

# Warrior Weekly

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**Student Centered; Future Focused!**



**Weddington High School**

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Thursday, April 17th:** End of Grading Period, Term 4

**Friday, April 18th:** Holiday, School Closed

**Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th:** Spring Break, School Closed

**Monday, May 5th:** Report Cards Distributed

**Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 16th:** AP Testing (see below for more information)

**UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE  
CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 THROUGH  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025.**

*have  
fun!*

SPRING BREAK



### COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The Counseling Department will be closed during the week of Spring Break. Counselors will not have access to email or voicemail. Please utilize the resources below if you have an emergency.

- **Say Something App Reporting System (SS-ARS)** students and adults can easily and completely confidentially report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies. Tips can be submitted 24/7 through the website, app or by phone, and a crisis center reviews and sends all submissions to law enforcement and/or school administration for intervention.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 1-800-273-8255
- **Optum** has a toll-free 24-hour Emotional Support Help Line at 866-342-6892 for people who may be experiencing anxiety or stress around COVID-19.
- **Partners Crisis Line** (mental health referrals-multiple languages) 1-888-235-HOPE (4673).

- **DayMark Mobile Engagement** (Mental Health Crisis 24/7) 1-866-275-9552
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517)
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 2252

## TARDY AND DRESS CODE REMINDERS

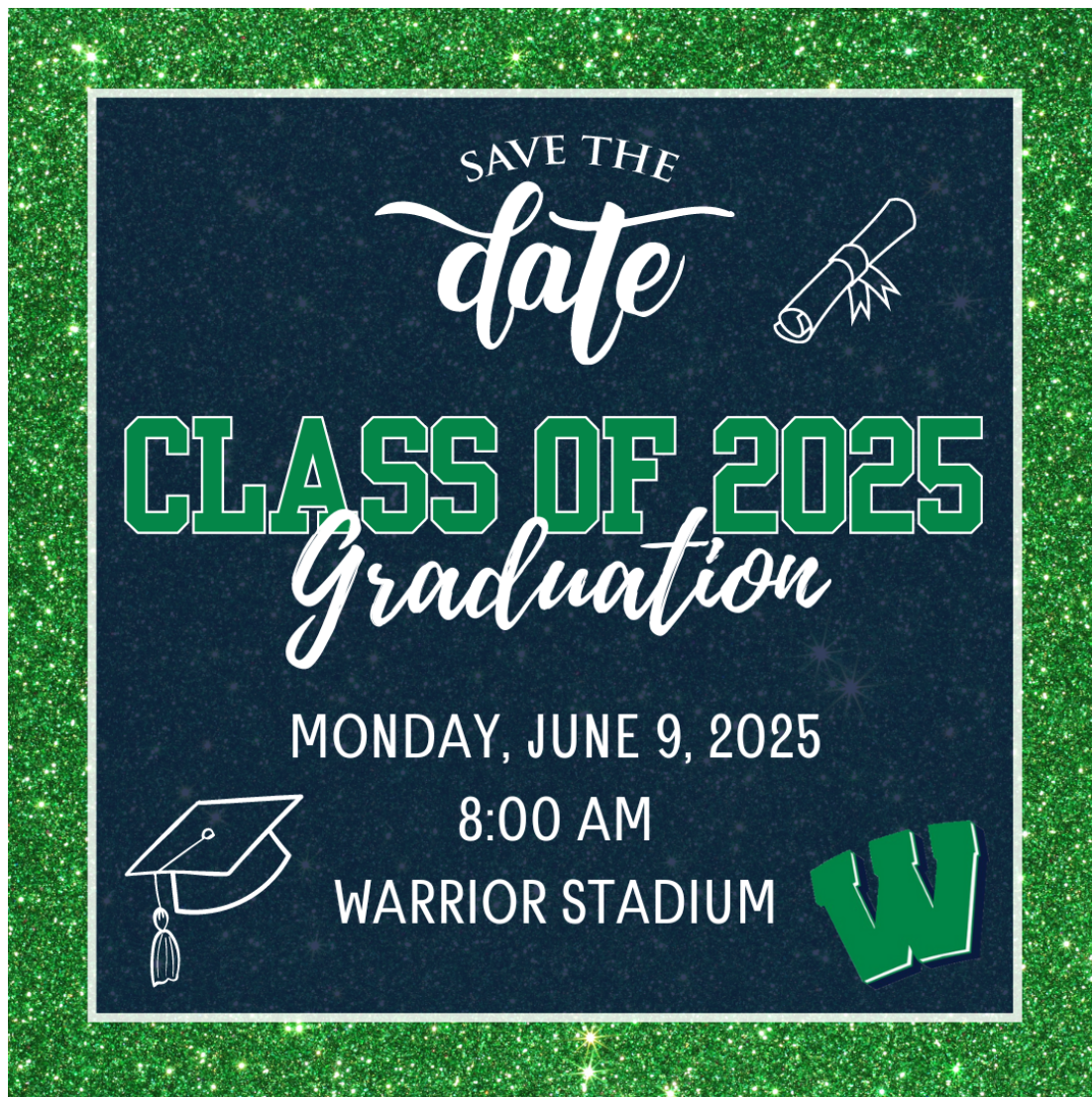
Parents, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students who are tardy getting to school over the last couple of weeks. As a reminder, the school day for WHS begins at 8:10am and ends at 3:05pm. Students are expected to be in their 1st period class by the 8:10am bell. Students who are not in their class by the 8:10am bell will be marked tardy. We recognize traffic can cause delays in the morning and as such, students and parents are encouraged to allow extra time to get to school in the morning. WHS students may enter the building each day at 7:15am. Please remind your child of the importance of getting to school on time as having students come into the classroom late causes a disruption for all students in the class.

We also 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.

## CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION

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.





## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

AP Testing will begin on Monday May, 5th. Please encourage students to follow social media for any AP testing updates. The following are a few helpful testing day tips:

- Dress in layers- Gym/Media could be cold or warm
- Eat a healthy breakfast or lunch- nothing loaded in sugar to avoid a sugar crash
- Bring healthy filling snacks as all students will receive a 15 minute break between each section
- Get a good night's sleep: being well rested on your testing day will help you perform your best on the exam. Lack of sleep will make for a very long exam
- Bring a calculator
- Pencils and pens will be provided
- Cell phones will be collected: please make sure your phone can be identified quickly as some test groups are large and I-phones can all look identical. Avoid placing your credit cards and/or drivers license outside of your phone case
- Leave smart watches at home as we will be required to collect all smart watches
- Do not bring any type of Bluetooth/wireless accessory
- Be on time- students will not be permitted to enter the test room late. If you have a morning test, please plan accordingly for traffic

### Late Testing Policy





Any student who misses the AP exam must contact Mrs. Smith immediately via email. Please remember AP testing is **REQUIRED**. If a student does not participate in testing their overall grade will be lowered a letter grade according to UCPS policy. If a student misses the regular exam time, there will likely be a fee that the student will be responsible for.

**SENIORS:** Please remember that AP exam administration times are strict and we are bound to follow all College Board and AP Policies. Weddington High has never scheduled senior week during the regular administration of AP exams, however we have no control of late testing schedule conflicting with senior week activities. Please do your best to be present for all regular scheduled exams.



# AP EXAM SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: MAY 5 - MAY 9

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>AP BIO</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP CHEM</b> MEDIA CENTER <b>AP HUMAN GEO</b> GYM	<b>AP LIT</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP STATS</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP US HISTORY</b> MEDIA CENTER
	<b>AP EURO HISTORY</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP US GOV</b> GYM	<b>AP COMP SCI</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP WORLD HISTORY</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>NONE</b>

# AP EXAM SCHEDULE

WEEK 2: MAY 12 - MAY 16

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>AP CALC AB</b> GYM <b>AP CALC BC</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP PRECALC</b> GYM	<b>AP ENG LANG</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP SPAN LANG</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>NONE</b>
	<b>NONE</b>	<b>AP ENVIRO SCI</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP PHYS C</b> MEDIA CENTER	<b>AP COMP SCI</b> MEDIA CENTER <b>AP PHYS: ELECTRICITY &amp; MAGNETISM</b> COUNSELING	<b>AP PSYCH</b> GYM

# ATTENDANCE

## ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

Attendance Recovery will take place after we return from Spring Break. Any student required to attend will be notified via email with their required hours. Attendance Recovery hours must be completed before the completion of the 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. TC Yost ( [tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tammy.yost@ucps.k12.nc.us) ).

## 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 to 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 YEARBOOK





# 49

**yearbooks remaining at  
WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL!**

**We want YOU to get one of this year's  
one-of-a-kind history of the school year!**

# YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

SEND A REMINDER TO BUY YOUR YEARBOOK

Scan to Text!



1. Scan code with phone camera or QR code reader.
2. Enter recipient.
3. Send the message.
4. Mission complete!

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## 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!

## **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!

As we plan for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, the Weddington High School PTSO is seeking dedicated individuals to join our board. Serving on the board is a rewarding opportunity to support our students, teachers, and staff, and to contribute to the Weddington school community. Anyone interested in serving on the Weddington High School PTSO board, please reach out to us at [w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com](mailto:w.d.h.s.ptso.nc@gmail.com). We would be delighted to provide more information and discuss how you can get involved.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our schools.

<https://weddingtonhsptso.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

### **THANK YOU!**

We invite you to thank our teachers and staff for their efforts during this 2024-25 school year by donating a gift card or making a donation for gift cards via Venmo (<https://venmo.com/u/WHSPSTSO> - please note in memo that donation is for gift cards). For more information, please click:

## 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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**WHS PTSO**

@WHSPTSO



**venmo**

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.

# 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**

[Download](#)

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

# EC PARENT SURVEY

## Parent Survey: Special Education



### What is the Parent Survey?

This is an annual survey of parents of children receiving special education. It is an opportunity to report how well your school system includes you in the IEP process and the education of your child.



<https://go.ncdpi.gov/24-25ParentSurvey>

### Your response matters!

Your response lets the State and your district know how well they are doing or how they can improve parent involvement.

### Did you know?

Your response is anonymous.

### Survey Specifics

This short, 2-minute survey is open between January 6 and June 30, 2025. If you don't have a computer or smartphone, you can request a paper copy from your district.

### Need more information?

Contact:

**The Office of Exceptional Children**  
Johanna Lynch, Parent Liaison  
984-236-2570  
OR

**The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center**  
Anastacia Newton, Parent Educator  
(704) 990-7273 (English)

Millie Ramos, Lead Bilingual Parent Educator  
704-990-7276 (Spanish)

OFFICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
North Carolina Department of  
**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

## 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.

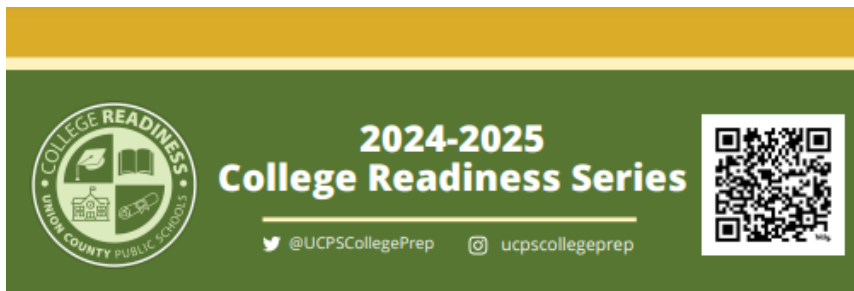
### Seniors - To Do:

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

## UCPS COLLEGE READINESS SERIES



The banner features the Union County Public Schools logo on the left, which includes a graduation cap, an open book, and a magnifying glass. To the right of the logo, the text "2024-2025 College Readiness Series" is displayed in a bold, white font. Below this text are the Twitter handle "@UCPSCollegePrep" and the Instagram handle "ucpscollegeprep". On the far right of the banner is a QR code.

Scoir 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

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION



**FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS**



**HEART  
OF A  
CHAMPION DAY**  
Atrium Health

**Free high school sports physicals for student-athletes entering grades 9 through 12.**

*Students must be enrolled at an Atrium Health partner high school to participate.*

**Saturday, May 31, 2025 • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Atrium Health Musculoskeletal Institute  
Orthopedics & Sports Medicine  
6050 W. Highway 74, Indian Trail, NC 28079**

Each student-athlete will receive the following free services from our team of expert providers:

- Review of medical history
- General wellness sports screening for North and South Carolina
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) - This is a heart screening for sudden cardiac death to detect health risks before they become issues
- Echocardiogram (ECHO) to be scheduled if needed
- Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal exam)
- Vision exam
- Registered Dietitian
- Hands-Only CPR training

**Please register using the link or QR code between March 1 and May 10:**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



For registration questions, please email [hocday@atriumhealth.org](mailto:hocday@atriumhealth.org)

#### Atrium Health Musculoskeletal Institute

##### Please note:

The exam is a screening for school sports—not a complete physical—and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor.

Click here to [LEARN MORE](#) or visit [atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion](https://atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion)

\* Photo and video will be taken at each event and used for marketing purposes.



Atrium Health

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## 2025 SUMMER CAMPS

Registration  
information coming  
soon!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2025**

**SUMMER CAMPS**



**JUNE 23-26 CHEER**  
MS 9-11:30, ES 1-4

**JUNE 16-19 SOCCER**

**JUNE 16-19 BASEBALL**  
**JUNE 23-26**

**JUNE 16-19 BASKETBALL**  
**JUNE 23-26**

**JUNE 16-19 FOOTBALL**

**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



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**

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