# Green Hope High School Senior Quick Reference Guide

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# A. SAT/ACT TESTING:

Register for the SAT: www.collegeboard.org

Register for the ACT: www.act.org

<u>SENDING STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES</u>: In order for test scores (SAT, ACT) to be official, they must be sent directly to the college/university from College Board (SAT) at <a href="https://www.sat.collegeboard.org">www.sat.collegeboard.org</a> or from ACT at <a href="https://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>

**Note:** If you are planning to apply for early decision or early action deadlines to colleges, we recommend that you register and take your tests by October or November at the latest, as your scores will not be available to send to colleges and universities for four to six weeks after the test date.

SAT Dates	Registration Deadline	ACT Dates	Registration Deadline
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 10, 2016	August 7, 2016
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017		

#### **B. APPLYING TO COLLEGE:**

There are multiple avenues for completing college applications. For students applying to North Carolina schools, we encourage you to apply via Common App, CFNC, or if need be the admissions website for that particular college or university. A number of out of state colleges are associated with Common App as well.

#### Common Application: www.commonapp.org

The Common Application is a not-for-profit organization that serves students and member institutions by providing an admission application – online and in print – that students may submit to nearly 700 colleges. Please visit the Common Application website for a list of the member institutions.

#### CFNC: www.cfnc.org

The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is a free service of the State of North Carolina that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college.

#### **Resources Include:**

- Apply to any school in North Carolina online (some schools will waive their application fee through CFNC during College Application week November 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>)
- Access Free SAT/ACT test prep
- o Explore colleges, careers and potential majors
- Learn about financial aid and scholarships

## **Supplemental Materials**

- Counselor Recommendation/Statements: If an application is requesting a counselor statement and you are applying electronically, put your assigned counselor's email address in the online application. If the college requires a paper copy of the counselor recommendation, the student will need to provide the form for the counselor to complete. Please make sure that you complete all "student sections" of the form prior to giving it to your counselor. Please send your counselor statement request as well as return your completed senior packet at least 2 weeks prior to any deadline to ensure we will be able to complete and submit your counselor statement by the desired deadline.
- <u>Teacher Recommendations:</u> Counselors do not keep up with teacher recommendations. You need to provide your teachers with enough time in order for them to complete it for you. Allow <u>at least 2 weeks</u> prior to any deadline you are trying to meet. We suggest that you provide your teacher with a copy of your resume upon requesting their recommendation.
- **C. SENIOR RANK**: Seniors are officially ranked twice during their senior year. The first time will be at the end of September, which is when they can begin to request transcripts for college applications. The second time will be at the end of April in order to determine NC Scholars, Honor Grads, and Valedictorian/ Salutatorian.

## **D. REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS:**

You may request transcripts using one of the methods listed below:

Please note: Transcripts (that include class rank) will not be available for release until late September.

Method	Steps	
College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC):	1. Students login to www.CFNC.org	
https://www1.cfnc.org/ExternalScripts/My_CFNC/trans	2. Go to the "Transcript Manager"	
<u>cripts.asp</u>	3. All copies are FREE. This includes the initial	
(NC colleges/universities only)	request and the final transcript.	
Third Party/College Online System:	Students should apply to their college	
(Examples: Common Application, SendEDU, CollegeNet,	electronically.	
colleges with their own unique online systems – e.g.,	2. Input the counselor's email directly into the	
MIT)	application to send a request.	
	3. Counselor will upload transcript and counselor	
	statement (if applicable) electronically. This is	
	<u>FREE</u> .	
Scrib Order Online:	1. Go to https://wcpss.scriborder.com/	
For Out of State Colleges/Universities & Scholarships	2. Click on the "Current Student in WCPSS" link.	
https://wcpss.scriborder.com	3. Follow the instructions.	
	4. First three transcript requests are free. After	
	third request, there is a \$5.00 charge per copy.	

## **E. SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- The scholarship newsletter is updated monthly for students that are looking for scholarships. It will be available (starting in October) on our Student Services website. It will include a list of other scholarship resources as well as information on school nominated scholarships offered by various agencies.
  - To apply for a school nominated scholarship you should check the scholarship newsletter and/or the Falcon News Feed for instructions.
- <u>Scholarships for students in WCPSS</u>: Wake County Public School System site: <u>www.scholarshipplus.com/wake</u>
- Please retain documentation of scholarship awards for reporting purposes in Spring 2017.

## F. FINANCIAL AID:

- FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- <u>Financial Aid Counselor:</u> Contact Student Services at 919-380-3688 for appointments starting in October 2016.