

Warrior Weekly

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Student Centered; Future Focused!



Weddington High School

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, September 22nd - Friday, September 26th: Fall Spirit Week (more information to come)

Tuesday, September 23rd: Teacher Workday, no school for students

Saturday, September 27th: Homecoming Dance (see below for more information)

Tuesday, September 30th: Underclassmen Picture Day (more information to come)

Wednesday, October 1st: Senior Roadshow (more information to come)

2024-2025 ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released the certified accountability results for the 2024-2025 school year. We are proud to announce that Weddington High School was again awarded a School Performance Grade of A and MET composite growth expectations! I encourage you to spend time studying this expansive report.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the results for our school and district on the NCDPI accountability website. UCPS continues to outperform the state and the 12 largest districts in multiple testing and accountability areas. For the 2023-2024 school year, UCPS took the lead for overall proficiency at 69.5 percent among the largest districts, ranking UCPS number two in the state in this same testing area. For more details on the districts performance, please click [HERE](#).

We are extremely proud of our students, staff, and community for their hard work and of the culture of excellence that we have established here at the home of the Warriors. It is through teamwork, commitment, and hard work that Weddington High School has continued to achieve this high level of excellence! We will continue working hard to hold students to high expectations, supporting them along the way, and celebrating their successes when they achieve their goals. In addition to celebrating these results, we will continue to focus on identifying areas for growth as we pursue continuous improvement.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FAQ



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.

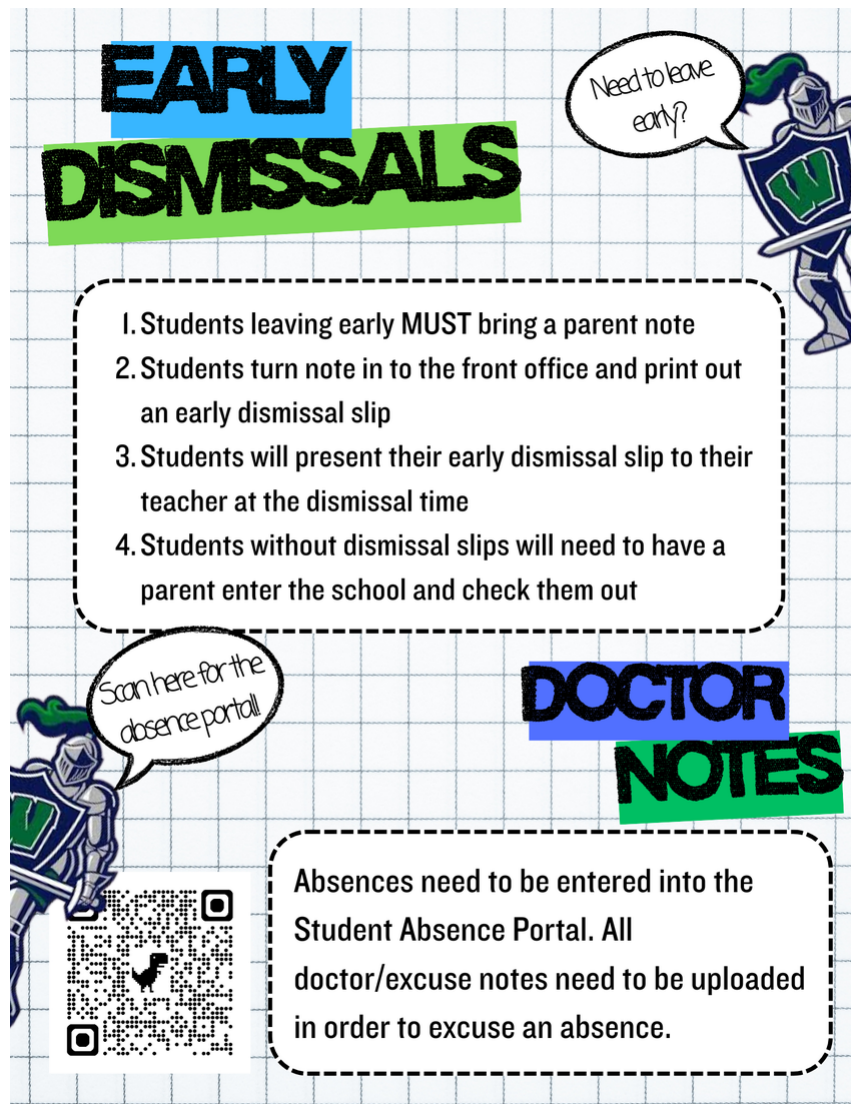
What absences can be considered excused?

With appropriate documentation: medical appointments, illness (5 parent-excused per semester), DMV (1 per year), approved college visits (juniors & seniors)



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.



The infographic is set against a light blue grid background. At the top left, the words "EARLY" and "DISMISSALS" are written in large, bold, black letters, with "EARLY" on a blue rectangular background and "DISMISSALS" on a green rectangular background. To the right, a cartoon knight in blue and green armor with a shield featuring a white 'W' is shown. A speech bubble from the knight says "Need to leave early?". Below this, a dashed-line box contains a numbered list of four steps. At the bottom left, another cartoon knight is shown next to a QR code. A speech bubble from this knight says "Scan here for the absence portal". To the right of the QR code, the words "DOCTOR" and "NOTES" are written in large, bold, black letters, with "DOCTOR" on a blue rectangular background and "NOTES" on a green rectangular background. Below this, another dashed-line box contains text about entering absences.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Need to leave early?

1. Students leaving early **MUST** bring a parent note
2. Students turn note in to the front office and print out an early dismissal slip
3. Students will present their early dismissal slip to their teacher at the dismissal time
4. Students without dismissal slips will need to have a parent enter the school and check them out

Scan here for the absence portal

DOCTOR NOTES

Absences need to be entered into the Student Absence Portal. All doctor/excuse notes need to be uploaded in order to excuse an absence.

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

You can help pave the way for everyone to experience the Weddington Way! Go to www.whsptso.com and join your PTSO.

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

STAFF APPRECIATION

Help us welcome back our awesome staff with our September Staff Appreciation. Sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527147-202526>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AACAA2CA6FE3-57527153-whsstaff>



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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

TECHNOLOGY FEE

All UCPS families will be responsible for paying a \$30 annual technology user fee per student. The technology fee will be waived for students who qualify for free lunch. If you haven't paid your student's 2025-2026 technology fee, please scan the QR code below.

NEED TO PAY YOUR 2025-2026 TECHNOLOGY FEE?

scan the QR
code here!



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



scan the QR
code here!

HOMECOMING DANCE

Get ready for a vibrant night to remember!

Join us for this year's Homecoming Dance: *A Night in Rio!*

Experience the energy, color, and rhythm of Brazil with dazzling lights, lively music, and unforgettable memories. Dress to impress and dance the night away—Rio style!

Tickets are \$30 each and will not be sold at the door.



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Counseling Department Information

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

MEET OUR COUNSELORS



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MS. KIMBERLEY MCGUIRE

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Ms. McGuire is originally from Pennsylvania and has called North Carolina home since 2020. She's been driving 2.5 hours every day because she loves working with students and treats each one like her own. Now she's moving to Charlotte and can't wait to start this new adventure—especially since her last school mascot was the Warriors, too. She says it already feels like home!



MRS. MEGAN SEELEY

Servicing student with last names **S - Z**
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Mrs. Megan Seeley is pleased to join the Weddington High School Warrior community as a school counselor. She previously served as a school counselor in Loudoun County, Virginia, for five years. Mrs. Seeley began her career in education at Wesley Chapel Elementary in 2001, earning a degree in Education from UNC

Charlotte. She later obtained her School Counseling degree and is dedicated to assisting students in reaching their full academic potential and success. She is a proud mother of six children, Mimi to four grandchildren, and is married to a retired USMC veteran. In her personal time, she enjoys traveling, culinary exploration, and spending quality time with family and friends. Mrs. Seeley is looking forward to collaborating with colleagues to support our students and families effectively.

SENIOR NIGHT INFO

WHS Counselors hope you enjoyed Senior night and found it to be a helpful resource. Presentation link can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tIUtfUoxigOXpSQ1ev6kaNE26F9YOd-21AmfB0ISl0U/edit?usp=sharing>

US SENATOR TED BUDD SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Anyone interested in attending a service academy? Senator Tedd Budd is hosting a Service Day on September 20th to learn about the application process and nomination process. Representative from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the other federal service academies will be there to answer your questions.

All students at these prestigious higher institutions receive full tuition, room and board, and books at no cost. Four of the five academies require applicants to apply and receive a congressional nomination from either a U.S. Representative or a U.S. Senator.

U.S. Naval Academy

U.S. Military Academy

U.S. Air Force Academy

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

High School and Middle School students interested should plan to attend. Congressional staff will be present to explain the nomination process. Family members are also welcome to attend.

September 20, 2025

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Davidson Davie Community College

COLLEGE READINESS SERIES

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This is a friendly reminder that 12th grade required vaccines are due by **September 25, 2025** to avoid exclusion from school unless your student is **Medically** or **Religiously Exempt**. If you haven't already done so, please send me a hard copy of your immunization status or the required letter for being medically or religiously exempt by 9/25/2025 per NC laws. You may access the link here for more information that is required by the state of North Carolina.

<https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncruleslaws.htm>

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

FALL SPIRIT WEEK

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors need to go to cady.com to schedule your senior portrait session. Just click on For Seniors at the top and then Book Now.

Three options for senior session:

1. Seniors can schedule their portrait sessions at Cady Studios (2201 Crownpoint Executive Drive, Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28227) now through December 5th around your schedule. The studio is open Monday through Sunday. Below are the options available at the studio for your session.

2. Cady will be hosting two roadshows here at Weddington High on **October 1st** and **November 4th**. At the WHS roadshows, students will get their tux/drape yearbook photo, cap/gown photo, and one scene of your choices. These dates will fill up fast so schedule as soon as possible.

3. **Yearbook photo only** day will be **before December 5th** but has not been scheduled at this time. This session will only include the yearbook tux drape picture, and it will be held at WHS.

*Please note: the simple session includes the tux/drape photo for the yearbook, cap and gown photo, and one other scene of your choice. **The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is December 5, 2025. Any senior who does not have their picture taken before this date will not be included in the yearbook.**

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

Make your senior's last yearbook extra special by including a special memories ad. It is a great way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. Go to Jostens.com and select Yearbook Ad to purchase and create your special message for your senior. **Purchase by September 22nd to receive the lowest price of the year.**



UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY

Underclassmen picture day will be Tuesday, September 30th during first period. Right now Cady is offering \$10 off your purchase when you pre-order your photos before picture day at Cady.com/pictureday.

MARCHING WARRIORS

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

SPIRIT WEAR

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!

WMS SEASON PASS

UCPS EVENT PROTOCOL

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!

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