

Counseling for Homeschoolers

By Kevin and Cindy Hyde

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere. James 3:17

What you need to go to college...

This presentation addresses the complete process of taking the right courses, producing great transcripts, writing effective essays, showing extracurricular activity, finding the applications, getting recommendations, and putting it all together in hopes of competing for scholarships.

NC Public High School Grad Requirements

4 credits English

English I, II, III, IV

4 credits Math

Algebra 1&2, Geometry, Pre-calculus

3 credits Science

Physical Science (Chem/Physics), Biology, Earth/Env Science

4 credits Social Studies

Founding Principles, Econ & Pers Finance,
Amer History, World History

1 credit Health & Physical Education (with CPR cert)

2 credits World Languages

1 credit Arts Education

1 credit Computer Science

2 credits Electives

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22 total credits

Science!

North Carolina System: a physical science course (chemistry or physics), Biology, Earth / Environmental science

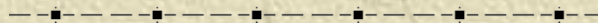
Tennessee: Biology plus either Chemistry or Physics plus a 3rd science

South Carolina: 2 credits from among Biology, Chemistry, and Physics plus a 3rd credit of advanced science

Clemson: 3 credits, 2 must be selected from Biology I, Chemistry I or Physics I

National Research Council:

- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Earth and Space Sciences
- Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science



Add'l Course Considerations

Foreign Language – Clemson: 3 credits

Fine Arts - frequently 1 visual or performing arts

Compare to International Baccalaureate schools:

- Theory of Knowledge
- Extended Essay
- Creativity, Activity, Service

Compare to other “advanced” students:

- Honors
- Advanced Placement
- Dual-Enrollment



Honors

What It Is:

- Independent investigation
- Intentional differentiation
- Inquiry and connections
- Depth and complexity
- Collaboration
- Increased pace

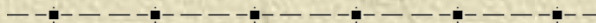
What It Is Not:

- Additional assessments
- One size fits all
- Longer papers
- Only more work



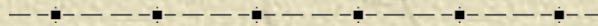
Advanced Placement

- College-level courses given to high schoolers
- Must be approved to call a course AP
- Standard exams given each year
- High score on the exam will earn college credit
- Exam may be taken without taking an official course



Dual Enrollment

- Career and College Promise in North Carolina
- Take Community College courses as high schooler
- GPA 2.8 required as high school junior
- 92nd percentile as high school freshman
- Pathways for College Transfer or Career and Technical Education (or both)



The Graduation Project

The Graduation Project shall consist of the following four components on a common topic:

- a. A research paper in a standard format;
- b. A juried presentation to a panel;
- c. A research-based product which may be a physical or non-physical product;
- d. A portfolio documenting the activities associated with the project.

Standardized Tests

SAT - (200-800 in 2 sections)

Average scores:

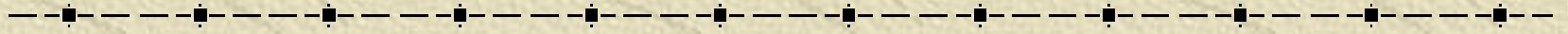
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 529
- Math: 521

ACT Test (1-36 in 4 sections plus composite)

Average scores:

- English: 19.0
- Mathematics: 19.3
- Reading: 20.4
- Science: 19.9
- Optional Writing: score ranging 2-12
- Composite: 19.8

Transcripts



Allow comparison to public/private school transcripts

Extracurricular activities are not “normal”

Extended (Weighted) GPA

Honors (+0.5)

Advanced Placement (+1.0)


Dual Enrollment (+1.0)

SC Uniform Grading Policy is clear guidance

Sample Transcripts (1 of 5)

SC Public School

NCDNPE

Student Name			State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - Work in Progress			School Name/Address Lanrum High School 12815 Ashville Hwy Comptobelle, SC 29322 Tel: (854) 451-2606 Fax: (854) 468-4004		
Student ID	Grade 12	Gender M	Graduation Date: Class Of: 2015			District Name/Address Spartanburg School District One 123 Wheeler Street Comptobelle, SC 29322 Tel: (854) 472-2846 Fax: (854) 472-4118		
State ID	Date of Birth	Ethnic Code W	Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma					
Parent or Guardian								


Cr#	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Cr#	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit
01-12	Lanrum High School										
021100CW	English I	02	9	86	1.00						
031100CW	Physical Science	01	9	83	1.00						
031200CW	World Geography	02	9	93	1.00						
078100CW	JROTC Let 1	01	9	95	1.00						
078101CWA	JROTC LET 2	02	9	95	1.00						
411100CW	Algebra IB	01	9	88	1.00						
502000CW	Integrated Business Applications I	01	9	51	1.00						
504001CW	Industrial Technology I	02	9	93	1.00						
03-12	Lanrum High School										
031200CW	English II	02	10	99	1.00						
032100CW	Biology I	01	10	93	1.00						
033100CW	Chemistry I	02	10	87	1.00						
036000CW	World History	01	10	85	1.00						
078200CW	JROTC Let 3	01	10	96	1.00						
078300CW	JROTC Let 4	02	10	98	1.00						
412100CW	Algebra II	02	10	85	1.00						
412200CW	Geometry	01	10	84	1.00						
03-14	Lanrum High School										
031300CW	English III	02	11	93	1.00						
032200CW	Biology II	01	11	94	1.00						
033200CW	US History	02	11	87	1.00						
031100CW	French I	01	11	85	1.00						
042100CW	French III	02	11	70	1.00						
078301CW	JROTC Let 5	01	11	96	1.00						
078302CW	JROTC Let 6	02	11	93	1.00						
414100CW	Probability/Statistics	01	11	89	1.00						
04-15	Lanrum High School										
033001CW	Government / Economics	01	12	82	1.00						
045000CW	Spanish I	01	12	92	1.00						
078400CW	JROTC Let 7	01	12	98	1.00						
412300CW	Algebra III	01	12	81	1.00						

Work in Progress	
Lanrum High School	350100CW Art I
	302400CW English IV
	078401CW JROTC Let 8
	045200CW Spanish II

SC UGP GPA		4.0 GPA
GPA Summary	3.938	3.214
Class Rank	82 of 132	
Date Calculated	April 17, 2015	
Credit Summary	Total Credit Attempted: 28.00	
	Total Credits Earned: 28.00	

To determine the course academic level refer to the search character in each course id.

If graduation date is a future date, current year reflects work in progress.

Official Signature:  Date: April 17, 2015
Jason McClain, Principal or Designee

An official signature and/or seal is required for manually printed transcripts (PDF format).
An official signature (.JPG format) is required for electronic transcripts sent via secure transmission.

Information about the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy can be found at:
<http://doe.sc.gov/agency/programs/services/11>

NC High School Transcript Template, Grades 9-12

School Name		Date of Birth	Chief Admin.
Name of Student			
Last four SSN	Address	Graduation Date	Date of Entry (M/D/Y)
City, State Zip	Graduation Date	SAT Score	Telephone
Email Address	SAT Score	ACT Score	ACT Score
Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA		Total Credits Earned

*Click Link to access the North Carolina [High School Graduation Requirements](#):

9 th Grade		Academic Year 20XX-20XX		
*Course Recommendations	Course Name	Grade (Letter)	Grade (Number)	Number of Credits
English I (World Lit I/Comp)				
Social Studies (World)				
Science (Earth/Computer)				
Healthy/PE				
Math				
Elective				
Elective				
Elective				

10 th Grade		Academic Year 20XX-20XX		
*Course Recommendations	Course Name	Grade (Letter)	Grade (Number)	Number of Credits
English II (World Lit II/Comp)				
Social Studies (Civics)				
Science (Biology)				
Math				
Elective				
Elective				
Elective				

11 th Grade		Academic Year 20XX-20XX		
*Course Recommendations	Course Name	Grade (Letter)	Grade (Number)	Number of Credits
English III (Am. Lit./Comp)				
Social Studies (Am. Hist.)				
Science (Phys./Chem)				
Math				
Elective				
Elective				
Elective				

12 th Grade		Academic Year 20XX-20XX		
*Course Recommendations	Course Name	Grade (Letter)	Grade (Number)	Number of Credits
English IV (Brit Lit./Comp)				
Social Studies (Econ/PF)				
Science Elective				
Math				
Elective				
Elective				
Elective				
Elective				

Sample Transcripts (2 of 5)

NCHE

HSLDA

School Name High School Transcript, Grades 9-12

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Parents: _____ SSN: _____
 Address: _____ Date of Entry: _____
 Telephone: _____ Graduation Date: _____
 SAT: _____

Total Credits Earned: 23.5
 Unweighted Grade Point Average: 3.87

Courses

Grade	Grade Points	Credits
9th Grade 2005/2006		
course name	Grade letter	grade number credit number
English I (World Literature and Composition)	A	4 1
Government	B	3 0.5
World History I	A	4 1
Geometry	A	4 1
*Biology with lab	B	3 1
Christian Studies	A	4 0.5
Physical Education	A	4 0.5
Music Appreciation	A	4 1
10th Grade 2006/2007		
English II (World Literature II and Composition)	A	4 1
Economics	B	3 0.5
World History II	A	4 1
Algebra II	A	4 1
*Chemistry with lab	A	4 1
Christian Studies	A	4 0.5
Physical Education	A	4 0.5
Art Appreciation	A	4 1
11th Grade 2007/2008		
***English 111	A	4 0
English III (American Literature I and Composition)	A	4 1
American History I	A	4 1
***College Algebra 160	A	4 0
*Physics	A	4 1
Christian Studies	A	4 0.5
Physical Education	A	4 0.5
**Spanish 111	A	4 1
Philosophy	A	4 0.5
12th Grade 2008/2009		
***English 112	A	4 0
English IV (American Literature and Composition)	A	4 1
American History II	A	4 1
**Precalculus 171	B	3 1
***Precalculus 172	B	3 0
Christian Studies	A	4 0.5
Physical Education	A	4 0.5
**Spanish 112	A	4 1

Grade Grade Points

A 92-100 4.0

B 83-91 3.0

C 74-82 2.0

D 65-73 1.0

* Taught and grade given by instructor other than parents
 ** Taken at Central Piedmont Community College
 *** Taken at Central Piedmont Community College, credit not needed for graduation

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Student Information			School Information		
Full Name: Mary S. Smith			Name: Smith Homeschool		
Address: 123 Main Street, Hometown, ST 12345			Address: 123 Main Street, Hometown, ST 12345		
Phone Number: 212-343-5678			Phone Number: 212-343-5678		
Email Address: msmith@athome.net			Email Address: smithfamily@athome.net		
Date of Birth: January 1, 2000			Graduation Date: June 6, 2018		
Parent/Guardian: Robert & Dora Smith			Contact Person: Dora Smith		

ACADEMIC RECORD

Course Title	Credits	Final Grade	Course Title	Credits	Final Grade
English			Foreign Language		
American Lit/Comp	1.0	A	Spanish 1	1.0	B
World Lit/Comp	1.0	B	Spanish 2	1.0	B
British Lit/Comp	1.0	B	Spanish 3	1.0	C
ENG 101: Composition ¹	1.0	B			
ENG 120: Creative Writing ¹	1.0	B			
Math			Electives		
Algebra 1	1.0	A	Consumer Math	1.0	A
Algebra 2	1.0	B	PE	1.0	A
Geometry	1.0	C	Health	0.5	A
			Nutrition	1.0	A
Science			Computer Skills	0.5	A
Physical Science with Lab	1.0	B	Art History	0.5	A
Biology with Lab	1.0	B	Music Appreciation	0.5	A
Chemistry with Lab	1.0	A			
History					
Geography	1.0	B			
American History	1.0	A			
World History	1.0	B			
US Government	0.5	B			
Economics	0.5	B			

Academic Summary			Notes
Year	Cumulative GPA	Credits Earned	Dual-enrollment courses taken at ABC Community College (www.abccollege.edu)
12 th	3.30	23	

We, Robert and Dora Smith, do hereby certify and affirm that this is the official transcript and record of Mary S. Smith's academic studies through 2018.

Signature: Robert Smith (Parent/Administrator) Date: _____ Dora Smith (Parent/Teacher) Date: _____

Sample Transcripts (3 of 5)

NCAA

NC Public School

Student Information	School Information
Name: Student Athlete	Name: School
Address: 700 W Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204	Address: 1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive Indianapolis, IN 46202
Phone: 012-345-6789	Phone: 987-654-3210
Email: studentathlete@email.com	Email: school@email.com
Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy	
9th Grade Start Date: mm/dd/yyyy	
Graduation Date: mm/dd/yyyy	
Parent/Guardian(s): Parent Guardian	

Academic Record

GRADE/YEAR	COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT
8th 2021-22	Algebra I	A	1.0
9th 2022-23	Geometry	A	1.0
	English B	A	1.0
	Geography	A	1.0
	Physical Science	A	1.0
	Spanish I*	B	1.0
	Strength Training I	A	1.0
	Health	A	1.0
10th 2023-24	Algebra II	A	1.0
	English 10	A	1.0
	World History	A	1.0
	Biology with Lab	A	1.0
	Spanish II*	B	1.0
	Strength and Training II	A	1.0
	Music Appreciation	A	1.0
	Critical Thinking	B	1.0
11th 2024-25	Precalculus	B	1.0
	English 11	B	1.0
	Composition I**	B	1.0
	American History	A	1.0
	Chemistry	A	1.0
	Spanish III*	A	1.0
	Government	B	1.0
12th 2025-26	English 12	A	1.0
	Composition II**	B	1.0
	Physics	A	1.0
	Western Civilization	B	1.0
	College Spanish**	B	1.0
	Economics	A	1.0
	Strength Training III	A	1.0

Notes

*Course completed at XYZ Virtual School. **Dual enrollment coursework at Marathon College (Indianapolis, IN). The official two- or four-year college or university transcript is required.

Grading Scale

A = 100-90
B = 89-80
C = 79-70
D = 69-60
F = 59-0

Academic Summary

Cumulative GPA: 3.666
Credits Earned: 30
Diploma Earned:
Expected Graduation Date: mm/dd/yyyy

HomeSchool Administrator: HomeSchool Administrator

Date: mm/dd/yyyy

District Name: Bladen County Schools
West Bladen High Official Transcript
Accreditation: S1
School CEEB Code: 340377 School Code: 040368 Tel: (919)555-7910
1600 NC Hwy 410, Bladenboro, NC 28320

Student, Mark

Student Number: 12353874 Grade: 12
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Student Information	Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
Student Number: 12353874 Birthdate: 04/20/2006 State ID: 12353874 Principal: Dr. Margaret Mancipal Course of Study: Graduates with Certificate Diploma Date: 05/24/2024	Grade: 12 Sex: F #090368 West Bladen High Grade 11 00020100CC COM120 Intro Entrepreneurial Com 40015100CC EC00251 Principles of Microeconomics 10020100CC MATH111 Modeling and Inquiry 10020100CC MATH112 Writing Reasons in the Digital 00020100CC MATH121 Analytical Algebra 00020100CC PHYS111 Physics I and Weight Training 00020100CC PSY120 General Psychology 40020100CC SOC1010 Introduction to Sociology 10140100CC SPAN111 Elementary Spanish I Credit: 12.000 GPA: 4.000 LUM GPA: 4.000	100	1.0000	1
2023-2024				
Grade 9 21090100PS NC Math 1 21090100PS NC Math 1 C19 Credit: 1.000 GPA: 3.000 LUM GPA: 3.000	Grade 10 #090368 West Bladen High Grade 9 00110000 Agr Science Applications Honors 00010000 Career Management 00010000 Health/Personalities SCIENCE HONORS 10010000 English II Honors 10020100 English II Honors 00490200 Health and PE Grades 10140100PS NC Math 2 Honors 40120100 World History Honors Credit: 3.000 GPA: 4.375 LUM GPA: 4.000	100	1.0000	1
2022-2023				
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2021-2022				
Grade 10 40120100 Agr/Health II Honors 40110000 Agricultural Mechanics I 10030000 AP English Language and Composition 00020100 Biology Honors 00110000 Career Path Literacy Civil Liberties Honors 20020100 NC Math 2 Honors 00020100 Phys Honors I and Weight Training 00020100 Team Sports Credit: 3.000 GPA: 4.375 LUM GPA: 4.000	Grade 11 #090368 West Bladen High Grade 11 00030100CA ACAP122 College Transfer Success 00110000 American History 10010000CC AMST111 Arts Appreciation 10020100CC COM121 General Chemistry I	99	0.0000	0

Official's Signature



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

GPA



Calculating your GPA

1. Determine quality points for each letter grade.
2. Total the quality points.
3. Divide total quality points by the total number of courses.

Your GPA is figured and reported on your transcript both weighted and unweighted. To calculate an unweighted GPA, use the academic scale only. Students are ranked from highest to lowest GPA using cumulative weighted grades.

When calculating your GPA, you must remember that quality Points are assigned to each letter grade. The type of class (Academic, Honors, WTCC) you take will determine the number of quality points you receive for the course. Students received weighted credit (extra points) for Honors, AP and IB courses.

Quality Points Scale

GPA Scale for students entering 9th grade in 2015-16 and beyond.

Quality Points

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Number Grade</i>	<i>Academic</i>	<i>Honors</i>	<i>AP/Dual Enrollment</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>90-100</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>80-89</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>70-79</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>60-69</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>F</i>	<i><60</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Extended GPA

SC

Uniform
Grading
Scale

Transferring
grades without
numbers

A=95

B=85

C=75

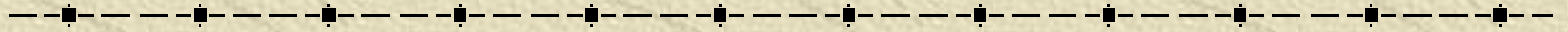
D=65

F=51

10 Point Grading Scale

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions				
Numerical Average	Letter Grade	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	A	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
80	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.900	3.400	3.900
78	C	2.800	3.300	3.800
77	C	2.700	3.200	3.700
76	C	2.600	3.100	3.600
75	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
74	C	2.400	2.900	3.400
73	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
72	C	2.200	2.700	3.200
71	C	2.100	2.600	3.100

Essays

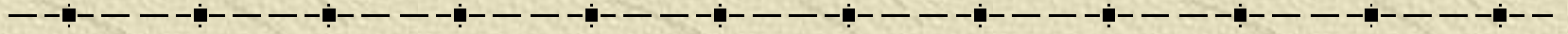


Make it interesting

Give concrete examples

Emphasize own experiences

Extracurricular Activity



Shown on application, not on transcript

Demonstrating leadership

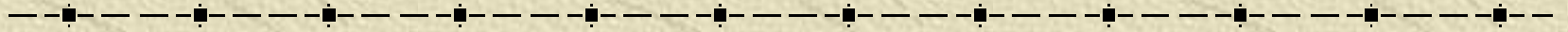
Community service

Interesting hobbies

Athletics

Employment

Recommendations



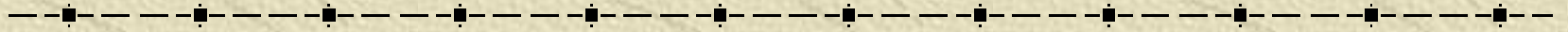
Possibly difficult for totally home-schooled student

Plan ahead for people to give recommendations

Give summary if necessary

Remind of deadlines

Interviews



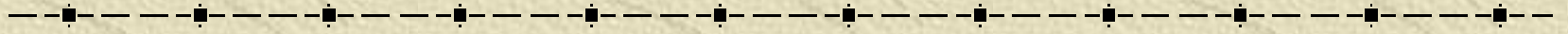
Not always included in selection process

Dress appropriately

Practice the “elevator speech”

Research the school or scholarship

Finding Scholarships



- Schools may include scholarships with application
- Honors program may have scholarship implications
- Membership organizations
- Employers
- Reserve Officer Training Corps / Military Academies
- FastWeb scholarship search
- Sports

Sports Scholarships

2% of high school athletes get a sports scholarship

Average scholarship is less than \$11,000/year and must be renewed

Note that sports involvement takes time away from academics at college

Core courses required in high school with 2.3 GPA

Register with NCAA Eligibility Center

Keeping Your Options Open

You may not know right now what you want to do with the rest of your life.

Starting Salaries

Computer Science	\$75,900
Engineering	\$73,922
Math & Sciences	\$66,760
Social Sciences	\$61,173
Business	\$60,695
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$57,807
Communications	\$55,455
Humanities	\$50,681

Have the prerequisites just in case!

Putting It All Together



Start early

Don't necessarily eliminate expensive schools

Pursue a well-rounded background

Practice for admission tests

Pay attention to deadlines

Helpful Web Sites

College Foundation of North Carolina <https://www.cfnc.org/>

SAT Test <http://www.collegeboard.com/>

ACT Test <https://www.act.org/>

Guide for College Financial Aid <https://finaid.org/>

FastWeb Scholarship Search <https://www.fastweb.com/>

The Common Application <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Coalition for College <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

SC Uniform Grading Policy
<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/state-accountability/uniform-grading-policy/>