

FAQs 2026-2027

How many seniors are in our graduating class of 2027?

346

How many total students are at NCSSM?

680

What is NCSSM's GPA scale?

4.0 weighted.

Which GPA do I report?

Only report the NCSSM cumulative weighted GPA.

Does NCSSM calculate an unweighted GPA?

No, leave it blank if it asks for it. NCSSM only calculates a weighted GPA for NCSSM classes. Transcripts reflect 9th/10th grade unweighted GPA (if reported), 9th/10th grade weighted GPA (if reported), and NCSSM weighted GPA. Some scholarships may require you to report an unweighted GPA. In that case, contact your counselor.

How do I designate NCSSM course level in Common App? Honors? AP? Accelerated?

All NCSSM courses are Honors level and above. You will indicate all AP courses as such, "AP." If you are taking 4000+ level courses, you may simply type the course title and choose "High Honors" in the drop down menu. Courses 3000-3999, select "Honors." For RE, PA, & J-Term courses, select "N/A."

Do NCSSM students list 4000 level classes as AP?

No. Only list classes that are titled "AP" as AP classes. For all other academic courses, indicate Honors, High Honors, or N/A as stated above.

How many NCSSM courses are labeled "AP"?

11 AP course sequences

How many honors courses does NCSSM offer?

185

How do I submit a teacher recommendation from a teacher at my previous high school?

You can enter your teacher's name and email from your previous high school in SchooLinks directly. They will then get an email from SchooLinks so they can upload their letter and submit it for you.

The Common Application asks if I attended other high schools prior to NCSSM and an explanation as to why I left. What do I put?

Answer yes and type in the explanation area "I applied and was accepted to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, a two-year residential high school for junior and senior years only, focusing in STEM with a strong humanities program."

How far in advance do I need to request my transcripts?

Transcripts are processed in the order of the deadline dates you specify, not by when they are entered. You must request your transcripts **at least two weeks in advance**. You may request anytime before that.

What grades are on transcripts if students apply for a deadline prior to January (ie. early action, restrictive early action, or early decision)?

Through 11th grade only.

How can I learn more about SAT and ACT registration and dates?

More information on SAT and ACT registration and dates can be found at the following link:

[NCSSM Recommended SAT & ACT Testing Schedule 2026-27](#)

Are standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP) on the NCSSM transcript?

No. You will need to request official score reports from CollegeBoard or ACT directly.

How do I send my standardized test scores to colleges?

If colleges allow you to self-report on the Common Application, take advantage of doing so so you don't have to pay for the official score report. However, if the college wants an official score report, your scores must be sent directly from the testing agency. Therefore, you will need to log in to your account with College Board and/or ACT to request through those entities for your scores to be sent directly to the college(s).

What gets sent with my college transcript request?

Your transcript, counselor summary letter, counselor school report, NCSSM Profile, and entire senior year schedule.

Can I make changes once I have submitted my Common Application to a college?

Once an application or writing supplement has been submitted to a specific institution, you cannot make any changes to it (just as if you had dropped it in the mail), and Common App is not permitted to make changes on your behalf. In general, the Common Application is designed to be completed one time and submitted to all of the colleges at once, or over a period of time. If you need to change information on a submitted application, you must contact the college's admission office directly to ask how they would like you to proceed. That said, you can still make changes prior to submitting to other institutions.

Is there a limit to the number of edits I can make to my personal essay once I've submitted an application?

Once submitted to a particular college, you are no longer able to make edits to that college's application. However, you are allowed to go back and make unlimited edits to the essay or any other part of your application prior to each subsequent submission.

My application notes: “If you attend/attended a North Carolina public high school, please enter your NC Student Number (formerly NC WISE ID) below.” What should I do?

NC Student Numbers (formerly NC WISE numbers) are assigned to students in North Carolina public schools by the NC Department of Public Instruction. The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is part of the UNC system, not NC DPI; therefore, we do not have an NC Wise ID. As this is not a requirement, you can leave this question blank.