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Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA) **Based on Parents' Bill of Rights - SB 49; Session Law 2023-106**

North Carolina Virtual Academy offers parents and guardians access to information regarding student achievement via the Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA). Should you wish to obtain a paper copy of this document, please submit your request by contacting the main office at (919) 346-0121.

| Questions/ Considerations Regarding Your Student's Education | NCVA Resource and Support | | |
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| How can my child be promoted to the next grade level? | <p>The following are the relevant State and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_115C/Article_8.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant part of this link is found in Part 1A (pp. 15-28) regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc. | | |
| What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials? | <p>In North Carolina, all schools use the same Standard Course of Study, determined by the State Board of Education. These standards are the knowledge and skills students should understand by the end of each grade/course. The standards can be found on the NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website. There are standards for:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Education, • Career Technical Education, • Computer Science, • English Language Arts, • English Language Development, • Student Success Standards, </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthful Living, • Information and Technology, • Mathematics, • Science, • Social Studies, and • World Language. </td> </tr> </table> <p>Local districts, schools and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, supplementary materials, books, etc.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Education, • Career Technical Education, • Computer Science, • English Language Arts, • English Language Development, • Student Success Standards, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthful Living, • Information and Technology, • Mathematics, • Science, • Social Studies, and • World Language. |
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| <p>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p> | <p>NCVA shares progress of students through a variety of ways, including report cards, progress reports, and assignment/assessment feedback.</p> <p>State Assessments: Individual Student Reports for end-of-grade/course tests and other state assessments (English language proficiency assessment) are accessible in the parent portal of the NC-SIS (PowerSchool). In NC, all students take end-of-grade assessments for reading and math in grades 3-8. Students take end-of-grade science assessments in grades 5 and 8. In high school, students take end-of-course assessments in English II, Biology, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3. Students in Grade 10 take the Pre-ACT. Students in grade 11 take the ACT. Students who are CTE Concentrators in Grade 12 take ACT WorkKeys. Results are shared by ACT.</p> |
| <p>What are the qualifications of my child's teacher?</p> | <p>Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at this website. The licensure webpage does not include current employment information. Parents may need additional information (i.e., middle name or license number) to identify the teacher accurately. Substitute teachers (either short or long term) may not hold a NC teaching license. Please contact our Human Resources office to verify an educator's licensure status.</p> |
| <p>What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p> | <p>The following are statutory school entry requirements, which includes required immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission requirements: GS 115C-364.pdf (ncleg.gov) • Immunization records: GS 130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov) • Immunization requirements: GS 130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov) (*this law was amended but is not reflected on the current GA page; see SL2023-134.pdf (ncleg.gov), Section 5.8(e) on page 64") <p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). NCDHHS Immunizations Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended Immunization Schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements • Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements • Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements |
| <p>How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?</p> | <p>Parent Guides for Academic Standards: The following grade level guides contain information to support parents and caregivers with understanding the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. The purpose of these guides is to inform parents about the standards, as well as provide useful strategies to incorporate at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA Parent Guides • ELD Parent Guide • Math Parent Guides: K-5, 6-8 • Social Studies Parent Guides (coming soon) • Science Parent Guide (coming soon) |

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| | <p>Home activities, printables, and games to support reading and literacy are also available at North Carolina's Digital Children's Reading Initiative (DCRI). These activities include the following topics for Pre-K-Grade 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Phonemic awareness (2) Phonics (3) Vocabulary (4) Fluency (5) Comprehension (6) Oral language |
| <p>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p> | <p>Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository NC Portrait of a Graduate - Durable Skills. Another resource used in K-8 to support the content of Portrait of a Graduate is Second Step. Second Step® programs help students build social-emotional skills—like nurturing positive relationships, managing emotions, and setting goals—so they can thrive in school and in life. You can read more about this program at their website.</p> |
| <p>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p> | <p>Parents can view students' grades on the PowerSchool parent portal- www.powerschool.com/sign-in/ for additional information. Parents can view progress reports and report card dates on the district calendar.</p> <p>The following are NCDPI developed parent guides that provide suggestions for building strong relationships with your child's teacher and supporting communication between home and school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Strong Relationships with Your Child's Teacher (NC Rethink Education Program) • How You Can Use Questions to Support Your Child's Learning (NC Rethink Education Program) • Additional general parent guides and parent resource webinar recordings can be found at the following website. |
| <p>What services are available for parents and their children?</p> | <p>School Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Halls • Regional monthly in person outings • Graduation planning • Title one Parent meetings • Varsity Tutoring- free for all students supporting Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies along with additional writing support and College Test Prep. • COMMUNITY ncva (ncvastudentservices.wixsite.com) • https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/parents-corner |
| <p>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer parent group through Community Engagement Specialist • NC Star/ School Improvement Team • In-person outing attendance • Parent surveys for input |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NorthCarolinaVirtualAcademy • Instagram: @ncva_stridek12 |
| <p>What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p> | <p>Advanced Learners</p> <p>Many NCVA students have participated in Gifted and Talented or AIG programs before enrolling in our program. Students who present this documentation will be considered for the Advanced Learners Program (ALP) program. The OLS/OMS/OHS curriculum is already very rigorous.</p> <p>The goal of the Advanced Learner Program is to provide an individualized learning experience that addresses the unique needs of a student who is advancing educationally at NCVA and requires additional opportunities to meet the educational and emotional needs of this unique population of students. Elements of the ALP Program: Students in grades K5th who qualify for the Advanced Learner Program are offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to advance to the next grade level of coursework in ELA and/or Math. • Enrichment sessions. • Enrichment activities and optional lessons to enhance learning. <p>Elementary School: 5th Grade Advanced Math Course 5th grade Advanced Math will be offered to students who meet the qualifying criteria. Middle School Advanced Coursework Middle School students are offered the opportunity for advanced coursework in 6th – 8th Grade Math, Math 1, 6th – 8th Grade ELA, and 8th Grade science. These courses offer an advanced pace and deeper depth into the course standards.</p> <p>High School Advanced Courses Honors Courses Honors courses. Students who fail to attend their scheduled AP exam for a reason deemed unexcused by the College Board will be responsible for paying the College Board fee.</p> <p>Career and College Promise (CCP) High school students may be enrolled in Career and College Prep courses at a local community college that will count towards high school graduation to fulfill elective requirements-Career and College Promise NC DPI</p> <p>NCVPS: North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) is NC’s state supplemental program and leader in online education, providing inclusive learning opportunities for students across the state. Founded in 2007, with a strong commitment to ensuring quality education for all students, regardless of location, NCVPS has over 16 years of experience serving diverse learners. Students may enroll in NCVPS courses for a variety of reasons. Work with your school counselor if you are interested in taking NCVPS courses.</p> <p>Governor’s School: Each summer, NC Governor’s School offers a unique opportunity for high-achieving rising juniors and seniors to learn with their peers from across the state in an 4-week residential program at two college campus sites. For more information on eligibility and the application process your child’s counselor or visit the Governor’s School website, www.ncgovschool.org.</p> |

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| <p>What school choices are available for my child?</p> | <p>Charter Schools Charter schools are public schools of choice that are authorized by the State Board of Education and operated by independent non-profit boards of directors. State and local tax dollars are the primary funding sources for charter schools, which have open enrollment and cannot discriminate in admissions, associate with any religion or religious group, or charge tuition. Charter schools operate with freedom from many of the regulations that govern district schools, but charter schools are held accountable through the State assessment and accountability system. If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit Charter Schools NC DPI for information, resources, and contacts.</p> <p>Nonpublic Education and Scholarship Grants Nonpublic education is overseen by the NC DOA Division of Non-Public Education (DNPE) - Monitoring NC Home & Private Schools</p> <p>For a list of private schools, visit this State of North Carolina Private Grade K-12 School Statistics NC DOA</p> <p>For information on how to start a homeschool visit: NC Home School Information NC DOA</p> <p>Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via the Explore K12 Funding - NCSEAA</p> |
| <p>What rights do students with disabilities have based on the law?</p> | <p>For students suspected of or identified with a disability by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the following links provide important information regarding the procedural safeguards available to ensure a free, appropriate, public education. Parent Rights Handbook Parent Rights Handbook (Spanish) IDEA Dispute Resolution Special Education Surrogate Parents Project Child Find</p> |
| <p>What is the contact information for the schools and district office?</p> | <p>NCVA Main Office Phone: (919) 346-0121 Fax: (919) 324-6597 http://ncva.k12.com</p> |
| <p>What are some resources to support my child’s health and wellbeing? What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?</p> | <p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). NCDHHS Immunizations Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended Immunization Schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements • Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements • Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements <p>Information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza can be found on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services website.</p> |

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