Green Hope High School
Junior Class of 2021
Thinking About Your Future

What are your plans beyond high school?

Four-Year University	**Community College or Trade School**	**Military**	**Job Force**

Whatever your plans are, now is a great time to start thinking about the pathway to your future!

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Graduation Requirements

Content Area	**Courses/Credits**
English - 4 credits	English I, II, III, IV (taken in sequence)
Math - 4 credits	Math I, Math II, Math III, & a 4th math aligned with student's post high school plans
Science - 3 credits	Earth/AP Environmental Science, Biology, Physical Science/Chemistry/Physics
Social Studies - 4 credits	World History, American History I and American History II OR any Social Studies Elective (eg. AP Human Geography) and AP US History, Civics and Economics
Healthful Living - 1 credit	Health and Physical Education
Electives - 8 credits	Students can choose from courses in Career/Technical Education, Healthful Living, Fine Arts, and World Languages
	26 total credits

*Note: To meet minimum admission requirements for the UNC University System, a student must:
a) complete a specific math sequence and b) have a minimum of two credits in the same World Language.

College Planning Timeline

- **Fall of Junior Year**
  - ***Begin exploring colleges and postsecondary options***
    - Research online and start having conversations with your parents, teachers, counselors, siblings, friends, etc. about their college and career experiences.
    - Determine if your next steps will be a four-year college, community college, trade school, military or the job force.
  - ***Research admissions criteria, tuition estimates, and academic requirements***
    - Based on this information, start thinking about which schools will fit you best. Campus size, location, majors, student life, athletics, etc. are other great things to consider as well!
  - ***Research careers and majors that you might be interested in***
    - This can further help narrow down your choices since not all schools offer the same courses of study.
  - ***Volunteer or seek leadership positions in extracurricular activities***
    - Getting involved is a great way to stand out to colleges and it helps them get a bigger picture of who you are. In addition, extracurricular activities are a great way for you to gain more experience, skills and growth as a person.
  - ***Interested in applying to military academies or ROTC scholarships?***
    - This process should begin in your junior year!

- **Winter of Junior Year**
  - ***Begin researching and applying to Enrichment Opportunities***
  - ***Start SAT/ACT Prep***
    - It is always a good idea to take the SAT or ACT sooner than later so that you can retake it again as needed!

- **Spring of Junior Year**
  - ***Start visiting potential schools on your list***
    - You can set up an official tour through the office of admissions. Additional things to look into might include overnight visits, events for prospective students, sitting in on classes, having lunch with a current student, etc.
  - ***Take the SAT/ACT***
    - To register/see dates for the SAT**,** visit: www.collegeboard.org
    - To register/see dates for the ACT, visit: www.act.org
    - All juniors will take the ACT for free at GHHS on **February 25, 2020.**
  - ***Talk with your teachers about course recommendations and register for senior year courses***
    - Colleges will still be able to see the courses you are taking your senior year, so be thoughtful when choosing classes and maintain your academic rigor!
  - ***Take Advanced Placement Exams, if applicable.***

What Colleges Are Looking For: The Five Ps

- **Program:** How challenging is your coursework? Rigorous?
- **Performance:** How well have you done? What are your grades? What about growth?
- **Potential:** Shown in standardized test scores - SAT, ACT, etc.
- **Participation:** Commitments outside the classroom? Job? Extracurriculars? Volunteering? Community Service?
- **Personality:** Shown in essay and teacher/counselor recommendations, interviews. BE YOURSELF - in your own words!

Summer Opportunities

Many colleges and universities have individual summer opportunities that allow students to involve themselves in a career interest, often for a small fee or even for free. Summer is a great time to highlight your accomplishments beyond the classroom and explore what you're interested in and may pursue after high school.

- Visit CFNC.org and click on "College Preparation Opportunities" for a searchable list.
- Review the opportunities on the Student Services website listed under "Enrichment Opportunities"
- Discuss internship and job shadowing opportunities with **Catherine Barone**, Career Development Coordinator, to gain experience and explore career interests
- Volunteer in the community or apply for a summer job

Scholarships

It's helpful to begin researching scholarships during your junior year as many deadlines are early in senior year.

If you're interested in highly selective scholarships, such as the Morehead-Cain Scholarship (UNC Chapel Hill) or Park Scholarship (NC State University), those deadlines are in September of senior year for school nomination.

- Create a file for scholarships in which you qualify and would like to apply for
- Scholarship resources include:
  - www.CFNC.org
  - www.scholarshipplus.com/wake
  - College and University websites
  - Scholarship Newsletter (Student Services website)

Résumés

Résumés are important to have and are a good way for you to be able to keep track of all of the great things about you! You should create or update your résumé to include a record of your accomplishments, activities and work experience during high school.

- Add summer employment, volunteer work, job shadowing and internships, leadership positions, and school activities (i.e., clubs, band, athletics, etc…) to your résumé.
- Your school counselor will ask for a copy of your résumé at your senior meeting.
- To create an online résumé, visit CFNC.org and click on the Student Planner.

Other Post-Secondary Opportunities
• Community colleges offer vast arrays of Associate Degree and Certificate programs • College Transfer programs wherein you can transfer to a 4-year university within 2 years (Ex. UNC C-Step) • Interested in the Military? Get in touch with a recruiter and sign up to take the ASVAB. • Want to go straight to work? Contact **Catherine Barone**, Career Development Coordinator, for more information!

Checklist for Junior Year

Item:	Check:
After careful research, create a list of schools you would like to visit.	
Prepare, register and take the SAT and/or the ACT.	
Verify the courses you need to graduate with your counselor.	
Continue to maintain a strong academic record and do well in your classes (junior year grades are the final grades listed on transcripts sent to colleges).	
Stay involved in your extracurricular activities. Colleges look for consistency, depth and leadership in activities.	
If you want to participate in Division 1 or Division 2 athletics in college, apply for eligibility through the NCAA eligibility center.	
If you're interested in one of the military academies, talk to your school counselor about starting the application process in the **spring junior year**.	
Attend college visits of the schools you intend to apply to in Student Services (as advertised on Falcon News Feed and in Dr. Hedrick's weekly messenger)	
Visit college campuses and go on official tours.	
Begin working on admission essays/personal statements and your résumé	
Review your 4 year academic plan, as well as graduation and college entrance requirements.	
Attend your junior conference in the spring.	
Think about people you would ask for recommendations if you need them and be prepared to ask them at the beginning of your senior year.	

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