	1260	28
Limestone College	3.24	990	18
Morris College	2.5 (min. GPA)	At least 700	At least 18
North Greenville University	3.8	1140	24
Presbyterian College	3.47	*not required if GPA over 3.25	*not required if GPA over 3.25
South Wesleyan University	2.3 (min. GPA)	At least 860	At least 18
Wofford College	3.6	1090-1280	24-29

SC Public Colleges (2 year)

College	Average GPA	Average SAT	Average ACT
USC Lancaster	3.66	965	21
USC Union	At least 2.0	980	15
York Tech (no minimum requirement)	NO GPA Minimum	480 (CR) and 540 (Math) for placement	21 (English) 23 (Math) for placement

SC UNIFORM GRADING POLICY

Average	Letter Grade	CP Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/DC Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	A	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
80	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.900	3.400	3.900
78	C	2.800	3.300	3.800
77	C	2.700	3.200	3.700
76	C	2.600	3.100	3.600
75	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
74	C	2.400	2.900	3.400
73	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
72	C	2.200	2.700	3.200
71	C	2.100	2.600	3.100
70	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
69	D	1.900	2.400	2.900
68	D	1.800	2.300	2.800
67	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
66	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
65	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
64	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
63	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
62	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
61	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
60	D	1.000	1.500	2.000
59	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
58	F	0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56	F	0.600	1.100	1.600
55	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
54	F	0.400	0.900	1.400
53	F	0.300	0.800	1.300
52	F	0.200	0.700	1.200
51	F	0.100	0.600	1.100
0-50	F	0.000	0.000	0.000
50	WF	0.000	0.000	0.000
50	FA	0.000	0.000	0.000
-	WP	0.000	0.000	0.000
-	P	0.000	0.000	0.000
-	NP	0.000	0.000	0.000
-	AU	0.000	0.000	0.000

Four Year College

To meet admissions requirements for a 4 year college in South Carolina you must also take these classes:

- 2 units of the same Foreign Language
Clemson strongly recommends 3
- 3 Lab Sciences
Physical Science does not count as a lab science
- 4 Math Classes
Must have a 4th math above Algebra 2
- Fine Art

To search for colleges and careers that fit your interests:

Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Princeton Review: <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-search>

Download an app to help you through the application process—**Encourage—Your Future Begins** can help you navigate applications, financial aid, scholarships and more!

Common Terms in the College Application Process

ACT	A college entrance exam widely used by colleges in the admissions process. www.act.org
SAT	Another college entrance exam used in the admissions process. www.collegeboard.org
Common App	The Common App is an online platform that hosts over 900 colleges. Students create one application they can then send to multiple colleges they are applying to. It is beneficial to students to apply using the Common App if they are applying to more than 3 schools. https://www.commonapp.org
Coalition App	Coalition App is similar to the Common App except the Coalition App also lets you upload creative works to include in the application including videos, pictures, etc..
Early Action	An early action deadline is an application that is submitted earlier in the school year, usually in the fall term. Applying early gives the student their admissions decision earlier, generally over the holiday break. Early Action generally does NOT mean that you are committing to that school.
Early Decision	An early decision deadline is a binding application which means if the student is admitted to that school they are committing to attend and must withdraw all other college applications. When applying ED students must be certain that this is the college they want to attend. This can work in a student's favor since the college knows the student is guaranteed to attend if they admit them.
FAFSA	FAFSA—Free Application for Federal Student Aid is an online application that reviews parent/guardian prior year tax information to provide financial aid such as grants, scholarships or federal students loans to help with the cost of attendance.

Two Year College

- Determine your program of interest. Are you looking for vocational training like dental hygiene, welding, etc...Check out your two year colleges!
- You can also attend a two year college and then transfer to a four year college to complete your bachelor's degree. A two year college allows you to "restart" your GPA to be admissible for the four year college of your choice.
- A two year college is also a cost effective choice. If you have a 3.0 GPA when you graduate high school and attend a two year college in SC you can receive the Life Scholarship which is up to \$5,000 a year.
- Talk to an admissions counselor at your college!
- Complete the college's application. There is no deadline on when applications need to be submitted but the sooner the better.
- If needed, take the ACCUPLACER test. Or if you have already taken the SAT/ACT submit your scores.
- Apply for Financial Aid through the FAFSA starting December 1st.

Are you planning to transfer to a four year college or university? Visit <https://www.yorktech.edu/major/university-transfer> for more information!

Military Options/National Guard

- Students interested in joining the military can start taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) in their junior year. The ASVAB is required for entrance into the different military branches: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.
- The Army National Guard and Air National Guard also offer a job placement program and 2 or 4 year college tuition assistance.

If you have any questions please contact your counselor

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