



Dear Head of Guidance and Counseling Departments:

NCSSM Admissions Counselors are in the process of contacting school officials to schedule visits to share information about our academic programs listed below:

- **Residential.** Students live on our campus for junior/senior years and graduate from NCSSM.
- **Online.** Students take online NCSSM courses during junior/senior years while remaining enrolled at their home high school.
- **Summer Ventures:** Students live on a college campus for 4-weeks during the summer of either the junior or senior year of high school.

Enclosed please find:

- Application Timeline
- Residential Information Sheet
- Online Information Sheet
- Summer Ventures Information sheet
- Open House Dates
- SAT Exam Dates

We appreciate you sharing and posting the information on the Guidance Office bulletin board or any prominent location on your campus.

Interested students **are required** to take the SAT without essay section in August, October, November, or December of their sophomore year as an application requirement for the Residential and Online programs. If registering by paper, students must use the special program code: **2241** in **Block 11A** assigned to NCSSM Admissions, and use their home high school code in Block 5 when completing the SAT registration through College Board.

Applications for the Class of 2020 will be accepted from 10<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Students may access our electronic application by visiting [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) or [www.ncssm.edu/apply](http://www.ncssm.edu/apply).

You may find additional information about *Academic Programs, Student Life, Counseling, Athletics, Special Events* and *Campus Tours* by visiting [www.ncssm.edu](http://www.ncssm.edu).

Have a great year!

Sincerely,  
Office of Admissions



**Timeline  
2017-2018**

<b>September 5, 2017</b>	<b>Recruitment Begins</b> (Locations available at <a href="http://www.ncssm.edu">www.ncssm.edu</a> )
<b>October 15, 2017</b>	<b>NCSSM Application Opens</b>
<b>January 15, 2018</b>	<b><u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u></b>
<b>February 17, 2018</b>	<b>Discovery Day I</b> Alexander, Cabarrus, Hertford, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Orange, Pitt, Rowan, Stanly, Surry, Wake, Yadkin
<b>February 24, 2018</b>	<b>Discovery Day II</b> Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Cleveland, Craven, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Forsyth, Gaston, Gates, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Sampson, Stokes, Union, Warren, Watauga, Wilkes
<b>March 3, 2018</b>	<b>Discovery Day III</b> Alamance, Bladen, Buncombe, Camden, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Graham, Granville, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rutherford, Scotland, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance, Washington, Wayne, Wilson, Yancey
<b>April - 2018</b>	<b>Enrollment Status Posted</b> (Log-in to Applicant Uni-App Account)
<b>April 21, 2018</b>	<b>Welcome Day</b>

**Note: Please check your Uni-App to confirm your assigned Discovery Date, as county assignments are subject to change.**





North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), a global leader in STEM education for more than 30 years, has a mission to educate academically talented students to become state, national, and global leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, advance public education in North Carolina, and inspire innovation for the betterment of humankind, through challenging residential and virtual programs driven by instructional excellence and the excitement of discovery.

It was established in 1980 by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to provide challenging educational opportunities for young men and women with interest in the sciences and mathematics. NCSSM offers students the opportunity to live in a community with others of similar intellect, interests, and aspirations. The school currently enrolls approximately 680 juniors and seniors representing all thirteen congressional districts in the state of North Carolina, in the residential campus and over 300 students in the online program. Ninety-nine percent of all graduates enroll in colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad.

The School offers academic programs designed to educate tomorrow's scientific and technological leaders. Instruction and laboratory research guide the students' exploration of the physical world. In addition, NCSSM prepares students to communicate clearly, to consider historical precedents, and to predict and understand the consequences of technological advances. Enhancing these challenging experiences are special co-curricular programs designed to expand each student's educational, communal, and social development. They include social and recreational activities, clubs, publications, academic and debate teams, chorus, musical ensembles, student government, outdoors recreation, an intramural program, and nineteen interscholastic sports.

Students study science, mathematics, engineering, and humanities under a core faculty that includes Presidential Award Winners for Teaching Excellence, Tandy Award winners, N.C. Biology Teacher of the Year winners, and N.C. English Teacher of the Year winner. Faculty members use a variety of instructional methods, including classroom presentations, seminar-based studies, laboratory assignments, field research studies, independent projects, and mentor-guided research.

It is the policy of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics to enroll only students who are legal residents of the State of North Carolina, as defined by the North Carolina General Statute §116-235 or whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the armed services who is abiding in North Carolina incident to active military duty, provided the student shares the abode of that parent, by December 1 of the school year in which the student applies for admission (the student's sophomore year) and who otherwise meet the admissions criteria of the School. Residency must be continuous for the applicant to enroll as a student, if selected, and to remain at the School. Residency established solely for the purpose of qualifying for admission to the School will not be honored.

Criteria used to select students for admission are as follows:

- Interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) as determined by participation in clubs, competitions, supplemental programs, and other related activities.
- Leadership positions held.
- Above average grades in freshman and sophomore classes.
- Enrollment in accelerated and challenging courses.
- Teacher and Guidance Counselor evaluations.
- A NCSSM math test
- Test results from SAT (must be taken Aug. Oct. Nov. and/or Dec. of the student's sophomore year).

**REMINDER: There is no January SAT testing date**

Applicants will be required to attend one of three Discovery Days, assigned by the Office of Admissions. Students chosen as finalists will be invited for Welcome Day in mid-April.

The electronic application for admission is available via our website at:

[www.ncssm.edu/Admissions](http://www.ncssm.edu/Admissions) or [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org)

**Deadline for application is JANUARY 15. There are no exceptions.**





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and Mathematics

## North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics 2017-2018 Open House Dates

***October Open House***  
***Saturday, October 21, 2017***

***November Open House***  
***Saturday, November 11, 2017***

***December Open House***  
***Saturday, December 9, 2017***

***Middle School Open House & POW WOW***  
***Saturday, February 3, 2018***

**Registration is required for each Open House event and is available online:**  
**[www.ncssm.edu](http://www.ncssm.edu)**

Open Houses are held each year on the campus of North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) to enlighten, empower, and familiarize prospective students and parents about the opportunities available to them.

***For additional information, please email: [admissions@ncssm.edu](mailto:admissions@ncssm.edu)***