

Pocosin Innovative Charter Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)

As required by Parents' Bill of Rights - SB 49; Session Law 2023-106

1a) How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?	<p>Elementary School Promotion</p> <p>Students in the elementary grades (K-5) will be promoted or retained on an individual basis based on a consideration of the following criteria: social readiness, level of parental support, making satisfactory progress in both language arts and math, and, as appropriate, achieving a III or better on the End of Grade Examinations (including retests). When a child is being considered for retention, the final decision is made, not only based on the above criteria, but also through the collaboration of teachers, administration and the EC department. Students in grade 3 must show proficiency on some measure of the Read to Achieve Legislation (BOG, 3rd grade EOG, mClass or an alternative assessments). Students in grades 3-5 should show proficiency on the End of Grade Math and Reading EOGs. 5th grade should also show proficiency on the 5th grade science EOG. The final determination of whether or not to retain a student rests with the Director.</p> <p>Middle School Promotion</p> <p>Before receiving a recommendation for promotion, students in middle school (grades 6 – 8) must pass four subjects, two of which must be language arts and math. Additionally, students in Grades 6-8 must score a Level III or above on their Math and Reading End of Grade Standardized Tests (including retests). 8th grade students must show proficiency on the Science EOG test. Any middle school students taking the high school courses Math 1 or Biology must pass the End of Course test and pass the class to get course credit. The final determination of whether or not to retain a student rests with the Director.</p>
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<p>1b) What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?</p>	<p>In North Carolina, 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.</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.</p> <p>NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website</p> <p>Our school's policy regarding parent/guardian inspection and objection to instructional materials is found in the Pocosin Innovative Charter website in the Handbook.</p>
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<p>1c) How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p>	<p>Pocosin Innovative Charter shares progress of students through a variety of ways. Midterm progress reports (approximately 4 weeks in to each quarter) and reports cards (approximately every 9weeks) are sent to parents in order to communicate student academic strengths and any areas for improvement. Feedback on conduct is also included.</p> <p>In grades 3-8, parents have access to their child's grades at all times using NCSIS's Parent Portal in PowerSchool.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians may request a conference with their child's teacher at any time. In addition, the school reserves a day for parent conferences each quarter.</p> <p>State Assessments: Individual Student Reports for end-of-grade/course tests and other state assessments (English language proficiency assessment) are sent to parents with the final report card. All NC 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. Some middle school students take end-of-course assessments in Biology and NC Math 1.</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.</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.</p> <p>Please contact our Academic Director at (252) 797-0230 for further help in verifying 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>NC laws/policies related to immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
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<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 your child's school to stay connected and learn how to support them. ● Read with your children. ● Ensure completion of homework. ● Discuss school events and activities. ● Actively participate in understanding and supporting your child's graduation requirements. ● Encourage positive behavior to foster student academic success and overall well-being. <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 Multilingual Learners Math Parent Guides: K-5, 6-8</p> <p>Social Studies Parent Guides Science Parent Guides</p> <p>Reading and Literacy Support:</p>
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2b) How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?	Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository: NC Portrait of a Graduate - Durable Skills .
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<p>2c) How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Tips for Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit the School Webpage for your child’s teachers. ● Check NCSIS (grades 3-8) 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. ● Utilize digital resources to support your child’s individual learning. Check school and teacher websites for more details. <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)</p> <p>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>
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3) What services are available for parents and their children?	Our Exceptional Children's Program provides guidance and services for students with disabilities.
4) What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?	Our volunteer coordinator is Jackie Etheridge(jetheridge@pocosininnovative.org). She helps connect parents/guardians with volunteer tasks that match their schedules and strengths.
5. What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?	High School Courses: Eligible Middle School students have access to a variety of high school. They offer additional rigor, complexity and creativity greater than standard level courses.

6) What school choices are available for my child?	<p>All school-aged children have the option of pursuing their education at their districted public school.</p> <p>There are additional options for families to choose for their child's education.</p> <p>If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit NC charter school for information, resources, and contacts.</p> <p>Nonpublic Education and Scholarship Grants 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: Homeschool Information</p>
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<p>7) What rights do student with disabilities have based on the law?</p>	<p>Pocosin Innovative Charter provides services to students with disabilities through our Exceptional Children's Program. If your child has a disability, or you suspect that he/she may have a disability please contact our Exceptional Children's Program Director.</p> <p>NC DPI Exceptional Children's Program Home</p> <p>NC Policies Governing Service for Children with Disabilities</p> <p>MTSS Information</p> <p>Child Find</p> <p>Parents Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education</p> <p>Derechos y Responsabilidades de Los Padres de Familia en Education Especial</p>
<p>8) What is the contact information for the school?</p>	<p>Pocosin Innovative Charter School 500 1st Street #265 Creswell, NC 27928 (252) 797-0230 www.pocosininnovative.org</p>

<p>9) 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 NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)</p> <p>Immunizations</p> <p>Health Assessment</p> <p>Annual Health Assessment and Immunization Compliance Reporting</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
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