

NEW TECH HS
SENIOR PARENT/STUDENT
INFORMATION NIGHT
CLASS OF 2022

August 24, 2021

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Mr. Lamont Dixon - Assistant Principal



SCHOLAR UP NEW TECH!

GRADUATION 2022 IS UPON US!



STUDENT SERVICES... WHO ARE WE?

- Janice Alston: Data Manager & Bookkeeper/PowerSchool Specialist
Do you have a parent account in PowerSchool?
- Jillian Davis: Durham Tech Liaison
- Juston Hill: Social Worker (Hillside)
- Anissa Hyman: Records Specialist & Registrar
- Jewel Jeffreys: Career Development Coordinator
- Kendall Walker: School Counselor

CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR COMMITTEMENT

- As a senior I must demonstrate leadership by taking ownership of my learning. I will be on time to my classes, fully present in class, participating in class, study my notes, submit quality work every period, every day! I was made for "GREATNESS" therefore I will be great!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Students must earn 26 credits per DPS Future-Ready Core Graduation Plan**
 - 4 English credits
 - 4 math credits
 - 3 science credits
 - 4 social studies credits
 - 1 health/PE credit
 - 2 world language credits
 - 2 elective concentrator credits
 - 6 general elective credits

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- Financial obligations to begin thinking about and preparing for:
 - SAT & ACT fees
 - College application fees
 - Cap & gowns
 - Senior packages
 - Senior pictures
 - Senior trip
 - College visits
 - Senior shirts
 - Room & board deposits
 - Tuition & fees

JOSTENS PRESENTATION

Q&A

SAT DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	SCORE RELEASE DATE
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	September 10, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	October 15, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	November 19, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	December 17, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 25, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	June 13, 2022

*Late registration is available until about 10 days before the test for a fee

SAT & ACT

	ACT	SAT
Test Structure	English, math, reading, science, and optional essay	Reading, writing & language, math, and optional essay
Length	2 hrs. 55 min. (w/o essay); 3 hrs. 30 min (with breaks) 3 hrs. 40 min. (w/ essay); just over 4 hrs. (w/ breaks)	3 hrs. (w/o essay); 3 hrs. 15 min. (w/ breaks) 3 hrs. 50 min. (w/ essay); 4 hrs. 5 mins. (w/ breaks)
Calculator Policy	Can use calculator on all math questions	Some math questions do not allow students to use a calculator
Penalty for Wrong Answers	No penalty	No penalty
Score Scale	1-36 (not including essay)	400-1600 (not including essay)
Cost (fee waivers are available for students who qualify)	\$50.50 \$67 (with essay)	\$49.50 \$64.50 (with essay)
Register Online	act.org	mysat.collegeboard.org

SAT & ACT

- You are responsible for getting your scores to the colleges you are applying to
 - Students receive 4 free SAT score reports to send to schools each time they take the test (if sent within 9 days of the test). After 4, the cost is \$12.00.
- You must log in to College Board and/or ACT for test scores
- Free test prep
 - CFNC
 - [Act.org/academy](https://act.org/academy)
 - [Satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org) (Khan academy)
 - [Collegeboard.org/satpractice](https://collegeboard.org/satpractice)

ACT DATES

TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022

*Late registration is available for a fee

**There is also a photo upload deadline

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY TO COLLEGE



APPLYING TO COLLEGE

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- **CFNC.ORG** (College Foundation of North Carolina)
 - Students can apply to colleges and submit transcripts electronically
 - Student must submit all information as it appears on his/her transcript and include student number
 - **COMMONAPP.ORG**
 - Online applications to over 700 colleges and universities
 - Students provide teacher and counselor email. Information for online recommendations and online transcript submissions (be sure to contact desired recommender before you submit his/her name)
 - **On individual colleges' websites**

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Colleges offer various opportunities to apply. Each has advantages and disadvantages.
 - Early decision
 - Early action
 - Regular admission
 - Rolling admission

EARLY DECISION

- Students apply early decision to only **ONE** college
- Acceptance is **binding**
- Application deadlines range from October 15-November 15 (check each school)
- Students are usually notified in December
- Students who are denied early decision cannot reapply for regular admission
- Students waive the opportunity to compare scholarship packages from different schools

EARLY ACTION

- Students can apply early action to multiple colleges
- Acceptance is not binding
- Application deadlines range from October 15-November 15 (check each school)
- Students are notified in December-January
- Students can compare scholarship packages from different schools

REGULAR DECISION

- Students apply to colleges of their choice at the regularly scheduled date
- Application deadlines vary, usually beginning in January and ending in March (check colleges' admissions websites for details)
- Colleges notify students of acceptance in early spring

ROLLING ADMISSION

- Students apply to multiple colleges and receive an admission decision quickly, often within 2 weeks
- Colleges may continue to accept students until the freshmen class is full

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

In-state colleges

- Transcripts for in-state colleges should be sent using the transcript manager in your cfnc.org account
 - Students can send transcripts through CFNC even if they do not apply through CFNC

Out-of-state colleges

- Transcripts for out-of-state colleges and scholarships are sent through the scriborder website:
www.durhamnc.scriborder.com/applicationcurrent
- Some requests incur fees
- Transcripts can also be sent through commonapp.org

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- With each application sent to a college on your behalf, we include your official school transcripts, secondary school report and/or school profile
 - All EOG & EOC Scores
 - Grades from freshmen, sophomore, and junior year
 - All Summer school grades
 - SAT & ACT scores are **not** on the transcript. You must submit them electronically through College Board and ACT.
 - Transcripts are sent when the application is complete and sent by the student

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- School letter of recommendation(counselor's recommendation)
 - Students will receive a Brag Sheet from Ms. Walker to complete
- Teacher recommendation
 - An academic assessment; schools want to know what students are like in the classroom
 - A teacher who is also your coach or advisor of your team or club
- Allow 5 business days for the recommendation to be processed

FINANCIAL AID

- Types of financial aid
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Loans
 - Work-study programs
 - Merit based awards

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Must complete NC residency prior to applying for financial aid
- Opens October 1, 2021
- Deadline is June 30, 2022 (know the college deadline for FAFSA)
- You must use most recent tax return filed. If you have not filed your 2020 return, use the one from 2019 and you can update the information when you file.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- A number of scholarships (local & national) become available throughout the school year
- Two main types: civic & college-related
- These scholarships will be posted in the Counselor's Corner (Ms. Walker) and updated throughout the year

COLLEGE VISITS

- Arrange visits on weekends, vacations, or days when New Tech is not in session
- Visits are an essential part of the application process
- Check the college website to see the schedule for visits, tours, and information sessions
 - Many colleges are currently offering virtual tours or tours by appointment only
- New Tech will be hosting visits from college admissions representatives

SENIOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

EVENT	DATE
Fall Picture Day	August 27, 2021
FAFSA Opens	October 1, 2021
End of 1st Quarter	October 8, 2021
Report Card Distribution	October 15, 2021
Free College Application Week	October 18-22, 2021

Career Development

- **Career Assessments**
- **Resume Writing**
- **Interviewing Skills**
- **Armed Forces**
- **Internships**
 - Check your DPS email
 - GetOppti.com (log in)
 - Internships.com/high school
- **Volunteer** – HandsOnTriangle.org

HONORS & ENDORSEMENTS

- **NEW TECH 21ST CENTURY SCHOLAR**

- Complete at least 2 college courses
- 50 hours of internship Click to add text
- 150 hours of community service

- **NC ACADEMIC SCHOLAR**

- 3.5 unweighted GPA
- Completed at least 3 AP/college level courses in their junior or senior year

- **VALEDICTORIAN**

- Ranked #1 in the class

- **SALUTATORIAN**

- Ranked #2 in the class

- **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

- Weighted GPA greater than 4.25

- **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

- Weighted GPA between 4.00 & 4.25

- **CUM LAUDE**

- Weighted GPA between 3.75 & 4.00

12th Grade Fall Don't Let Up

- Review courses, graduation requirements, and scholarship opportunities with your counselor.
- Update your CFNC plan of study.
- Take the first SAT or ACT offered this fall.
- Select at least five colleges – a reach school, a safety school, and others in between.
- As soon as possible after October 1, go to fafsa.ed.gov to complete and submit the FAFSA. If you need help with your FAFSA, check CFNC.org for a FAFSA Day event near you or call 866.866.CFNC.
- Participate in College Application Month if offered at your school.
- Keep track of the application and financial aid deadlines of your college choices.
- Check with college financial aid offices for school-specific scholarship information, deadlines, and forms.
- Write, edit, proofread, and rewrite your admissions essays early.
- Ask teachers, counselors, or community leaders to write recommendation letters to support your applications.
- Use NCR residency.org to determine eligibility for in-state tuition and state grants.
- Use the CFNC.org online application system to complete your N.C. college and university applications and to send your official transcripts (if you attend an N.C. public high school).
- Submit any applications to out-of-state schools through their websites.
- If you are a student athlete, send transcripts to NCAA Clearinghouse for eligibility certification.

12th Grade Spring Finish Strong

SENIOR CHECKLIST

Q&A SESSION

