



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

It is the goal of Alpha Academy to offer parents and guardians access to information regarding student achievement via the school's Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA).

Should you wish to obtain paper copies of this document and its contents, you can make a request through the school's office.

The North Carolina General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 49—Parents Bill of Rights. This act was voted on to enumerate the rights of parents to direct the upbringing, education, healthcare, and mental health of minor children.

As more information and guidance about the Parents' Bill of Rights is made available from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, we will provide it to you by posting on our school website.

Alpha Academy values parental involvement. North Carolina General Statute §115C-76.25 provides a list of parental rights. While pre-existing board policy addresses many of these rights, future changes in board policy to address these rights will be added to this notice. Citations to existing Board policies on the same subject matter are included below.

Parents have the right to withhold consent for their children to participate in all or part of a reproductive health and safety program or other program about sexually transmitted diseases or avoiding out-of-wedlock pregnancy. If you wish for your child to opt-out from participating in all or part of any such program, contact your child's principal and identify the portion(s) of the program for which you are withdrawing consent.

In accordance with [North Carolina State law \(S.L. 2023-106; Senate Bill 49\)](#), parents have legal rights with regard to their child's education, including the following:



1. The right to consent or withhold consent for participation in reproductive health and safety education programs, consistent with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 115C-81.30.
2. The right to seek a medical or religious exemption from immunization requirements, consistent with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 130A-156 and N.C.G.S. § 130A-157.
3. The right to review statewide standardized assessment results as part of the State report card.
4. The right to request an evaluation of their child for an academically or intellectually gifted program, or for identification as a child with a disability, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes.
5. The right to inspect and purchase public school unit textbooks and other supplementary instructional materials, as provided in Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes.
6. The right to access information relating to the unit's policies for promotion or retention, including high school graduation requirements.
7. The right to receive student report cards on a regular basis that clearly depict and grade the student's academic performance in each class or course, the student's conduct, and the student's attendance.
8. The right to access information relating to the State public education system, State standards, report card requirements, attendance requirements, and textbook requirements.
9. The right to participate in parent-teacher organizations.
10. The right to opt in to certain data collection for their child, as provided in Part 5 of this Article and Article 29 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes.
11. The right for students to participate in protected student information surveys only with parental consent, as provided in Part 5 of this Article.
12. The right to review all available records of materials their child has borrowed from a school library.



The information below provides the school policies and resources to support many of the components listed above:

<p>1a) How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</p>	<p>The following are the relevant State and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level. The relevant part of this link is found in Part 1A (pp. 15-28) regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc. N.C. Grade Level Promotion Guide.</p> <p>Alpha Academy’s Promotion Policy: By the end of the school year, a student must pass 2 of the 4 core subject areas for the school year. The 4 subjects are Language Arts/Reading, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. The combination of Language Arts and Reading constitutes one subject area.</p> <p>Based on the current academic position of a student, Alpha Academy’s administration must approve a student’s request to retake a class from an accredited school. Please note, if a student is retained for any reason, summer school is not a means of promotion. Middle school students that successfully pass Algebra I will earn one full high school credit.</p> <p>Alpha Academy follows the North Carolina requirements for high school graduation. Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits and complete all required coursework with a D or higher. Attendance is considered, and students must meet local and state attendance requirements.</p> <p>The following information covers minimum state graduation requirements from the state to earn a diploma and graduate. It also covers specific cohort information. Information on NC High School Graduation Requirements.</p>
<p>1b) What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review</p>	<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</p>



<p>these materials?</p>	<p>understand by the end of each grade/course.</p> <p>The following standards can be found on the website below: Arts Education, Career Technical Education, Computer Science, English Language Arts, English Language Development, Student Success Standards, Healthful Living, Information and Technology, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Language. NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website</p> <p>Alpha Academy’s leadership team and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, supplementary materials, books, etc., using student data to drive academic decisions.</p> <p>At the beginning of each year, the principal and teachers shall communicate to parents how textbooks are used to implement the curricular objectives in their child’s classes. Teachers shall also provide a syllabus or other information explaining the major topics to be covered over the course of the class and identifying the textbooks and primary supplementary materials that will be used in the class. Teachers shall periodically update parents regarding changes in the curriculum and additional materials used in the class.</p> <p>Access information regarding a child’s assignments, including homework assignments, and the child’s attendance and progress through the Parent Portal.</p> <p>Access information concerning curriculum-related programs at Alpha Academy: Katherine G. Johnson STEM Institute Summer Reading Program</p> <p>Alpha Academy offers dual enrollment with Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC), allowing students to explore careers and acquire credentials. Access information</p>
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	on the Career and College Promise program through this link .
1c) How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?	<p>Alpha Academy shares the progress of students through a variety of ways. Progress reports (every 4.5 weeks) and report cards (every 9 weeks) are sent to parents in order to communicate student academic strengths and any areas for improvement. Feedback on conduct is also included.</p> <p>Parent and Family Engagement Policy Student Handbook</p> <p>An Individual Reading Plan (IRP) shall be developed for any student in kindergarten through third grade demonstrating difficulty with reading. An IRP will have specific strategies/ideas that can be done at home.</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 NCSIS (PowerSchool). 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.</p> <p>North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) selected mCLASS DIBELS® 8th Edition as the state's K-3 Literacy Assessment. mCLASS is an integrated literacy system based on the Science of Reading. mCLASS has been revised and upgraded from the assessment NC districts have used in the past, based on the latest research and the Science of Reading. It is a valid and reliable assessment, supporting universal literacy</p>



	<p>screening, and progress monitoring.</p>
<p>1d) What are the qualifications of my child’s teachers?</p>	<p>Parents may look up your child’s teacher licensure status at this website Link to the licensure website.</p> <p>The licensure look up 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.</p> <p>Please contact our school office at questions@alphaacademy.net to verify an educator’s licensure status.</p>
<p>1e) What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p>	<p>Alpha Academy is a tuition-free public school. Access the Admissions and Enrollment Policy here.</p> <p>The following are the North Carolina statutory school entry requirements, this 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) NC GS 130 A-152 graphic (*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">- Expected Immunization Schedules<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements- Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements- Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements
<p>2a) How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?</p>	<p>Engaging with your child about school and what they are learning is pivotal to their learning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ask questions daily about your child’s school day.● Inquire about topics and assignments they are learning.● Connect with teachers to understand your child’s progress.● Ask the teachers how you can help your child learn.● Attend different events at Alpha Academy to stay connected and learn how to support them. <p>Alpha Academy Resources: Family and School Learning Compact</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> <p>Parent Guides for ELA Parent Guide for ELD Math Parent Guides: K-5, 6-8 Social Studies Parent Guides</p>



	<p>Science Parent Guides</p> <p>Reading and Literacy Support: This following site provides resources for families to practice and reinforce important literacy skills with their children who are being assessed with mCLASS reading assessments: Amplify Parent Resources</p> <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, Pre-K-Grade 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Phonemic awareness(2) Phonics(3) Vocabulary(4) Fluency(5) Comprehension(6) Oral language <p>Printable activities will be made available for students who do not have digital access at home and may be provided to all students as a supplement to digital resources. For paper copies, please contact the school office: 910-223-7711 . DCRI Printables for Families</p>
<p>2b) How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>Alpha Academy’s success is measured by service to the community while helping students graduate, obtain successful careers, and become model citizens. A daily focus on creating a culture of learning is embedded in “The Alpha Way”. This is a composite of strategies and values that embrace and support the whole child. This requires a collaborative effort from the school’s administrators, faculty, families, and the entire community. Exhibiting good character and developing a positive mindset is imperative for maximizing every student’s potential. Core values such as integrity, respect, collaboration, and compassion will foster a culture of excellence and provide an inclusive community where students become invested</p>



	<p>in and excited about learning. The Alpha Way does not only promote the personal and academic achievement of every student but prepares a foundation of values that are easily recognized as students transition to positively impact the world.</p> <p>Alpha Academy embeds Portrait of a Graduate skills in the classroom and school setting. These durable skills were developed by NCDPI and will support a child’s understanding of 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.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to partner with their student services teams in their work to support academic achievement, develop interpersonal skills, strengthen mental wellness, and explore career activities after graduation. School counseling, psychological services, and social work staff encourage students to learn skills in emotional regulation to support healthy decision-making skills and emotional development.</p>
<p>2c) How can a parent help their child to strengthen the realization of high expectations and setting lifelong learning goals?</p>	<p>Alpha Hallmarks highlight the many achievements that culminate the success of Alpha Academy during its 20 years of serving students and the community.</p> <p>Alpha Academy embeds Portrait of a Graduate skills in the classroom and school setting. These durable skills were developed by NCDPI and will support a child’s understanding of 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.</p>

	<p>Additionally, competencies and skills covered through the teachings of The Alpha Way to build character strengths and leverage positive relationships, can be found in the Student Handbook</p>
<p>2d) How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Communication with parents and families is very important to us. Parents may receive school communications via memos, newsletters, school websites, automated phone message systems, emails, letters, school meetings and workshops, or personal phone calls. It is extremely important for parents to notify the school immediately of any phone number or address changes. In addition, please check book bags daily for school memos.</p> <p>Parents can view students' grades in the PowerSchool parent portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.alphaacademy.education/parent-portal/ <p>Tips for Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit the Curriculum and Instruction website for parent/family resources. ● Stay informed of school activities by visiting school website, registering your PowerSchool account, and reviewing newsletters and memos. ● Check PowerSchool weekly for missing assignments and current grades. ● Review progress reports and report cards with your child. Set goals with your child. ● Communicate with your child's teacher about his/her progress and upcoming events. ● Monitor homework by ensuring your child completes his/her homework and it is turned in on time. ● Talk to your child about his/her school experience. Indicate to your child that you expect school to be a positive experience. ● Encourage daily reading by providing opportunities for your child to read both fiction and non-fiction books and articles.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Utilize digital resources to support your child’s individual learning. <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> <p>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)</p> <p>Additional general parent guides and parent resource webinar recordings can be found at the following website.</p>
3) What services are available for parents and their children?	<p>After school tutoring/ enrichment is available for students to enhance the classroom learning experiences and provide interventions in reading in math. Alpha teachers serve as after school tutors.</p> <p>Alpha Academy offers counseling services for all grade levels. Beginning in 10th grade, all Alpha Academy students begin college planning. They can begin to take classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College. With their school counselor, students develop a plan and set goals towards graduation.</p> <p>Alpha Academy also hosts two Saturday Academy events each year (one in the fall and one in the spring) for parents to learn more about various topics, based on the feedback of a parent interest survey. Topics may include community resources, family literacy, social and emotional learning, financial literacy, scholarships, financial aid, and how to fill out the FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid). These parent nights have sessions for both English and Spanish speaking families.</p>



	<p>CFNC & NCSEAA: What You Need to Know About the Better FAFSA</p> <p>High School Connections</p>
<p>4) What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<p>Alpha Academy strongly encourages parental and community involvement. The school encourages all parents and other family members to complete family involvement hours each year. This, of course, does not limit the number of family involvement hours a family may complete. Ask your child’s teacher for assistance or one of the administrators.</p> <p>The following are not considered family involvement hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attending school meetings because of issues or incidents pertaining to your child. ● Time spent asking questions or communicating concerns relating to your child or the school. <p>Parents/guardians of students are strongly encouraged to support the Parent Teacher Task Force. If you are interested in participating in the Parent Teacher Task Force, contact the school office at (910) 223-7711 for a volunteer application. Please note: all applications are subject to a Criminal Background Check.</p> <p>Parent Task Force</p> <p>Parent and Family Engagement Policy</p>
<p>5. What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p>	<p>Alpha Academy provides a range of options for students to explore and develop their interests and skills at their academic level.</p> <p>At Alpha Academy, students are often provided the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Differentiated curriculum and instruction with flexible student groups;



- Accelerated opportunities (subject and/or grade acceleration, credit by demonstrated mastery (CDM), higher level courses, dual enrollment courses)
- Enrichment experiences, which may be during the school day or beyond, and may be within the regular calendar year or may include summer opportunities; and
- Other opportunities for extension of content standard.

Higher Level Courses: Higher level courses typically have a faster pace than standard grade level courses. The higher grade level course offers additional rigor, complexity and creativity than standard grade level courses.

Career and College Promise (CCP): Alpha Academy partners with Fayetteville Technical Community College to offer dual enrollment opportunities through the CCP program. If your high school student qualifies, students may earn high school and college credit.

CCP courses may be taken in the College Transfer or Career and Technical Education pathway. These courses count for both high school and college credit. Tuition is free for families.

To learn more about this program, contact your child’s high school counselor or principal. Additional information is available on the [Alpha Academy website](#).

Alpha Academy also offers the [Katherine G. Johnson STEM Institute](#) for advanced students. It is designed to provide a comprehensive, rigorous, and interactive curriculum that challenges students to maximize their potential for advanced studies and STEM-related careers.

NCVPS [North Carolina Virtual Public School \(NCVPS\)](#) is NC’s state supplemental program and leader in online education, providing inclusive learning opportunities for students



	<p>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>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 a 4-week residential program at two college campus sites.</p> <p>For more information on eligibility and the application process, visit the Governor's School website, www.ncgovschool.org.</p>
<p>6) What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>Alpha Academy is a public charter school. 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.</p> <p>Visit NC charter school for information, resources, and contacts of charter schools.</p> <p>Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on a local assignment plan approved by the Local Board of Education.</p> <p>Nonpublic education is overseen by the NC Department of Administration.</p> <p>For a list of private schools, visit this NC Private Schools.</p> <p>For information on how to start a homeschool visit:</p>



	<p>Homeschool Information</p> <p>Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via the NC State Education Assistance Authority</p>
<p>7) 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.</p> <p>Parents Rights Handbook Parent Rights Handbook (Spanish) IDEA Dispute Resolution Special Education Surrogate Parents</p> <p>The Exceptional Children Division of North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is looking for all children and youth ages birth through 21 with special needs who may not be receiving the help needed. These include children and youth with physical disabilities, emotional disabilities and/or intellectual disabilities, and children and youth with suspected disabilities who are highly mobile, migrant and/or homeless. If your child has a disability, or you suspect that he/she may have a disability please contact the school's Exceptional Children Director at 8030 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or call 910-223-7711.</p>
<p>8) What is the contact information for the school?</p>	<p>Parents and guardians may contact Alpha Academy at 910-223-7711.</p> <p>Alpha Academy Website</p>
<p>9) What are some resources to</p>	<p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available</p>



support my child's health and wellbeing? What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?

through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)

[Immunizations](#)

[Health Assessment](#)

[Annual Health Assessment and Immunization Compliance Reporting](#)

- Expected Immunization Schedules
 - [Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)