



NCSSM Durham
Student Orientation Schedule
August 2025

Sunday, Aug 3, 2025

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Residential Life Assistants (RLAs) and Stentorian Editors Move-In**
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **RLA Chair Pickup**
Residential Education, Housing, and Dining will share more info when we are closer to move-in.

Sunday, Aug 3, 2025 - Thursday, Aug 7, 2025

- TBD* **RLA / Stentorian Editor Training**
Refer to sponsor or club advisor for schedule / training

Wednesday, Aug 6, 2025

- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm **Select Senior Leadership Move-In**
On Hall *The following leadership roles are invited to move in on this date: Student Ambassadors, Peer Counseling Coordinators, Development Attachés, External Relations Liaisons, (D'Argenio) Computer Science TAs, (Cantrell) Humanities TAs, Library Liaisons, Community Bridge Builders, Sustainability Project Leaders, Student Government Leadership (SBP, SSP, and SBT), FabLab TAs, Art Studio TAs, Architecture TA, Band Senior Leadership, and Smart Bar Students*
- 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **Lunch**
Cafeteria (PFM)
- 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm **Student Leadership Group Expectations/Procedures**
ETC Courtyard
- 2:00 pm **Senior Leadership Training**
With your sponsor *Refer to sponsor or club advisor for schedule / training for your position.*
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **SL Textbook Distribution - session 1**
Cafeteria (PFM) *RLAs, Student Ambassadors, Peer Counseling Coordinators, Development Attachés, and External Relations Liaisons will pick up books outside the Book Room and learn how the process will go in order to be available to support Junior and Senior distribution as student guides.*
Bookroom
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm **Dinner**
Cafeteria (PFM)
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Senior Leadership Chair Pickup**
Residential Education, Housing, and Dining will share more info closer to move-in.
- 10:00 pm **Curfew Check**

Thursday, Aug 7, 2025

8:00 am - 10:00 am **Breakfast**
Cafeteria (PFM)

8:30 am - 10 pm **Senior Leadership Training**
With your sponsor *Refer to sponsor or club advisor for schedule / training for your position.*

8:30 am - 9:30 am **SL Textbook Distribution - session 2**
Cafeteria (PFM)
Bookroom
Library Liaisons, Sustainability Project Leaders, Mentorship & Research Leadership, Community Bridge Builders, Student Government Leadership (SBP, SSP, and SBT) and Smart Bar Students will pick up books outside the Book Room and learn how the process will go in order to be available to support Junior and Senior distribution as student guides.

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **Lunch**
Cafeteria (PFM)

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm **Dinner**
Cafeteria (PFM)

10:00 pm **Curfew Check**

Midnight **In-Room Curfew**
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Friday, Aug 8, 2025

8:00 am - 9:00 am <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Breakfast (Senior Leaders)
8:30 am <i>Hill Street</i>	Move-In Day Briefing with Senior Leadership Students & Volunteers
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Junior Move-In
10:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>NCSSM Clinic</i>	NCSSM Student Health Services <i>NCSSM Clinic staff available to answer questions and assist students and families who need to drop off medications</i>
10:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>ITS Help Desk</i>	Informational Technology Computer/Network Support <i>NCSSM ITS staff available to assist students with access and general information technology questions</i>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm <i>TBD</i>	Juniors families meet with Community Coordinators <i>Junior families will meet with Community Coordinators to discuss residential life, community expectations, emergency procedures, and upcoming events.</i>
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm <i>Hill Lounge</i>	Junior Chair Pickup <i>Juniors requesting a desk chair for their dorm pick up a chair from Hill Lounge.</i>
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm <i>Auditorium</i>	Parent/Guardian meeting <i>Please join NCSSM Administrators to learn more about the student experience.</i>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm <i>TBD</i>	Juniors meet with Community Coordinators <i>Juniors will meet with Community Coordinators to discuss residential life, community expectations, emergency procedures, and upcoming events.</i>
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm <i>Bryan Lawn</i>	Welcome Picnic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:30: Reynolds, Hunt West, and Bryan residents• 4:45: Hunt East, Beall, Hill, and Royall residents
7:00 pm <i>TBD</i>	Juniors meet on hall <i>You'll meet with your Community Coordinator and RLAs on hall for any last-minute updates and to head over to the Ice Cream Social together.</i>
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <i>Hill Street</i>	SAB Ice Cream Social <i>A sweet treat for the incoming junior class provided by the Student Activities Board</i>

9:30 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Halls</i>	Debrief with RLAs <i>An opportunity for juniors to check in with their RLAs and review the orientation schedule</i>
10:00 pm	Curfew Check
Midnight	In-room Curfew <i>Students are required to be in their rooms for the rest of the evening.</i>

Saturday, Aug 9, 2025

8:30 am - 10:00 am <i>Cafeteria</i>	Breakfast
10:30 am - 12:00 pm <i>Locations TBD</i>	Homeroom (Juniors) <i>Juniors will meet in small groups, half the juniors will participate on Homeroom in the morning, half in the afternoon- meeting locations will be shared via email from Justin Plummer on Thursday afternoon.</i>
<i>Bryan Lobby</i>	Board Games
<i>ETC Lecture Hall</i>	Relax & Recharge <i>Need a break to reset your social battery? We'll have a peaceful aquarium livestream playing and a quiet space for you to enjoy!</i>
<i>Across Campus</i>	RLA Campus Tour (Juniors) <i>Have your class schedule handy and join a campus tour to learn your way around NCSSM. Tours will start in Bryan Lobby, Hunt Lobby, and Hill Lobby.</i>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm <i>Cafeteria</i>	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <i>Locations TBD</i>	Homeroom (Juniors)
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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm <i>Auditorium</i>	Extracurricular Overview <i>Featuring Student Government & the Student Activities Board (All Juniors)</i>
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm <i>Across Campus</i>	SAB Scavenger Hunt <i>Grab a group of friends and complete this campus scavenger hunt! When you finish, upload your completed scavenger hunt here. We will draw winners and announce them in the first TWAN!</i>
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm <i>Cafeteria</i>	Dinner

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm <i>TBD</i>	Juniors meet with Community Coordinators, pt. 2
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <i>Various locations</i>	Student Activities Board presents: Game/Movie Night Click HERE for more information!
<i>Woolworth Room</i>	Board games in the Student Center/Woolworth Room
<i>ETC Lecture Hall</i>	Movie Night - "A Minecraft Movie"
<i>ETC Courtyard</i>	Cornhole in the Courtyard
<i>Bryan Lobby</i>	Nintendo Switch Games - Overcooked, Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, and more!
9:30 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Hill Street</i>	Happy Half
10:00 pm	Curfew Check
10:00 pm - 10:30 pm <i>Halls</i>	Debrief with RLAs <i>An opportunity for juniors to check in with their RLAs about the day and review the orientation schedule</i>
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Sunday, Aug 10, 2025

10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Cafeteria (PFM)

Brunch

Optional Activities

9th St. walk, free time, campus tours

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Senior Move-In

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
Auditorium

Support & Education: Title IX, Cornerstone, Student Life Seminar, & Mandatory Reporting Counseling Overview (All Juniors)

1:15 pm - 1:30 pm
Auditorium

NCSSM Substance Abuse Prevention & Education Session (All Juniors)

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Auditorium

Campus Safety Session (All Juniors)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hill & Beall Classrooms

World Language Placement Checks

Any student enrolled in a Fall-Semester course in Chinese, French or Spanish will receive information by email about the testing locations and format. (Note: These "placement checks" are NOT placement tests; they are a chance for instructors and students to check in and to confirm that everyone has been placed correctly.)

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Various locations

Time Under the Tents (Juniors, optional)

Bike Shed

Tote Bag Painting with the Sustainability Project Leaders

Hill Street

Popsicles & Swings with Student Government (at the Swingset)

Bryan Lawn

Be introduced to *The Stentorian*, NCSSM's student-run newspaper, as we chat and make origami, word collages, and blackout poetry!

Woolworth Room

Come out to meet your Community Bridge Builders! Break the ice with ice pops, make yourself a door dec, and learn more about your peers!

Royall Porch

Meet your Peer Counseling Coordinators and help the Counseling Office create and stock our "Kindness Rocks!" Garden! Come paint kindness rocks and either keep your rock, share with a friend who needs some inspiration, or leave it behind for our garden!

Watts Porch

Come meet the *Blue Mirror* lit mag editors and other creatives on campus! We'll have prompts for writing sticky-note poems, materials for collaborative drawings, and pictionary.

2:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Cafeteria (PFM)
Bookroom

Junior Textbook Distribution

(Student ID is REQUIRED for check out)

- 2:30 - 3:15 pm: **Reynolds Juniors / Bryan Juniors / 1st Hill Juniors**
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm: **Royall Juniors / Beall Juniors / 2nd Hill Juniors**
- 4:00 - 4:45 pm: **Hunt Juniors**

Textbook Coordinator: bea.shanks@ncssm.edu

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Cafeteria (PFM)

Dinner

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Senior Chair Pickup

You will pick up your desk chair in Hill Lounge.

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Various locations

Hall Icebreakers

Juniors & Seniors participate in activities across campus.

8:30 pm - 9:00 pm
TBD

Seniors meet with Community Coordinators

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Halls

Hall Meeting (All Students)

Ice-breakers/Review of community expectations

10:00 pm

Curfew Check

Midnight

In-room Curfew

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Monday, Aug 11, 2025

7:45 am - 9:00 am <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm <i>TBD</i>	Homeroom and Meet with Counseling Services (All Seniors) <i>Half of the seniors will meet with Counseling Services at 9:00 am - 10:30 am while the other half is in Homeroom, then they'll switch for the 10:40 am - 12:00 pm session. Check this roster to see when and where you're meeting for your sessions.</i>
9:00 am - 11:00 am <i>Watts Classrooms</i>	Math Make-Up Placement Testing (Juniors) <i>The math department will notify students via email if they are assigned to take the makeup math placement test. Information about specific testing locations will be shared directly with these students. (Note: Students who took the math placement test in the spring should not request a retake; these requests will not be approved)</i>
10:00 - 11:00 am <i>Watts Porch</i>	Meet CAAS (Juniors) The Center for Advising and Academic Support will be on Watts Porch, stop by and introduce yourself and learn more about the support available to you through CAAS.
11:30 am - 1:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Lunch
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm <i>Auditorium</i>	Support & Education: Title IX, Student Life Seminar, & Mandatory Reporting Reminder (All Seniors)
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm <i>Auditorium</i>	NCSSM Substance Abuse Prevention & Education Session (All Seniors)
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm <i>Auditorium</i>	Campus Safety Session (All Seniors)
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm <i>Various locations</i>	Time Under the Tents <u>Bryan Lawn</u> Diamond Painting with Kat Cooper Juggling for Beginners with John Woodmansee <u>Reynolds Lawn</u> Accordion 101 with Dr. Love: Accordions! Pick one up, play it, see what it looks like inside! Fidget Bracelets and Neurographic Art with Michelle Brenner <u>Watts Lawn & Watts Porch</u> Popsicles with Admissions Disc Golf with Brian Gonyeau (Starting at 1:30, 2:00, & 2:30) - no experience necessary, discs provided, nine holes! <u>Woolworth Room & Student Center</u> Latine Student Union (LSU) Social with Vanessa Ponce (Starting at 2:00) Table Tennis with Ryan Donaldson

Bike Shed

Card/Board Games with the Mentorship and Research Team

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Various locations

TA Training Session (Engineering, Computer Science, The Ryden AI Program, FabLab, Humanities, Math, and Science TAs)

Supervisors will contact TAs with meeting locations.

2:00 - 5:00 pm

PFM Bookroom

Senior Textbook Distribution

(Student ID is REQUIRED for check out)

- 2:00 - 3:00: **Reynolds Seniors / Beall Seniors / 1st Hill Seniors**
- 3:00 - 4:00: **Royall Seniors / Bryan Seniors / 2nd Hill Seniors**
- 4:00 - 5:00: **Hunt Seniors**

Textbook Coordinator: bea.shanks@ncssm.edu

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

4th Bryan- Physics

Physics Placement and Exemption Testing Part I - Written Test

This test is only for students who want to exempt the physics graduation requirement or to change their physics placement to AP-C Physics

3:30 pm - 5:20 pm

*2nd Bryan-
Chemistry*

Chemistry Placement and Exemption Testing

The Chemistry department is offering two tests at this time. The placement test (60 min) is for juniors who did not complete the test over the summer or who wish to change their placement. The exemption test (110 min) is for any student who wants to exempt the chemistry graduation requirement.

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Cafeteria (PFM)

Dinner

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

PEC

Fall Sports Meet the Coaches Meeting

For students who have an interest in trying out for a Fall Varsity Sport. Fall Varsity Sports include Women's Volleyball, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Women's Golf, and Men's and Women's Cross Country.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

4th Bryan- Physics

Physics Placement and Exemption Testing Part II - Lab Test

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Hill Street

SG Meet & Greet

Come out to Hill Street to meet the SG Leadership team, as well as members of the Executive Board, the Student Senate, and the Treasury Advisory Board!

In case of rain, this event will move to the PEC Lobby.

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Hill Street

SAB Recess

Yard games in the PEC!

ETC Lecture Hall

SAB Movie Night

KPop Demon Hunters

9:30 pm

Happy Half

Hill Street

10:00 pm

Curfew Check

Midnight

In-room Curfew

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Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025

7:45 am - 10:00 am **Breakfast**
Cafeteria (PFM)

All Day

First Day of Class - Follow Normal Tuesday Daytime Schedule.
Residential Evening Classes will begin Wednesday, August 14.

[NCSSM Weekly Timetable](#)

Tuesday, August 12	
D Block	8:30 - 9:20
E Block	9:25 - 10:15
A Block	10:20 - 11:10
A Lab	11:10 - 11:50
Lunch	11:50 - 12:40
G Lab	12:40 - 1:20
G Block	1:20 - 2:10
F Block	2:15 - 3:05

11:30 am - 1:30 pm **Lunch**
Cafeteria (PFM)

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **NCSSM Convocation**
Auditorium
Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Board members, and special guests come together to mark the opening of our school's academic year

5:00 pm - 6:30pm **Picnic Dinner**
Bryan Lawn

10:00 pm **Curfew Check**

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025 Altered Schedule

7:45 am - 10:00 am **Breakfast**
Cafeteria (PFM)

Wednesday, August 13	
B Block	8:30 - 9:20
D Block	9:25 - 10:15
C Block	10:20 - 11:10
C Lab	11:10 - 11:50
Lunch	11:50 - 12:40
E Lab	12:40 - 1:20
E Block	1:20 - 2:10
F Block	2:15 - 3:05
G Block*	3:10 - 4:30
*contains lockdown drill	

11:30 am - 1:30 pm **Lunch**
Cafeteria (PFM)

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Fall Sports Tryouts**
PEC
Tryouts for Fall Varsity Sports. Fall Varsity Sports include Women's Volleyball, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Women's Golf, and Men's and Women's Cross Country.

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Dinner**
Cafeteria (PFM)

6:15 pm - 9:45 pm **Evening Classes Begin - Follow Normal Wednesday Evening Schedule**
[NCSSM Weekly Timetable](#)

10:00 pm **Curfew Check**

Midnight **In-Room Curfew**
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Thursday, Aug 14, 2025

7:45 am - 10:00 am <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Breakfast
8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Normal Thursday Class Schedule <i>NCSSM Weekly Timetable</i>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Lunch
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Dinner
10:00 pm	Curfew Check
Midnight	In-Room Curfew <i>Students are required to be in their rooms for the rest of the night.</i>

Friday, Aug 15, 2025

7:45 am - 10:00 am <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Breakfast
8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Normal Friday Class Schedule <i>NCSSM Weekly Timetable</i>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Lunch
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm <i>ETC Courtyard</i>	SAB Friday Fun Day: Cotton Candy <i>Join SAB for our first Friday Fun Day of the year!</i>
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Dinner
8:00 pm <i>Lecture Hall</i>	SAB Movie Night
11:00 pm	Curfew Check
1:00 am	In-Room Curfew <i>Students are required to be in their rooms for the rest of the night.</i>

Saturday, Aug 16, 2025

10:30 am - 1:00 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Brunch
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm <i>Hill Street</i>	Student Government Club Fair
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm <i>Cafeteria (PFM)</i>	Dinner
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm <i>Hill Street</i>	SAB presents: Hill Street Block Party

Frostbites ice cream truck, epic four square, & more!

11:00 pm

Curfew Check

1:00 am

In-Room Curfew

Students are required to be in their rooms for the rest of the evening.