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It is with great pleasure that Uwharrie Charter Academy announces the implementation of its very own Soaring Eagles Early College Institute. UCA will introduce its early college program with the class of 2021. The criteria below will be use for the selection process:

- Students must complete an application and return all necessary forms to Mr. Walker at UCA high school from Monday, August 7th to Friday, August 11th.
- Students must have the desire to complete an Associate Degree, in College Transfer Pathway or one of the Career Technical Education Pathways, while in high school.
- Students must have completed a minimum of two high school credits while in middle school, one of which must be Math 1.
- All students who have met the above criteria will meet with Mr. Walker to create an application with Randolph Community College using CFNC before the end of August.
- Once students have created an account, they must demonstrate college readiness on an assessment or placement test at RCC. The college readiness chart is provided on the following page.
- If a student has not shown college readiness, they will take the placement test at RCC during the month of September.
- All students who have successfully completed the placement test with qualifying scores will be admitted into the Soaring Eagles Early College Institute Class of 2021.
- Any student who does not meet the qualifying scores will be on a provisional acceptance until college readiness is demonstrated. Those students will be required to take any of the tests listed on the college readiness chart on their own. Students are allowed to take the placement test at RCC one additional time with a maximum of two tries.
- All students must meet the above criteria by the end of October.
- Students will be notified of their acceptance status at the beginning of November. A celebration will be planned for students and parents near the end of November.
- Students will then meet individually with Mr. Walker to map out a course schedule for both high school and college courses that will meet the needs of each student.
- Students will begin taking RCC courses when they have achieved junior status. To be considered a junior, student must complete 13 high school credits, including English II.
- For the Soaring Eagles Early College Institute Class of 2021, students will begin taking RCC courses in January of 2019.
- To earn an Associate Degree, students must complete approximately 20 community college courses. This includes taking courses during Spring of 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021.
- Students must be enrolled in a minimum of one high school course at UCA during each Fall and Spring terms while attending RCC.

It is important to note that students who are not accepted into the Soaring Eagles Early College Institute Class of 2021 are permitted to take RCC course through the Career and College Promise program beginning the fall of their junior year in high school as long as they meet the criteria of a 3.0 GPA for Career Technical Education Pathway and qualifying scores for College Transfer Pathway.

Attachment A

College Readiness* Benchmarks on Approved Diagnostic Assessment Tests

Test	PLAN**	PSAT 2014 and earlier**	PSAT 2015 and Future**	Asset (NCCCS Cut Score)	COMPASS (NCCCS Cut Score)	Accuplacer (NCCCS Cut Score)	NC DAP (NCCCS Cut Score)
English	15	45	26	41 Writing	70 Writing	86 Sentence Skills	Composite score of 151 or higher ***
Reading	18	47	26	41 Reading	81 Reading	80 Reading	
Mathematics	19	47	24.5	41 Numerical Skills and 41 Int. Algebra	47 Pre-Algebra and 66 Algebra	55 Arithmetic and 75 Elem. Algebra	7 on each assessment for DMA 010 thru 060

In addition to the diagnostic assessments, colleges may use the following SAT and ACT scores recommended by the testing companies as benchmarks for college readiness:*

SAT (Pre-March 2016)		SAT (March 2016 and Future)		Pre-ACT		ACT	
English	500	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480	English	18	English	18
Critical Reading	500			Reading	22	Reading	22
Mathematics	500			Mathematics	22	Mathematics	22

*To be eligible for enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway, students must demonstrate college readiness in English, reading, and mathematics on an approved test or tests. Eligibility may be demonstrated by achieving the required scores on a single test or by combining test scores from any of the approved assessments. For example, a student may combine a 19 on PLAN math with an 86 and an 80 on Accuplacer sentence skills and reading to demonstrate college readiness.

**PLAN and PSAT scores recommended by ACT and College Board as indicators of college readiness.

***The Reading and English part of the NC DAP is an integrated assessment of reading and English skills; meeting the composite cut score score for placement into ENG 111 is one way to demonstrate college readiness in order to participate in the College Transfer Pathway.