

**Union County Early College High School**  
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**SACS Accreditation**



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**VISION**

The Vision of Union County Early College (UCEC) incorporates three core values, Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship, to provide an environment conducive to positive student-teacher relationships and increasing academic performance for admission to college courses during the first two years.

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**

The Union County Early College High School program began in August 2006. We are one of the eleven district high schools for Union County Public Schools. Union County Public Schools is the sixth largest school district in North Carolina.

Union County is situated in the south piedmont area of North Carolina with an estimated population of over 200,000 residents. The county provides a unique blend of rural and metropolitan lifestyles. Students from all over Union County attend our Early College program.

Union County Early College High School is located on South Piedmont Community College campus. We are an accelerated program combining four years of high school and two years of college transfer courses. Students can graduate in five years with a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

**RECRUITMENT**

Union County Early College accepts approximately 100 ninth grade students each school year. Rising ninth grade students from throughout the Union County Public School Systems apply for acceptance into the Early College program. Recruitment takes place at nine different middle schools in the district. This program is searching for students who have the potential for success in college courses and who are first generation college students.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Union County Early College High School is on a 4x4 block schedule. Students attend four high school classes for ninety minutes each during the eighteen week semester. Students may earn a minimum of eight high school credits in a school year. All high school courses are taught at an honors level, as long as it is available in the district. Students are required to complete a minimum of 28 credits to receive a college/university preparatory high school diploma and 61 community college credits to receive an associate's degree. Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate's of Art or Associate's of Science through South Piedmont Community College.

Students take community college classes during the regular school day, which counts as dual high school and college credit. Dual credit college courses generally count for one high school honors

level elective credit. Students must pass the college entrance exam before beginning college courses. Typically, students take 1-2 college courses in ninth and tenth grade, 2-3 college courses in eleventh grade and 4 or more college courses in twelfth through thirteenth grade. Upperclassman may have only 1 or 2 high school classes.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

English – 4 credits  
Mathematics – 4 credits  
Science – 3 credits  
Social Studies – 4 credits  
World Language – 2 credits  
Health/Physical Education – 1 credit  
Electives – 10 credits

### **2018-2019 ENROLLMENT**

9<sup>th</sup> graders = 76  
10<sup>th</sup> graders = 90  
11<sup>th</sup> graders = 88  
12<sup>th</sup> graders = 89  
13<sup>th</sup> graders = 29  
Total Students: 372

### **GRADING SCALE**

A = 90-100  
B = 80-90  
C = 70-79  
D = 60-69  
F = 0-59

### **WEIGHTED SCALE**

*Community College Course*  
A = 5 grade points  
*Honors High School Course*  
A = 4.5 grade points  
*Non Honors or Community College Course*  
A = 4 grade points

### **HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

#### **English**

English I Honors, English II Honors, English III Honors, English IV Honors, Advanced Inquiry and Research

#### **Math**

Math 1, Math II Honors, Math III Honors, Advanced Functions and Modeling, Pre-Calculus Honors

#### **Science**

Earth and Environmental Science Honors, Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors

#### **Social Studies**

World History Honors, American History I Honors, American History II Honors, Civics and Economics Honors

#### **General Electives**

Freshman Focus, Academic Orientation, Leadership, Yearbook, Career Management

*The remaining high school course requirements are met by dual credit college courses or virtual high school courses.*

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Union County Early College does not offer sports, fine arts or other traditional electives. Students have the opportunity to participate in school clubs, honor organizations, community college organizations and service activities throughout the year.

### **2018 GRADUATING CLASS DATA**

#### **Number of Graduates: 69**

78% Earned Associate Degrees  
72% To a 4-year university  
9% To a 2-year college  
12% To the workforce  
1% Other

#### **Scholarships**

\$4,134,894.00  
*Total four year value of scholarships*  
\$1,036,816.00  
*Total yearly value of scholarships*

### **UCEC Post Graduation Plans**

Appalachian State University	New York University (NY)
Anderson College (SC)	North Carolina State University
Averett University (VA)	North Central College (IL)
Art Institute of Charlotte	Nova Southeastern University (FL)
Brigham Young University (UT)	Queens University of Charlotte
Campbell University	Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
Carolinas College of Health and Sciences	Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)
Catawba College	South Piedmont Community College
Central Piedmont Community College	Southwestern Oklahoma State University (OK)
Champlain College (VT)	Tri-County Technical Community College (SC)
Colorado State University (CO)	Trinity Washington University (DC)
Columbia College Hollywood (CA)	Truett-McConnell College (GA)
Drexel University (PA)	United States Marines Corps
East Carolina University	United States Navy
Elon University	University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa (TN)
Fayetteville State University	University of California-Berkeley (CA)
Florida State University (FL)	University of North Carolina Asheville
Freed-Hardeman University (TN)	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Gardner-Webb University	University of North Carolina Charlotte
Guilford College	University of North Carolina Greensboro
Hampton University (VA)	University of North Carolina Pembroke
Hollins University (VA)	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Johnson and Wales University	University of Pennsylvania (PA)
Kent State University (OH)	Waynesburg University (PA)
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Wesleyan University (CT)
Liberty University (VA)	Western Carolina University
Livingstone College	Wheeling Jesuit University (WV)
Mars Hill College	Wingate University
Michigan State University (MI)	Winston-Salem State University
Nashville Auto-Diesel College (TN)	Winthrop University (SC)