

Warrior Weekly

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Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, May 19th: Senior Cap and Gown Photo (see below for more information)

Monday, May 19th - Friday, May 23rd: Senior Week (see below for more information)

Wednesday, May 21st: Non-Instructional Career Fair (see below for more information)

Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day, No School

Monday, June 2nd - Friday, June 6th: Final Exams (see below for more information)

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. 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-56213624-eoygift>



WHS PTSO

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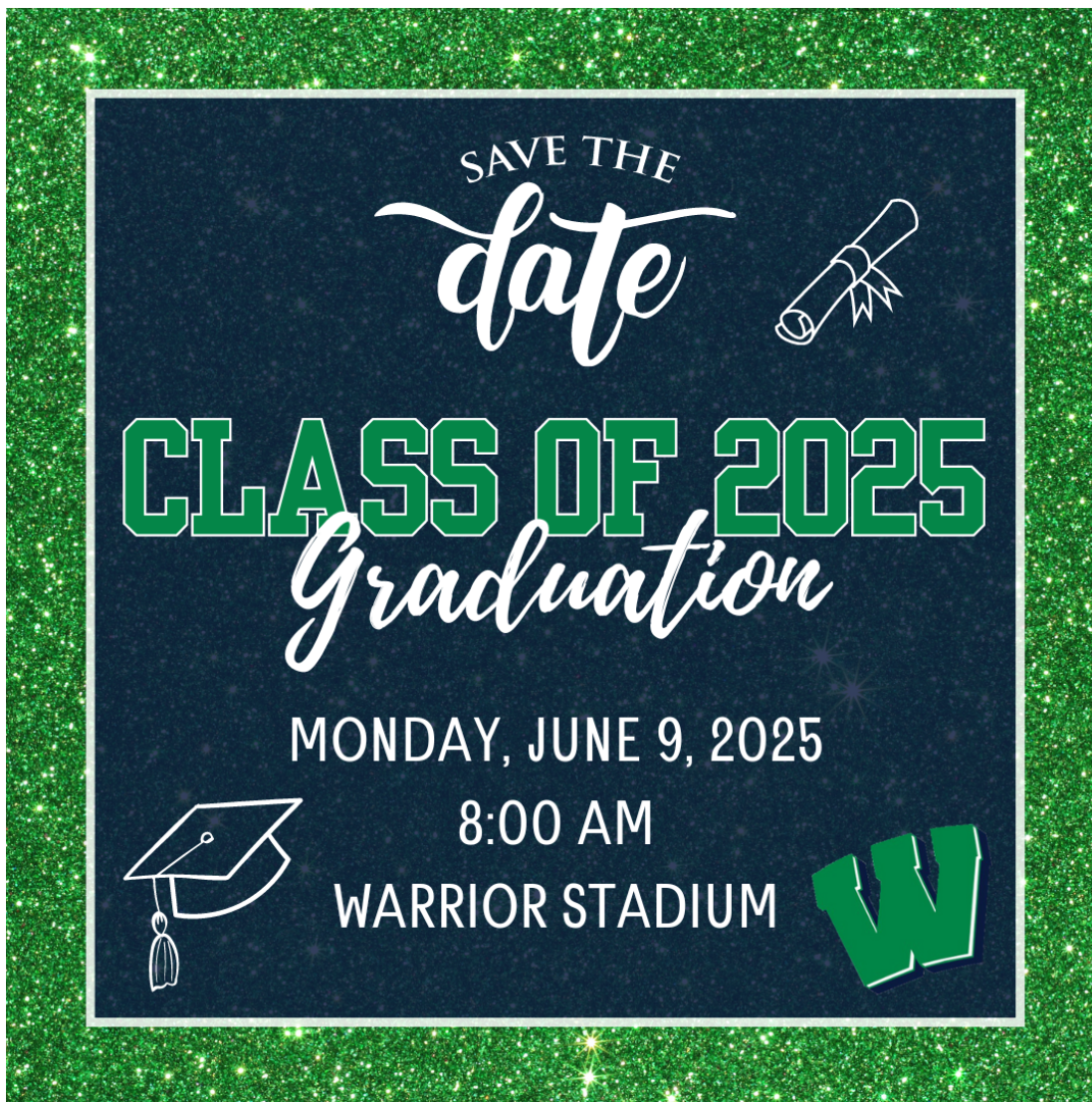


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CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION

Click [HERE](#) for the graduation website.



Senior Cap and Gown Picture: Monday, May 19th 8:15 am

Seniors will be taking a class Cap and Gown picture on Monday, May 19th. All seniors will report directly to the stadium no later than 8:00 am. All seniors will need to bring their cap and gown. Following the picture, the senior class will walk through Weddington Elementary school and Weddington Middle school in their cap and gown. All seniors will report to class after the walk-through.

Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, June 6th 12:00pm

All seniors participating in commencement are required to attend rehearsal on Friday, June 6th at 12:00pm. Students should report to the auditorium starting at 11:15am for check-in. Students will receive their cords and 8 graduation tickets. All fees must be paid in full before students can receive their tickets. Students cannot pick up tickets for other students.

IMPORTANT: Physical tickets MUST be presented at the commencement in order for entry. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

Senior Collections:

Seniors will not be allowed to receive their tickets if their school account has not been cleared. Please check PowerSchool to see if your student has any unpaid fees. If you have any questions regarding fees, please feel free to reach out to our bookkeeper, Tina Starnes at tinat.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us. She will be available during graduation rehearsal to assist students with clearing any outstanding fees. **It is extremely important that all seniors ensure that they have**

turned in all textbooks, library materials, Chromebook and charger, and any outstanding fees by the end of the day Friday, June 6th.

Graduation: Monday, June 9th at 8:00am

Weddington High School's Class of 2025 Commencement will be held on Monday, June 9th at 8:00am at the high school stadium. Seniors are expected to arrive and line up by 7:15am. Students may park in the student parking lot as early as 7:00am, check in at the table in the gym, and then proceed to their assigned pod for line up. We will begin the processional at 7:45am. It is extremely important that students arrive by 7:15am in order to ensure they are able to check in and be in line for the procession.

Dress code for students is business casual. Males should wear dress pants and a collared shirt and females a dress, skirt, or dress pants. Flip Flops should not be worn. Ladies should not wear heels as they will be walking on soft grass. Ladies should affix the white collar that comes with the graduation gown. All cords will be distributed at graduation rehearsal. Only school distributed cords may be worn. Graduation caps are not to be decorated.

Inclement Weather Contingency Plan:

Graduation will take place Monday, June 9th at 8:00am as planned, however, it is possible that there could be a minor delay or modification to the program depending on the weather. We will continue monitoring the weather throughout the week and over the weekend prior to graduation. Any delays to the 8:00am start time would be communicated Monday morning by no later than 6:00am via a connect ed text message and through our school social media platforms. Students, parents, and guests are encouraged to follow Weddington High School social media the morning of graduation for any updates.

Instagram, Facebook, & Twitter: WeddingtonHSNC

Graduation Live Stream:

Graduation will be Live Streamed as in years past. The link for the Live Stream will be shared with families the week prior to graduation.

Graduation Tickets:

Each graduating senior will receive 8 tickets to the ceremony. **Each student will receive the 8 physical tickets on rehearsal day.** Students are more than welcome to ask other students for any unused tickets. However, WHS will not facilitate this process or provide additional tickets. There will be three entry points for all guests: Weddington Middle School, Weddington Elementary School, and the Weddington High School student lot.

You may also click [HERE](#) for additional graduation event directions including parking information.

All guests will need a ticket in order to attend. Children who are 5 years and younger do not need a ticket, however, they must sit on a parents lap. We ask that you please have your paper ticket ready upon arriving at the ticket booth. The gates will open at 7:00am. All guests are encouraged to arrive early to ensure you get a parking spot and find a seat prior to the ceremony beginning promptly at 8:00am.

Safety Protocols for UCPS Events:

Per UCPS safety protocols, only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed into graduation. All guests are asked to plan accordingly as this will be enforced. After consulting with law enforcement and district officials, UCPS reserves the right to utilize body scanners at events. Metal detectors will be used at all stadium entrances. Please plan your arrival accordingly.

Graduation Parking:

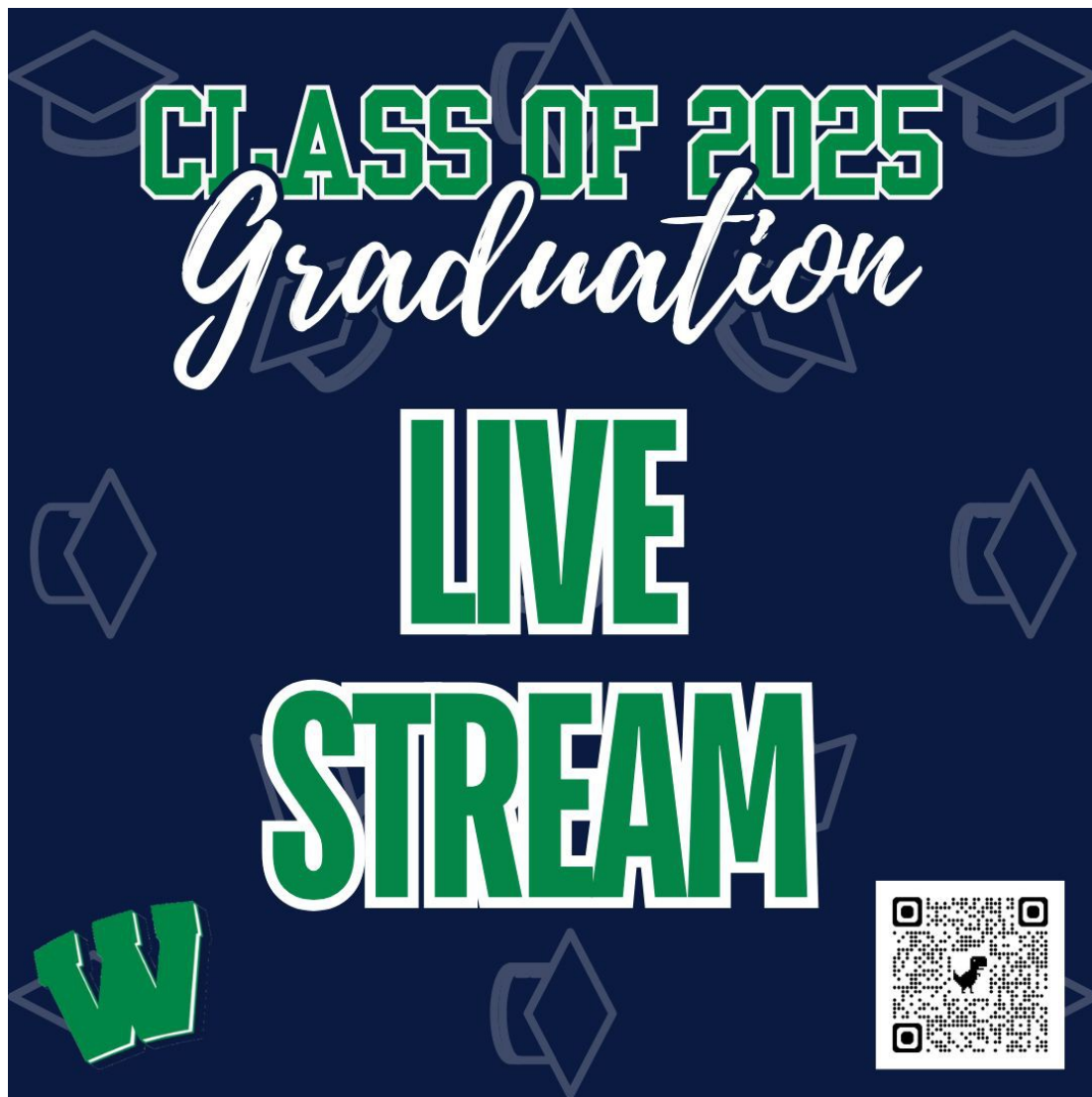
Parking is available at Weddington Elementary, Weddington Middle and Weddington High School. We highly encourage guests to park at the elementary and middle school lots due to their close proximity.

Although there are handicap parking spots at each of the parking locations, all individuals requiring additional assistance are asked to park at Weddington Middle School. There will be a golf cart shuttle for those who need assistance. Handicap loading/unloading will occur in the handicap spots in the front middle school lot.

Due to the number of guests attending graduation, parking will be limited. Families are encouraged to carpool and maximize the number of guests per vehicle.

GRADUATION LIVE STREAM


Don't miss this special moment—tune in to the live stream and cheer on our amazing graduates as they cross the stage and step into their next chapter. Scan the QR code below to watch from anywhere and be part of the celebration!



SENIOR WEEK

MAY 19-23

Senior Week!



MONDAY


6:30 AM
SENIOR SUNRISE
grab a blanket and join your friends on the football field to watch the sunrise

8:15 AM
CAP & GOWN PICTURE
seniors will report directly to the stadium by 8:00 am with their cap and gown
breakfast to follow

9:10 AM
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL WALK THROUGH


TUESDAY


6:00 PM
SENIOR BANQUET
UNION EXCHANGE
\$30/ticket


food
dj/dancing
games
guest speakers
senior superlatives

WEDNESDAY

8:10 AM
SENIOR BREAKFAST
enjoy some Chick Fil A in the cafeteria!


9:15 AM
SENIOR AWARDS & RAFFLES
must attend breakfast and awards to be entered into the raffle drawings




THURSDAY

9:30 AM
ACADEMIC SIGNING DAY
RAFFLES
YEARBOOK
DISTRIBUTION
MEDIA CENTER


11:15 AM
COOKOUT
FOOTBALL STADIUM


PAINT WARS
\$7/ticket



THINGS TO KNOW

seniors must have ticket and permission form to participate in paint wars


bring your own towel and water for paint wars



UCPS NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CAREER FAIR

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

— **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL** —

CAREER FAIR

LOOKING FOR A **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**
OR WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

*Come to our upcoming career fair and find out why YOU
should join Team UCPS! We are hiring for
non-instructional positions.*



MAY 21
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UCPS Professional Development Center
721 Brewer Dr. | Monroe, NC 28110

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INFINITE CAMPUS

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will my PowerSchool parent account username/password transfer to Infinite Campus?

A. No. Parents will need to create a new account with Infinite Campus.

Q. When will parents have access to Infinite Campus?

A. Parents will receive an email in mid to late July with information on how to create an account and then gain access to their student's information.

Q. Will I need an account for each student?

A. Parents will only need one account to see their student's information.

Q. Will students receive a new ID number?

A. No, student ID numbers will not change.

Q. How will parents access the new portal?

A. The Infinite Campus portal can be accessed via a cell phone or computer.

Q. What can parents do to help with the transition?

A. If your contact information has changed this school year, contact your child's school to update your address and contact information.

Q. What happens if my contact information changes this summer?

A. Parents will have the option to change their contact information and emergency contacts when the parent portal opens.

Q. When will more information become available about the parent portal?

A. Parents will receive more details during open houses, back-to-school events and in school newsletters and emails.

STAY CONNECTED



www.ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

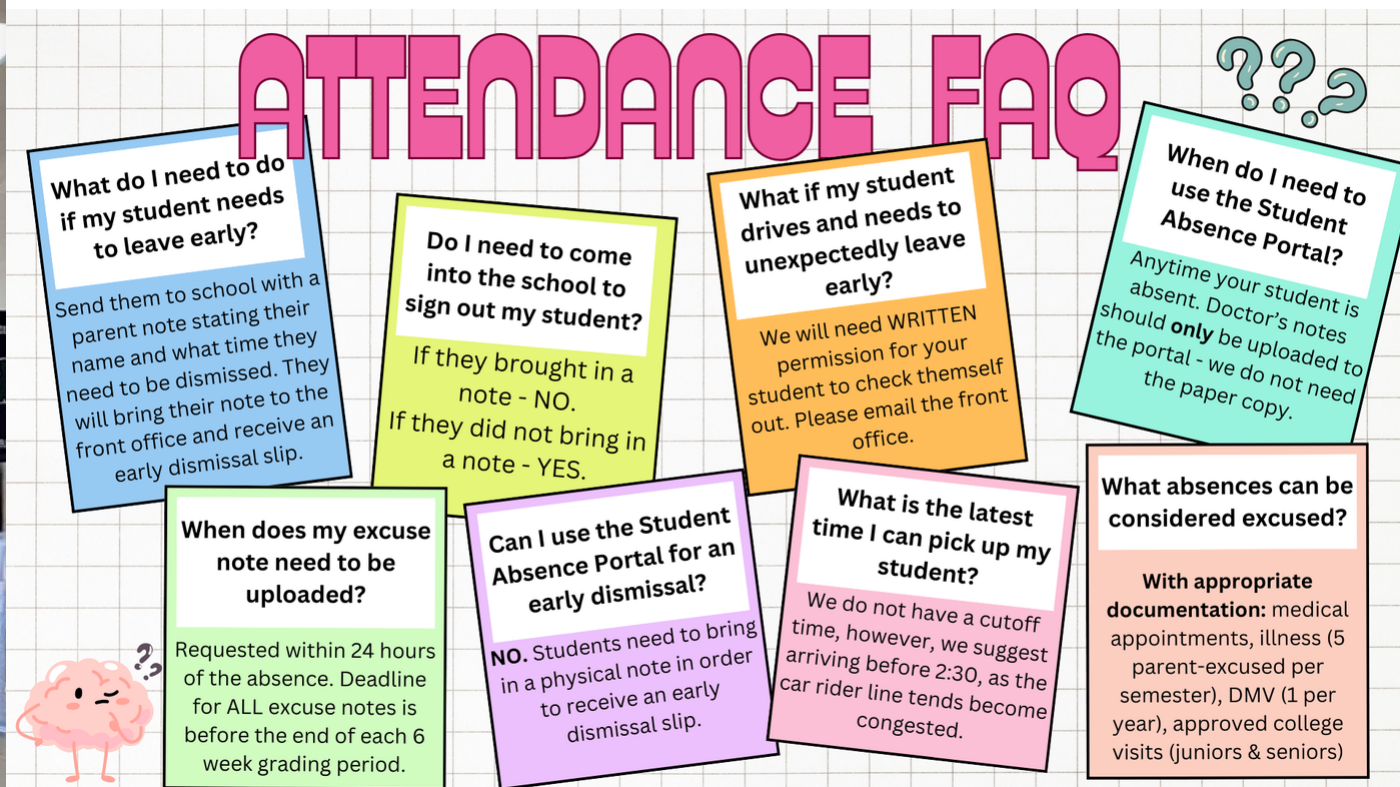
ATTENDANCE

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).

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.



SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

EOC and Teacher Made Final Exams Begin Monday, June 2nd.

Students are required to take **ALL EXAMS**, including End of Course (EOC) and Teacher Made exams, at school during exam week.

Monday, June 2nd - 1st Block Exams

Tuesday, June 3rd - 2nd Block Exams

Wednesday, June 4th - 3rd Block Exams

Thursday, June 5th - 4th Block Exams

Friday, June 6th - Make-Up Exams

Required EOC Courses:

- NC Math 1
- NC Math 3
- English 2
- Biology

Spring 2025 CTE Courses with State Exams:

- Health Science I Honors
- Business Essentials
- Business Essentials UCPS (Online Course)
- Culinary Arts & Hospitality I Honors
- Food and Nutrition I Honors

The following are some important reminders for all students taking an EOC, CTE, or teacher made final exam:

Students are asked to charge their Chromebook the night before AND bring their charger with them for test day. If your students computer is broken or not working properly, please have them contact Ms. Tammy Douglas, our Desktop Support Engineer.

Students should bring a pencil and calculator if they have a math exam.

Testing will begin at 8:15 on Monday, June 2nd through Thursday, June 5th, as well as on Friday, June 6th for the make-up exams. **All testing should be completed daily around 12:30pm. Students will not be permitted to leave campus until all exams have been completed.**

Buses will pick up at normal morning times on exam days **but will be taking students home immediately following exams during those days.** Buses will run on normal times during the make-up exam day on Friday, June 6th. Only students who have to take a make-up exam are required to come to school on the make-up exam day on Friday, June 6th.

WE'RE HIRING!

Calling all educators: Your next classroom is waiting! Come be a part of our award-winning team. Scan the QR code below to apply!

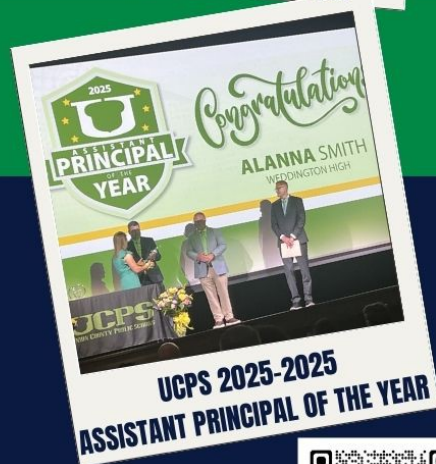
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OPEN POSITIONS:

- Math Teacher
- CTE Health Science
- OCS Teacher



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SENIORS....

WHS will be distributing paper tickets for graduation. Please complete the tasks below in exchange for your graduation tickets. Not completed? No ticket.

Scholarships

Senior Parents- Complete the scholarship reporting form for each scholarship, merit and athletic, awarded from each school. WHS is required to report a scholarship total and we can't do this without your help. Report all dollars awarded, regardless of not attending. One submission form per award. Please see your counselor with any questions. <https://forms.gle/5GfkJpkxb2cDuEET8>

UCPS - Graduation Survey

- Click on the following link to complete the graduation survey
 - <https://bit.ly/gradsurvey2025>

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- Update Your Outcome for **each** college in the Applied column
- Mark either Accepted, Denied, Deferred
- Mark the college you plan to attend as **ENROLLING**

JUMPSTART THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS, June 3, 4, 5 - 1:00 - 3:00, WHS Cafeteria

Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in individual sessions (hosted by leading college admissions counselors) sharing the ins and outs of the college application process for the 2024 application cycle.

Topics include but not limited to: College Tours, Holistic Application Review, Anatomy of the College Application, Writing the Personal Statement, Scoir, Resume Writing, Creating an Application List, Recommendation Letters, Early Action – Early Decision – Regular – Rolling, Common Application, I've been deferred, now what? Writing the Winning Essay, Community College. Four, 30-min college application sessions will be held each day, for three days.

Bring your lunch! Bring your student computer! Let's get started!

THE WHS COLLEGE APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING JUMPSTART.

June 3, 1:00 - 3:00

June 4, 1:00 - 3:00

June 5, 1:00 - 3:00

PARENT UNIVERSITY - WHS auditorium

- Navigating Financial Aid, 5:00-6:00, June 5
- College Admissions Panel, 6:00-6:45, June 5
- College Application Guidebook, 6:45-7:00, June 5 - WHS School Counselors

Counseling Department Information

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

2024-2025 YEARBOOK



IMPORTANT 2026 SENIOR PORTRAIT

The Class of 2026 Senior Portrait Booking is now open! CADY is our school's exclusive senior photographer and school pictures are going to be a little different this year. In order for your child to be in their senior yearbook, you must have their portrait taken with them. This is a very busy year so ideally, you'll book your CADY session this summer. Don't worry though, CADY specializes in senior portraits with several different session options to fit every need. Their state-of-the-art studios have endless scene options, changing rooms, and a professional staff. Their weekend schedules fill up fast, so book early to secure your spot! Your senior portrait **must be taken by December 5, 2026** to be included in the yearbook.

Get your photos for your family, grad announcements, senior yearbook ads, and more. Remember — **Book early!** Don't let your senior get left out of the yearbook. Visit cady.com/schedule to book now.

Attached are FAQs and Senior session options

	Elite Unlimited As Low as \$299	Elite As Low as \$199	Most Popular As Low as \$129	Legacy As Low as \$79	Standard As Low as \$59	Simple As Low as \$29
Yearbook Photo(s) ◊	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Private Photographer	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Studio Scenes	All	All	4	3	2	1
Dry Hair Styling	✓	+ \$45.99	+ \$45.99	—	—	—
Make-Up Artist	✓	+ \$59.99	+ \$59.99	—	—	—
Choose Your Destination Scene	✓	+ \$129.99	—	—	—	—
Front of the Line Pass	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Outdoor Scene at the Studio	✓	✓	✓	+ \$29.99	+ \$29.99	+ \$29.99
Premier Retouching	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Free Digitals †	2	2	1	—	—	—
Credit Towards Collections ‡	\$200	\$200	\$100	—	—	—
<u>Portraits for Preview</u>	95 - 105	60 - 75	45 - 50	20	15	10
<u>Packages Starting at</u>	\$199	\$199	\$179	\$179	\$179	\$179



Senior-FAQs.pdf

Download
27.5 KB

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!

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

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



WEDDINGTON WARRIORS

MEN'S BASKETBALL INTEREST MEETING



MEN'S BASKETBALL

INTEREST MEETING

TUESDAY 5/20 | 6:00PM | MEDIA CENTER

Players and parents can come out and meet Coach Lattimore and learn more about his vision for the program!

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 or text 704-806-6433 to get yours today!

UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL



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 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

Jeff is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters



3A Men's Tennis Champions
2017
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1A/2A Men's Lacrosse Champions
2017
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3AA State Football Champions
2016
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Women's Soccer Champions
2016
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Indoor Track Champions
2016
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Soccer Champions
2015
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Indoor Track Champions
2020
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3AA State Football Champions
2019
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Large Varsity Cheerleading
2019
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1A/2A Men's Lacrosse Champions
2019
NCHSAA
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

3A Men's Soccer & Field Champions
2019
NCHSAA
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KEEP VOICES
ON LOW
IN THIS AREA

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