



# Pirate Press

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ATTENDANCE RECOVERY AND  
CHROMEBOOK TURN IN**

**EOC TUTORING  
SCHEDULES ARE ON THE  
NEXT PAGE**



**Graduation Ticket,  
Programs, and Cord  
Pickup**

Monday, June 3- Thursday June 6  
1-3pm after exams  
Friday, June 7 10am-12pm

**All final exams must be completed,  
chromebook and charger turned in,  
and all fees must be paid to receive  
tickets.**




PRHS Presents  
2nd annual

**MULTICULTURAL  
FESTIVAL**

5:00-7:30  
near the stadium

Friday, 31 May 2024

Games	Make memories	Activities	Food
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Games	Fun-Filled Activites	Live Entertainment	Food Truck

 @prhs\_humanities

**Porter Ridge FFA  
PEACH FUNDRAISER**

**\$25 for 1/2 bushel cling-free peaches  
(about 25 pounds)**

Pre-sales: 4/29/24 - 6/14/24  
Pick-up: 7/22/24 at PRHS

To purchase peaches, see an  
FFA member or Mrs. Helms &  
Mrs. Simpson.

SEND QUESTIONS TO:  
cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us  
jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us





# EOC Tutoring Schedule

## PRHS EOC Tutoring Schedule

See the next slides for dates and times

TIME FOR  
**REVIEW**

### Math 3

TIME FOR  
**PRACTICE**



Use the QR Code to sign up

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Students: Please consider tutoring sessions to help reach this goal  
 We will have **SNACKS**

TIME FOR  
**TUTORING**

## PRHS EOC Tutoring Schedule

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TIME FOR  
**REVIEW**

### Math 1

TIME FOR  
**PRACTICE**

### English 2

### Biology

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TIME FOR  
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### English 2

Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	G110
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	E203
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	G110

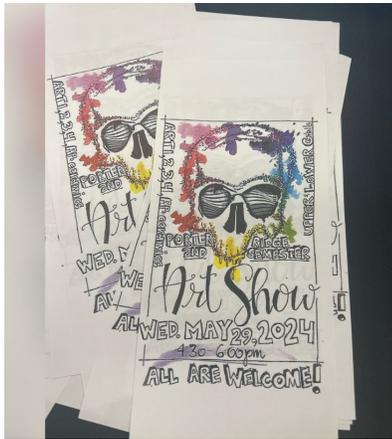
Date	Time	Subject	Teacher	Location
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 15	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 17	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 18	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 22	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 24	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E204

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AVID READER MEDIA CENTER CONTEST WINNERS!

Winners were chosen by English Teachers (Mr. Boyles, Ms. Hill, Ms. Lukasik, Ms. McCollum, Ms. Schullery, Ms. Stegall, and Ms. Wright) who participated in independent reading activities partnered with the Media Center.



# Pirates In Action



## CHROMEBOOKS

**This year ALL Chromebooks and chargers will need to be turned in on the date of each student's last exam** (for any student who has exempted all of their exam we will be collecting their Chromebook and Charger on May 30<sup>th</sup> & May 31<sup>st</sup> if they have EXEMPTED ALL EXAMS). We ask that any student who has any extra chargers or Chromebooks at home, that they turn those in as well, as it is either a loaner or belongs to another student either way it needs to be returned to the school. Technology that is not turned in will be assessed for the full cost of replacement. Technology that has damage that is not accidental or normal wear and tear will be assessed for the damage.

We are asking that students assess their Chromebooks and Chargers prior to exam week and See Mr. Rodgers in the Media Center if they have any issues as they will need their Chromebooks and Chargers to complete their exams. Please check your Chromebooks for the following issues

- Your Chromebook charges properly and you have a working charger. (Please make sure you bring your charger to school on the days of your exam)
- Your Chromebook is not missing any keys and all keys type the correct letters/characters.
- Your Chromebook display is working properly and you are able to see all content on your screen correctly.
- Your Chromebook reliably connects to the school internet.

## ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

**You are REQUIRED to do attendance recovery** if you have more than 8 absences. If you have accumulated more than 8 unexcused absences you have received emails from Dr. Christie Felder about recovery. You should be checking your email. The Principal, Dr. Fisenne, typically waives your excused absences as long as they are not excessive – so it is usually your unexcused absences (this includes suspensions) that you need to recover so that you end up with less than 8 unexcused absences. You have had this opportunity all semester at The Study Cove, or by attending your teacher's tutoring – you have very limited opportunities remaining. You should go see your counselor if this applies to you. If you are still confused at this point, please see Dr. Fisenne or any administrator during lunches so that she can explain to you directly.

## Spring Semester Exam Dates 2023-2024

**Friday, 5/31**

Review for All Exams

**Monday, 6/3**

8:00 – 12:30 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

**Tuesday, 6/4**

8:00 – 12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

**Wednesday, 6/5**

8:00 – 12:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

**Thursday, 6/6**

8:00 – 12:30 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

**Friday, 6/7** is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:00 to start. Students missing an exam day will come in on Day Five for the makeup day: Friday 6/7 (Buses depart at 3:05 on 6/7).

**Exam Reviews 6/3 – 6/5: Exam Reviews:**

Review for all final exams on Friday 5/31 in class. Optional review times will be available online from 1:00 – 2:00 after each exam period.

**Quick Lunch** will be available for students after exams.

Students will be dismissed after the exam period ends (approximately 12:10). Bus transportation will leave @12:30.

**Exam Study Tips: Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:00 a.m.** They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered and go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – you may study in the café until 5:00 each day
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

**MORE ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT EXAM PROCEDURES**



**Type of Exams:** three types of exams at the end of each semester: EOC, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take. All exams must be completed between 6/3 – 6/7.

**Exam Exemptions for Teacher-Made Exams ONLY: High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:**

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class.
- Teachers will inform students of their TENTATIVE exemption on Wednesday 5/29 and then final status on 5/31. If you are unsure, then ask your teacher. *The information that teachers (or Admin) will share with you is accurate for the day that they give you the information - HOWEVER if you get additional unexcused absences, OR if your grade average changes because of work submitted or tests taken - your exemption status and/or your need for attendance recovery will change.*
- Reminder – Absence notes must be submitted within **FIVE days** of the absence in order to excuse the absence. Notes sent in after five days will NOT be accepted.

**Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students taking exams, (those students who exempt an exam are excused from the exam).** Your attendance is REQUIRED all the way up through final exams. If you have completed all of your required exams you are not required to come to school on the makeup exam day – it will be coded as an excused absence- it will not affect your exam exemption or whether you pass/fail a course due to attendance.

Friday, June 7 is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student’s grade for the semester.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a “0” on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

**Early Dismissals during Testing Week:** NO student may be dismissed during the four-hour testing window. NO notes will be accepted for this. In order to best support the success of all of our students

## CTE Courses Spring 2024

These are required exams that cannot be exempted

- ★ Accounting II
- ★ Apparel & Textile Production I
- ★ Apparel & Textile Production II
- ★ Business Essentials
- ★ Business Essentials UCV
- ★ Business Law UCV
- ★ Business Management I
- ★ Culinary Arts & Hospitality I
- ★ Financial Planning I
- ★ Foods & Nutrition I
- ★ Foundations of Health Science
- ★ Health Science I

## EOC Courses Spring 2024

These are required exams that cannot be exempted

- ★ Math 1
- ★ Math 3
- ★ English 2
- ★ Biology

- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- ❖ **All books were due back to the Media Center** by Friday, May 17th. Students should drop off all books as soon as possible. Any student who checked out a **calculator** and is finished using it should return it to Mrs. Snelson asap. Thank you!

## Hello Goosechasers!

Thank you for your participation throughout Senior Week! We loved getting to see all of your submissions, and how invested all of the teams were. We would like to give a big congratulations to our winning teams:

1. **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles with Kailee Mesta, Erica Pettinicchi, Cayson Pritchard, and Emily Masone.**
2. **Silly Gooses with Alena Sursiakova, Anna Sturza, Ulyana Bakhurevich, and Charlotte Chapman.**
3. **The C Chronicles with Cody Chen, Justin Walker, Christopher Harris, and Daniel Espinal.**
4. One last thank you to all of the teams that participated, we hope you participate again in the future!



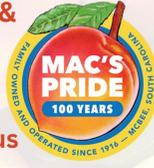
*Porter Ridge FFA*  
**PEACH FUNDRAISER**

**\$25 for 1/2 bushel cling-free peaches**  
(about 25 pounds)

Pre-sales: 4/29/24 - 6/14/24  
Pick-up: 7/22/24 at PRHS

To purchase peaches, see an  
FFA member or Mrs. Helms &  
Mrs. Simpson.

SEND QUESTIONS TO:  
[cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
[jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us)



## We need your IDEAS

If you want to see **improvements around the school** that you haven't seen yet, or if you have suggestions on ideas/ activities that we could add throughout the school; **the lighthouse team has a suggestion box for you in the guidance room, where you can submit your ideas anonymously.** There are also fliers around the school with the QR code if you wish to submit your suggestions online. Use your voice to bring the change you want!

Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



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# Senior Announcements

**UPDATED: Class of 2024: Click on the Senior Letter below! Students and Parents there is information about graduation, senior week, and more**  
**SENIOR LETTER**

**Graduation Ticket, Programs, and Cord Pickup**  
 Monday, June 3- Thursday June 6  
 1-3pm after exams  
 Friday, June 7 10am-12pm  
**All final exams must be completed, chromebook and charger turned in, and all fees must be paid to receive tickets.**



PRHS Stadium

*Class of 2024 Graduation*  
*Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm*

**LIVE STREAM**  
**TUESDAY**  
**JUNE 11, 2024**  
**8:00 PM**  
**PR**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/gKxyqClOrMQ>

**PRHS**  
**Scholarship Total**  
**\$15,363,610**  
**93 Students**  
**233 Awards**  
**WAY TO GO SENIORS**



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# Senior Grad Pics

## Lifetouch.

[View in Browser](#)

Hello, Porter Ridge High School!

It's almost time for your Spring graduation ceremony with Lifetouch, powered by PhotoDay! Thanks for choosing us to send your students off with the pomp and circumstance they deserve.

We' **PLEASE CLICK ON THE AD TO ORDER**  
 you

**COMMEMORATE**  
*this moment!*

Lifetouch

powered by PhotoDay

**It's almost time for our graduation  
ceremony!**

Purchase an optional AdvancePay credit before the ceremony. This gives you free shipping on your order of \$35+ after the event.

**PRE-ORDER NOW**

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Once your event images are ready, please allow 2-3 business days for processing, you'll receive a text when they are ready to view and order.

If purchased, your AdvancePay credit will be applied to your order! Just sign in with your phone number at check-out.

Text PGHW92894 to 90738\* or visit <https://my.photoday.com/g> and enter your phone number followed by your access code to get started.



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# Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We're looking for PTO Board Vice President and Secretary. We are seeking parents willing to pay to support the PTO's work, willing to donate items for teacher appreciation and school events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events or as needed.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at [amy\\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

**JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE**



**INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD**



Follow the PTO Instagram  
Page at [prhs\\_pto](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_pto)



Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## LITTLE PIRATE CHEER CAMP

Tuesday, June 25  
Wednesday, June 26  
Thursday, June 27

9:00am -  
12:00pm

Age 5 - 13



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Little Pirate Cheer Camp. Deadline is June 14th. Contact Coach Lawson with any questions.



**PORTER RIDGE  
ATHLETIC ZONE**

College signing day! Wyatt Pugh, Cedric Blowe, Lindsey Love, Anna Scaldara.  
Cedric- Guilford  
Wyatt- Montevallo  
Lindsey- Richard Bland College of William & Mary  
Anna- Lees McRae



# PIRATE ATHLETICS



Admission  
**\$100**  
/camper

## BASEBALL CAMP

**About This Camp**

Campers will learn a variety of baseball specific drills from current coaches and players. Campers will also enjoy fun games and competitions. Hats will be available for purchase.

**THE SHIP**  
PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

Register here

**DATES:** 17-19 JUNE

**TIME:** 8:00 - 12:00



## 2024 PIRATES BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

**INFORMATION**

- July 8th-11th
- 8am-12pm
- Porter Ridge HS Gymnasium
- Age: Rising 4th-8th graders
- Register today!!
- \$100 per camper

**TO REGISTER VISIT**

<https://ucps.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/2002/466/False/True>



## SOFTBALL

*Kids Camp*

**JUNE 17-19, 2024**

3-day camp from 9am-12pm  
Rising 5th-8th graders  
Instructors will be coaches and players from the Porter Ridge High School softball team!

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Cost: \$100  
Sign Up Here: [bit.ly/PRsoftball](https://bit.ly/PRsoftball)

Email [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

Registration is underway for the 2024 PRABC Golf Tournament, Monday, June 17, 2024. Sign up as an individual or team. We are accepting sponsorships, raffle prizes, gift baskets, goodie bag items and more. Please visit [prathleticboosterclub.org](http://prathleticboosterclub.org) or email [prabcevents@gmail.com](mailto:prabcevents@gmail.com) for more information.



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

### MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD  
MONROE, NC 28110



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

# GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS — LEVELS —

### ALBATROSS SPONSOR - \$2500

- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, FLYERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.
- LOGO GOLF TOWEL PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT
- BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF TOURNAMENT AS PRESENTER
- TABLE PROVIDED FOR SPONSOR DISPLAY USE
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY FOURSOME INCLUDED

### BIRDIE SPONSOR - \$1000

- LARGE BANNER HOLE (18 AVAILABLE)
- OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP A TABLE AT HOLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

### EAGLE SPONSOR - \$500

- YOUR CHOICE OF
  - CONTEST SPONSOR
    - CLOSEST TO THE PIN
    - LONG DRIVE
    - MULLIGAN
    - RAFFLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

### PAR SPONSOR - \$100

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON SIGN AT ONE OF THE COURSE HOLES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**VISIT**

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.org/2024golftournament>  
or email [PRABcevents@gmail.com](mailto:PRABcevents@gmail.com)





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## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**– last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Alexandra Green**– last names Sap-Z  
[alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us)

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

**FAFSA**  
form

**REMINDER**

**DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FORM?**

Check your application status at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

**Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™**

Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a two-year program based on two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research. Other AP courses teach you, in depth, about a specific subject, like biology or U.S. history. AP Seminar and AP Research are different. They focus on helping you develop academic skills you can use in any discipline. Students must take a combination of AP courses that include AP Seminar in the Junior Year and AP Research in the senior year.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

[www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs)

**THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM LETS YOU:**

- Study topics of your own choosing, in depth.
- Master key skills you'll use in college and career.
- Stand out in your college applications and interviews.

**How It Works**

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.

AP Capstone Diploma™	<b>AP SEMINAR (Year 1)</b>	AP Seminar and Research Certificate™
	Team Project & Presentation	
	Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation	
	<b>AP RESEARCH (Year 2)</b>	
	Academic Paper	
	Presentation & Oral Defense	
	<b>4 AP COURSES &amp; EXAMS</b>	
	(Taken at any point throughout high school)	

**AP Seminar: Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking**

Learn more about AP Capstone at [collegeboard.org/apcapstone](https://collegeboard.org/apcapstone).

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
**ASHEVILLE**

**Pre-College Programs Summer 2024**

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

**What makes pre-college programs unique?**

Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including: Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

**Registration Open Now**  
[UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE](http://UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE)

For more information, visit [unca.edu/precollege](http://unca.edu/precollege) or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at [precollege@unca.edu](mailto:precollege@unca.edu)



WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
**COLLEGE LAUNCH**  
 COLLEGELAUNCH.WFU.EDU

**INSPIRING STUDENTS TO PURSUE GREATNESS**

College LAUNCH for Leadership is a FREE nine-month college prep program focusing on social justice and leadership development. Our program serves high performing, under-resourced high school juniors in the Charlotte, NC and Winston-Salem, NC areas.

**DISCOVER**

connections between your career aspirations and passion for social change through mentorship and networking opportunities.

**PREPARE**

for the college application process with campus tours, resume and essay writing workshops, financial aid sessions, and interview coaching.

**IMPACT**

social change in your schools and communities by completing a Youth Participatory Action Research project.

**LEARN. ACHIEVE. UNDERSTAND. NETWORK. COMMIT. HELP.**

**1 PROGRAM**

CHARLOTTE

**2 COHORTS**

WINSTON-SALEM

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
**COLLEGE LAUNCH**  
 INSPIRING STUDENTS TO PURSUE GREATNESS

**What is Wake Forest College LAUNCH for Leadership?**

College LAUNCH is a FREE, nine-month program for high school juniors that uplifts students by preparing them for college, empowering their social consciousness, and developing skills for courageous leadership. By cultivating academic curiosity, LAUNCH Scholars discover their potential and impact their community as catalysts for change.

**Application Eligibility**

- Be a rising college bound high school junior (Class of 2026)
- Have a clean high school disciplinary record
- Have a strong academic background and a passion for leadership and social justice
- Be located in Winston-Salem, Charlotte or the surrounding communities, as Scholars are required to attend monthly in-person events at their regional Wake Forest University Campus

*Students who are from under-resourced communities or who are first generation are encouraged to apply*

**Application Requirements:**

- Two well-crafted essays that respond to the application prompts
- A recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or administrator who knows the student well
- A self-reported GPA and unofficial copy of high school transcript

**College LAUNCH Fast Facts**

- 9 - month program (September - May)
- 1 Saturday a month in Winston-Salem or Charlotte (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- Scholars complete a Community Research and Action Project that looks great on college resumes
- Scholars prepare for the college application process through Saturday Summits and college essay practice
- Scholars receive mentorship opportunities and guided career exploration
- 100% of Scholars graduate college ready
- In 2023, Scholars collectively earned over \$13 million dollars in college scholarships
- Scholars benefit from a network of support and community

The LAUNCH Application is open from January 8th until August 1st, 2024.  
 College LAUNCH is open to all. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.  
 Application decisions are not made on the basis of gender or race.

[COLLEGELAUNCH.WFU.EDU](http://COLLEGELAUNCH.WFU.EDU)

Want to take SPCC classes in high school?  
 Want to get a jumpstart on your career?  
 Confused about next steps after graduation?

**Let's Talk!**

Scan below to schedule a meeting:

Shannon Minick  
 SPCC Career Coach  
[sminick@spcc.edu](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)

**Need Career advice or direction?**  
 Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer!

[Click here for more info...](#)



WINGATE GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP
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South Piedmont Community College  
 Central Piedmont Community College  
 Stanly Community College  
 Richmond Community College  
 Rowan-Cabarrus Community College  
 Blue Ridge Community College

## A four-year degree for \$2,500 per year or less?



### Make your dreams a reality with the Wingate University Gateway Scholarship

Wingate University is working with area community colleges to break down financial barriers and provide students with a seamless transfer pathway. Our community college partners include South Piedmont, Central Piedmont, Stanly, Richmond, Rowan-Cabarrus and Blue Ridge.

Build on your success in community college and earn a scholarship to complete your bachelor's degree for no more than \$2,500 per year in tuition!

#### Requirements

- Meet our admission standards
- Earn your associate's degree from a participating community college with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.

#### Gateway Scholarship NEXT STEPS

1. Submit an online application to Wingate.
2. Provide your high school and community college transcripts.
3. Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.
4. Once accepted, commit to Wingate by submitting your enrollment deposit.



### Gateway Scholarship FAQs

- Our admission application is FREE. There is no separate application for the scholarship. High school students should submit our first-year undergraduate application. High school graduates (those who completed community college courses after graduating from high school) should use the transfer-student application.
- The scholarship is for up to 4 years (8 semesters) at Wingate as long as students maintain a GPA consistent with our academic standards.
- The scholarship is applied to a student's financial aid after all other institutional, federal and state aid have been applied toward tuition.
- The scholarship can be used for any undergraduate program (not just certain majors.)
- Scholarship recipients are responsible for the costs of room, board and a meal plan if they live on campus (average additional cost of \$10K per year).
- The scholarship is not limited to a certain number of recipients each year. Any student who meets the qualifications is eligible.
- Although it is not an income-based scholarship, families are required to complete the FAFSA or a financial responsibility form, to be eligible.
- The scholarship includes any associate degree pathway.
- Students must be enrolled full-time at Wingate (12 or more credit hours) to receive the scholarship.

### Gateway to Wingate Tips

- Plan your courses. Work with your community college advisor and Wingate to ensure that your courses will transfer toward your major.
- Visit Wingate University's campus.
- To receive a schedule that best fits your academic goals, submit your enrollment deposit early.

#### Areas of Study

##### Undergraduate Majors

Accounting  
 Biochemistry  
 Biology  
 – Agricultural and Food Systems  
 – Biology and Education  
 – Environmental Biology  
 Environmental Biology/Public Health Track  
 Chemistry  
 – Chemistry and Business  
 Communication  
 – Health Communication  
 – Journalism  
 – Speech & Theater  
 – Sports Medicine  
 – Strategic Communication  
 Criminal Justice  
 Education  
 – Educational studies  
 – Elementary Education  
 – Middle Grades Education  
 – Reading & Elementary Education  
 English  
 – English & Education  
 Exercise Science

– Fitness Professional Track  
 – Pre-Professional Track  
 Finance  
 Health and Physical Education  
 History  
 – History Education  
 Human Services  
 International Business  
 Management  
 Marketing  
 Mathematics  
 – Mathematics & Business  
 – Mathematics & Education  
 Music  
 – Music Education  
 – Music Performance  
 Nursing  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Public Health  
 Religious studies  
 Sociology  
 Sport & Recreation Management

##### Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Professional Programs  
 Pre-Dentistry  
 Pre-Law  
 Pre-Medicine  
 Pre-Nursing  
 Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Pharmacy  
 Pre-Physical Therapy  
 Pre-Physician Assistant  
 Pre-Veterinary Medicine  
 Pre-Ministerial

##### Graduate Programs

Accounting  
 Business  
 Education  
 Elementary Education  
 Educational Leadership  
 Higher Education  
 Executive Leadership  
 School Superintendency

Medical Science  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Pharmacy  
 Physical Therapy  
 Physician Assistant  
 Public Health  
 Social Work (under development)  
 Sport Management

If you have questions about Wingate's admissions application, please contact Valerie Graham, Valerie@wingate.edu, 704-233-8103.





## Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to curate a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

*Mica Anderson*  
 Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY



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## Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

#### ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY

- Available to all UCPS high school students
- High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation

**COST:**  
 Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
 Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

#### TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

**PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY**

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice
- Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation

**COST:**  
 Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
 Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

#### UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Complete the 2 Teaching as a Profession courses
- High school diploma
- May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university
- Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation

**COST:**  
 Student incurs cost

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?  
**A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.**

Q. Is there a fee for this program?  
**A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.**

Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?  
**A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.**

Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?  
**A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.**

Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?  
**A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit ucps.k12.nc.us and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS**



**We have made a change on how we are accepting absence notes.** Our attendance counselor has transitioned to a different job and UCPS is no longer filling these jobs. If you have questions about your child's attendance please call the main office at PRHS and our staff will assist you. Moving forward we will be accepting parent notes only using an [electronic Absence Reporting Form linked here](#). Please bookmark the form. It will also be linked on our website and in our newsletter. There is information below about using the form, and more information on the form itself:

- This form is to be used by a PARENT/GUARDIAN to report a **STUDENT'S PREVIOUS DAY OR CURRENT DAY'S absence** from school due to illness.
- A maximum number of **FIVE (5) days can be excused FOR ILLNESS with a parent note** (uploads to this form) each semester, for an approved 'excused absence reason. A request for an exception to this guideline should be directed to your child's administrator or counselor for Principal approval. (This includes paper/email notes that were sent in prior to this form being available.)
- Official Medical/Court/Legal Absence notes should still be turned in to the main office on paper. Please do not complete this form when you are providing documentation from a doctor (or court, DMV, etc...).
- Only the parent or guardian may complete this form, no students. Parent email completing form will be verified with email(s) we have on file, only forms submitted by a matching email will be accepted. IF you need to verify your email that we have on file - it is the email address that we send the weekly Pirate Press newsletter to. You can verify other addresses by calling the school.
- \*Email and paper Parent Notes for illness will no longer be accepted\*
- Students arriving to school late, or returning to school from a medical/court/legal appointment should continue to sign in to school and turn in their doctor/court/official note to the front desk.

## **TARDY POLICY**

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our [PRHS Student Handbook](#). Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

## Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE](#)

[Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Transportation Information- CLICK HERE](#)

Transportation information can be found on the [UCPS Transportation pages](#).

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: [CLICK HERE](#)

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone [please follow this link](#). There is a great video for your reference here.

[Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook](#)

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

## School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here)

Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

Click [here](#) to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

## TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

**UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE** of \$30 this year that all students must pay. [Click here for the online payment system](#). Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.



### HELPDESK HOURS

**Monday – Wednesday – Friday**

**Start: 7:45am**

**End: 11:30am**

**Tuesday – Thursday**

**Start: 12:45pm**

**End: 3:00pm**

- Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.
- Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



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