

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday, March 4th:** Teacher Workday, no school for students

**Wednesday, March 12th:** ACT Test for Juniors (more information to follow)

**Thursday, March 20th:** College Fair (see below for more information)

**Friday, March 28th:** Blood Drive (more information to follow)

**Thursday, April 3rd:** Senior Cap and Gown Delivery (see below for more information)

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NO SCHOOL!

**ACT TEST FOR JUNIORS**



# JUNIORS!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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# ACT

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

**PLEASE BRING A WATER AND A SNACK!**

*There will be a short break in between session 2 and 3. Please bring a water and a quick/healthy snack to have during this time.*

### **IMPORTANT - MyACT ACCOUNT**

During homeroom on Wednesday, March 5th, juniors will receive their MyACT Non-Test Information Sheet. **THIS SHEET IS VERY IMPORTANT**, as it contains their personal identification information needed to set up their MyACT account and receive their scores.

### **ACT INFORMATION**

The North Carolina Accountability Model requires all 11th graders to participate in a measure of college readiness. North Carolina has contracted with the ACT to provide this assessment to 11th graders each Spring. UCPS High schools will administer the ACT to all 11th graders on **Wednesday, March 12th**. Testing will begin around 8:15am, directly after morning announcements are complete. Each student needs to bring a calculator with them for testing. Students need to be sure to arrive to school on time and be in the appropriate testing location so that testing can start and end at the projected time. Testing is expected to go through the end of 3rd block. **Students are not allowed to leave the testing session until all testing is complete.**

All other students (9th, 10th and 12th grade) **will be on a normal schedule** with adjusted classroom locations if their classroom is located on the E Hallway. Teachers whose classrooms are effected will notify students where they are to report for class. Posters will also be located at various points for students to check relocations.

After testing is complete, all juniors will complete non-test/demographic information and set up a personalized MyACT account. With MyACT, students may select up to four colleges and universities to receive their ACT score report free of charge. We have provided your child with the necessary information and individualized code needed to complete this process. Please encourage your student to hold on to the sheet with their individualized code as they often need to reference

this code after testing is complete. Students have up to 2 days after testing to complete the information and select universities for the MyACT account portion. The MyACT is where students will view scores when they are released. If students do not set up the MyACT account, they will have to wait up to 10-12 weeks to receive their score report from the school.

If you have questions regarding the ACT testing, please contact Assistant Principal and testing coordinator, Mrs. Alanna Smith, via email at [alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alanna.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## ATTENDANCE

### STUDENT ABSENCE PORTAL

In the event your child is absent from school due to illness/injury, please upload your documentation to the [Student Absence Portal](#). The proper documentation **MUST** be provided in order to excuse the absence. A phone call to the school, stating your student is absent, is not necessary. Remember, parent notes will only be accepted during the current 6-week grading period, of the absent day.

# ATTENDANCE FAQ

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- What do I need to do if my student needs to leave early?**  
Send them to school with a parent note stating their name and what time they need to be dismissed. They will bring their note to the front office and receive an early dismissal slip.
- Do I need to come into the school to sign out my student?**  
If they brought in a note - NO.  
If they did not bring in a note - YES.
- What if my student drives and needs to unexpectedly leave early?**  
We will need WRITTEN permission for your student to check themselves out. Please email the front office.
- When do I need to use the Student Absence Portal?**  
Anytime your student is absent. Doctor's notes should **only** be uploaded to the portal - we do not need the paper copy.
- When does my excuse note need to be uploaded?**  
Requested within 24 hours of the absence. Deadline for ALL excuse notes is before the end of each 6 week grading period.
- Can I use the Student Absence Portal for an early dismissal?**  
**NO.** Students need to bring in a physical note in order to receive an early dismissal slip.
- What is the latest time I can pick up my student?**  
We do not have a cutoff time, however, we suggest arriving before 2:30, as the car rider line tends become congested.
- What absences can be considered excused?**  
**With appropriate documentation:** medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)

## 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE

Haven't paid your 2024-2025 technology fee yet? No problem! Scan the QR code below. If you wish to send in a check, please note that there is an additional \$1.55 processing fee, totaling \$31.55. All checks submitted without the additional fee will be returned.



**NEED TO PAY YOUR  
2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY FEE?**

scan the QR  
code here!



**NEED TO PAY A  
TECHNOLOGY FEE? FROM A PREVIOUS  
YEAR?**



scan the QR  
code here!

**CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION**

**SENIORS!**



**THURSDAY  
APRIL 3RD**

**CAP AND GOWN  
DISTRIBUTION!**

IF YOU HAVE A BALANCE DUE, IT MUST BE PAID IN FULL  
PRIOR TO PICKING UP YOUR ORDER. JOSTENS HAS  
MAILED INFORMATION TO ALL SENIORS, BUT IF YOU ARE  
NOT SURE IF YOU OWE A BALANCE, PLEASE CALL  
JOSTENS AT 800-582-6376



**WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO**

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Click [HERE](#) to go to WHS PTSO website and join today!

All you need to do is create an account, verify your email address and then explore ALL of the opportunities for your involvement. In addition to your Membership we have Invest in Excellence (giving above and beyond without any fundraising), volunteer opportunities, and the option to link up to our donation partners such as Harris Teeter, Publix, and Amazon Smiles, a calendar, and more!!

Follow us on Facebook @weddingtonhighschoolptso (WHS PTSO) and Instagram @whs\_ptso.

Email us at [w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com](mailto:w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com).

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Hey Seniors!

Going to a NC Community College or Trade School next year? Did you know the PTSO has a scholarship for that?! See the criteria below and fill out your application today! You can get one at the front office, or click on the link below.



1. Must be a 2025 graduating Weddington High School Senior
2. Must be planning to attend a NC community college or technical/trade school
3. Student (or parents) **MUST** be a member of PTSO or a contributor to Invest in Excellence
4. Student must have a GPA of at least 2.5



**PTSO Scholarship**

[Download](#)

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Scan QR code for payment

## **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM**

Prom tickets are now available for purchase! Each junior and senior can purchase up to two tickets for \$85 each through April 4th. Beginning April 5th, tickets will be \$100 each. Purchase by scanning the QR code below, or through the school website by going to Quick Links and then [School Event Tickets](#).

If you are bringing an outside guest, the prom guest form **MUST** be completed and turned in to the front office by **Thursday, April 17th** . Click the link below or pick one up in the front office.

**\*\*YOUR STUDENT ID IS YOUR ACCESS CODE.**

# WHS PROM 2025

City of Stars

LA LA LAND

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

THE PINE

4100 RALEIGH ST, CHARLOTTE

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM



2025 Prom Guest Permission Slip.pdf

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297.3 KB

## VISITORS/DROP OFFS

All visitors to the school must enter through the front doors of the school using the video doorbell system. All visitors must check in at the main office during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, which are the main office hours on days that school is in session.

### Forgotten Items/Drop Offs/Deliveries:

- items can be placed on the drop-off cart located outside the front doors
- items will be brought inside before the end of each block and placed on the table in the foyer
- please notify your student that their item has been dropped off - WE WILL NOT CALL STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS TO RETRIEVE ITEMS
- students can retrieve items in between class periods ONLY - they will not be permitted to go outside
- lunches can be placed inside the bin, and will be brought in before the end of each block and before the start of each lunch period
- PLEASE NOTE: items such as Chromebooks, phones, headphones, ear buds, etc., should NOT be left on the cart outside, and should be brought inside to the drop-off table

## WHS STUDENT HANDBOOK

Parents, we need your help in reminding students of the importance of being aware of, and complying with, the dress code which can be found on page 13 and 14 of the [student handbook](#).



Although we understand that style trends are ever changing and this is often reflected in the clothes that stores are selling, it is important that students understand that there is a different standard for what should be worn during school and what they wear outside of school. Thank you for your assistance in reinforcing this with your child.

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Counseling Department Information

Please visit the [WHS Counseling Department webpage](#) for information and resources.

### Class of 2025 - Midyear Transcript / Midyear Report/ Midyear Grades - Request

Not all colleges/universities require a midyear transcript/midyear report. Check your email, review admissions pages, and login to your college portals to identify if this documentation is required. Click on this [link](#) and complete the form for schools requesting or requiring a midyear transcript/midyear report.

Only midyear transcripts requested via this document will be sent to colleges/universities. Email/voicemail requests will not be processed.

Check your SCOIR account for updates.

### Seniors - To Do:

1. **UCPS - Graduation Survey** (*Students can find link in Canvas Announcements*)

- <https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2025>

1. **Scoir** - (*Students can find steps in Canvas Announcements*)


- Log into Scoir
- Click on My Colleges (across top)
- Go to Applied column
- **Update Your Outcome** for EVERY college in the Applied column

### Juniors and Sophomores:

**March 20 - College Fair** - 10th and 11th grade students are invited to participate in the 7th annual WHS College Fair. Preregistration for the event is required. Please see Canvas announcements for details.




## UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



### 2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scior for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Monroe High School
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
Getting Ready for College	January 25, 2025	Wingate University
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	CATA
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 15, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Porter Ridge High School
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Cuthbertson High School
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Sun Valley High School
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

ACT PREP



# Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep

*Open to all UCPS high school students*

**Pretest and Posttest in person**  
**Online content in-between**

## PRETEST:

February, 15 8 AM- 12 PM

## POSTTEST:

March 1, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:  
Porter Ridge High School  
2839 Ridge Rd,  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

The registration form is set for only UCPS students to be able to complete it! Parents must ask their student to register themselves.



**Register by February 12:**

<https://bit.ly/ACTtestPREP>



## UNION POWER COOPERATIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

### High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!



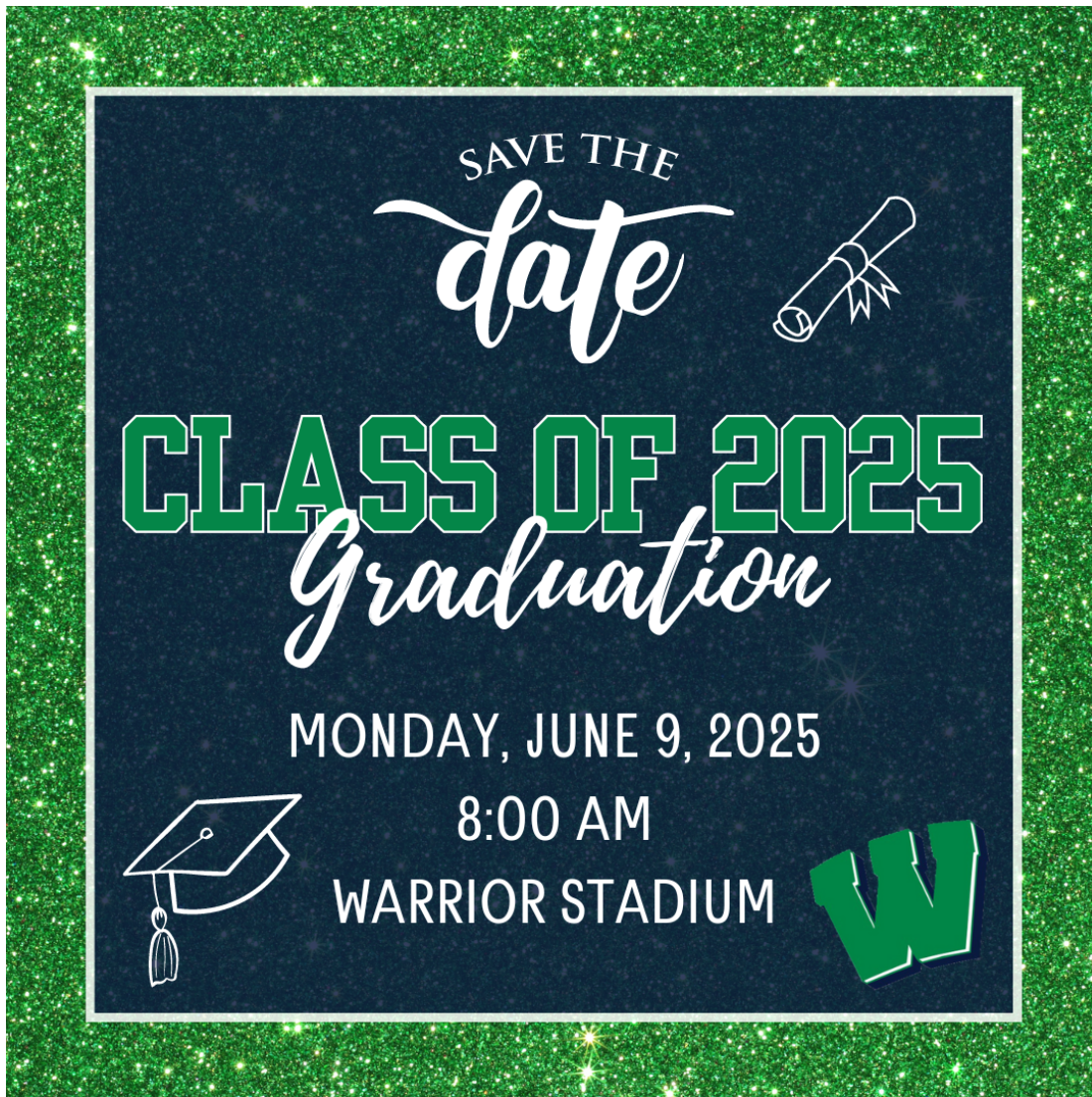
Two ways to apply :

- Visit [union-power.com/collegescholarships](http://union-power.com/collegescholarships)
- Scan the QR code

**APPLY BY MARCH 1**



## CLASS OF 2025



Weddington High School's Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 9th at 8:00am at Warrior Stadium. Additional details regarding graduation, including the process for claiming tickets, will be shared with seniors and their parents in late April.

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



### SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND!

Hey warriors - did you know that we offer SPIRITWEAR year-round? Many of our items are available for purchase ANY TIME! Tshirts, hoodies, pj pants, sweats, hats, etc. are available NOW for immediate pickup. Email [whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:whsabcspiritwear@gmail.com) or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!



# UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL

## UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS **NEW PROTOCOLS** **FOR UCPS EVENTS**

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

**For fall sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.**

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime or at the mid-point of an event.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.



### Athletic Department Update

Fall Sports are underway and off to a great start! Be sure to come out and cheer on the Warriors!

Questions about Athletics? Please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Hart, via email [michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michael.hart@ucps.k12.nc.us) or by calling the school.

Please visit <https://weddingtonathleticzone.com/> for up to date information!

[Coaches Directory](#)

[Eligibility Website](#)

### Can't Attend Live? Watch it Live Instead!

Click [here](#) to learn more about our live stream partnership with the NFHS Network! Volleyball, wrestling, basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse will all be live streamed!

**LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS WARRIOR WEEKLY? CLICK HERE!**



Jeff Kraftson

A wide-angle photograph of a school hallway. The walls are covered with numerous championship banners from the NCHSAA Athletic Association, including titles for Weddington Warriors in various sports like football, soccer, lacrosse, and track. A large wooden display case filled with trophies is visible. The floor is polished and reflects the overhead lights. A blue and green geometric pattern is on the floor in the foreground.

