

**Union County Early College High School**  
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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 193,000 residents. The county provides a unique blend of rural and metropolitan lifestyles. Students from all over Union County attend our Early College program, with the majority of students coming from rural areas.

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  
 Math – 4 credits  
 Science – 3 credits  
 Social Studies – 4 credits  
 Second Language – 2 credits  
 Health and PE – 1 credit  
 Electives – 10 credits

**2016-2017 ENROLLMENT**

9<sup>th</sup> graders = 97  
 10<sup>th</sup> graders = 103  
 11<sup>th</sup> graders = 77  
 12<sup>th</sup> graders = 57  
 13<sup>th</sup> graders = 41  
 Total Students: 375

**GRADING SCALE**

A = 90-100  
 B = 80-90  
 C = 70-79  
 D = 60-69  
 F = 0-59  
*Rank in class: All courses are included in the cumulative grade point average and the class rank. Grade point average is calculated on a four-point (4.0) scale.*

**WEIGHTED SCALE**

*Community College Course*  
 A = 5 grade points  
*Honors High School Course*  
 A = 5 grade points  
*Non Honors High School Course*  
 A = 4 grade points  
*On the transcript community college courses are noted with a letter grade and high school courses are noted with a percentage grade.*

**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, *Algebra I, Algebra II Honors, Geometry 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, *United States History Honors, Global Awareness Honors*

**Language**

*Spanish I, Spanish II*

**PE**

*Health and PE*

*Courses in italics were taught in the past but are no longer taught by the high school. 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.

**2017 GRADUATING CLASS DATA**

**Number of Graduates: 69**

70% Earned Associate Degrees

62% To a 4-year university

13% To a 2-year college

20% To the workforce

4% Other

**Scholarships**

\$3,276,484.00

*Total four year value of scholarships*

\$821,871.00

*Total yearly value of scholarships*

**UCEC Post Graduation Plans**

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| Appalachian State University             | New York University (NY)                    |
| Averett University (VA)                  | North Carolina State University             |
| Art Institute of Charlotte               | Nova Southeastern University (FL)           |
| Brigham Young University (UT)            | Queens University                           |
| Campbell University                      | Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)      |
| Carolinas College of Health and Sciences | South Piedmont Community College            |
| Catawba College                          | Southwestern Oklahoma State University (OK) |
| Central Piedmont Community College       | Tri-County Technical Community College (SC) |
| Champlain College (VT)                   | Trinity Washington University (DC)          |
| Colorado State University (CO)           | Truett-McConnell College (GA)               |
| Columbia College Hollywood (CA)          | United States Marines Corps                 |
| Drexel University (PA)                   | United States Navy                          |
| East Carolina University                 | University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa (TN)       |
| Elon University                          | University of California-Berkeley (CA)      |
| Fayetteville State University            | University of North Carolina Asheville      |
| Florida State University (FL)            | University of North Carolina Chapel Hill    |
| Freed-Hardeman University (TN)           | University of North Carolina Charlotte      |
| Gardner-Webb University                  | University of North Carolina Greensboro     |
| Guilford College                         | University of North Carolina Pembroke       |
| Hampton University (VA)                  | University of North Carolina Wilmington     |
| Hollins University (VA)                  | University of Pennsylvania (PA)             |
| Johnson and Wales University             | 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)                    |