



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

Craven County Schools recognizes the critical role of parents in the education of their children and in the schools. The Board directs school administrators to develop programs that will promote and support parental involvement in student learning and achievement at school and at home and encourage successful progress toward graduation. Each parent is encouraged to learn about the educational program, the educational goals and objectives of the school district, and his or her own child's progress. The Board also encourages parents to participate in activities designed by school personnel to involve them, such as parent conferences, in order to encourage effective communication.

If parents are unable to access this document electronically, printed copies can be requested at your child's school.

<p>How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</p>	<p>The Craven County Board of Education believes that students should progress to the next level of study only after they are proficient in their knowledge and application of the current curriculum level. To the extent reasonably possible, students should be given as much time or as little time as they need to be proficient at a particular level of study.</p> <p>Craven County Schools' policy 3420, provides both state and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level.</p>
<p>What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?</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 understand by the end of each grade/course.</p> <p>The standards can be found on the NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website. There are standards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education, <input type="checkbox"/> Career Technical Education, <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science, <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts, <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Development, <input type="checkbox"/> Student Success Standards, <input type="checkbox"/> Healthful Living, <input type="checkbox"/> Information and Technology, <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics, <input type="checkbox"/> Science, <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies, and

World Language.

Local districts, schools, and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, supplementary materials, books, etc.

At the elementary level, our core curriculums are EL Education, Heggerty (K-2), and Core 95 Phonics (3rd) and HMH Into Math. To provide differentiation we utilize Lexia and Lexia English for our EL students as Reflex and Frax. The supplemental materials used in grades K-5 are the following: Lexia Lessons, EL Skills Block Lessons, Equipped for Reading Success, SPIRE, Heggerty, CORE 95 (3rd), Word Connections, Rewards, The Learning Strategies Curriculums, Delta Math RTI, Discovery Education, and Gizmos (grades 4-5).

In Craven County Schools, we utilize Springboard for grades 6-8 ELA curriculum, Open Up Resources for grades 6-12 Math. For supplementary materials in grades 6-12, we utilize Actively Learn, Delta Math, Discovery Education, and Gizmos. In addition, for grades 6-8 we use Lexia, The Learning Strategies Curriculum, and Rewards. For students with disabilities that require intensive instructional intervention TransMath, Numbers, SPIRE, and Language! Are utilized as determined by individual student needs.

You can view our policies on the review of any materials here.

- [Policy 3200 Selection of Instructional Materials](#)
- [Policy 3210 Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials](#)

Each district must also have a **Literacy Intervention Plan (LIP)**. The plan must include Reading Camps as an extension of what occurs during the school year.

Parents and caregivers may view *Craven County Schools 23-24 Literacy Intervention Plan* here ([CCS 2023-2024 Literacy Intervention Plan](#)).

Craven County Schools also offers courses in the area of Career and Technical Education (CTE). These courses allow students to explore careers and earn credentials. CTE Career Clusters, Pathways, Course Information, Credentials, and Course Standards may be found at this link: [Course Management System](#)

How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?

Craven County Schools shares progress of students through a variety of ways, including quarterly report cards, progress reports, and assignment/test feedback. Feedback on conduct is also included.

Craven County Schools (i.e., K - 13) receive progress reports and report cards based on the approved [early college](#) and [traditional](#) calendar. Progress reports go home either in paper format, or through the parent portal, on the days listed as "P". Report cards (to include conduct remarks), go home to students either in paper format, or through the parent portal, on the days listed as "R".

Craven County Schools adopts a local testing calendar annually. The annual testing plan includes any assessments that will occur for enrolled students based on grade level and course requirements. The approved 2023-2024 local testing calendar is located [here](#).

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. Those results are shared by ACT.

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.

Parents and caregivers may view *(Insert LEA name)* aligned literacy resources at *(insert link to district/school administrative unit)*.

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 screening, screening for risk of dyslexia, and progress monitoring.

In addition, for students demonstrating a need of additional math and/or SEB support, a Student Support Plan (SSP) shall be developed. The SSP will have specific strategies/ideas that are being used to assist their student and the parent will be notified of these supports.

What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?

Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at this website [Link to the licensure website](#).

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.

Please contact your Craven County Schools Office of Human Resources to verify an educator's licensure status.

<p>What are the requirements for school enrollment?</p>	<p>CCS requires students to have the following documentation for enrollment. Enrollment forms can be found at this link and are available at each school. Additionally, Craven County Schools must provide an opportunity for parents to consent to certain services at this link.</p> <p>The following are statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission requirements: GS 115C-364.pdf (ncleg.gov) <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization records: GS 130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov) <input type="checkbox"/> 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>Each year, Craven County Schools provides health services for our students in grades K-12. School Health Services staff conducts various health screenings annually in grades Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and as needed and/or requested by teachers and school administrators. Without early detection and treatment, uncorrected health issues may affect child development, and can interfere with academics and learning. These screenings are routine and are health services we offer to your child. If the screening triggers any concerns by the school, parents will be notified so you can follow up with your private doctor. Parents/guardians will need to complete a consent form each year to allow school staff to administer these routine health services.</p>
<p>What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Immunization Schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements
<p>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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask questions daily about your child’s school day. <input type="checkbox"/> Inquire about topics and assignments they are learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with teachers to understand your child’s progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask the teachers how you can help your child learn. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend different events at your child’s school to stay connected and learn how to support them. <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>ELA Parent Guides ELD Parent Guide Math Parent Guides: K-5, 6-8, 9-12</p>

	<p>Social Studies Parent Guides (coming soon) Science Parent Guide (coming soon)</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: (1) Phonemic awareness (2) Phonics (3) Vocabulary (4) Fluency (5) Comprehension (6) Oral language</p> <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 Director of Elementary Education. DCRI Printables for Families</p> <p>For more information regarding the Literacy Instruction Standards, grades K-12, visit this site.</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>Craven County Schools 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>Portrait of a Graduate</p> <p>The Craven County Board of Education encourages all students to develop an understanding of citizenship, including the importance of a citizen's rights and responsibilities. See policy 3530- Citizenship and Character Education</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>Craven County Schools embeds Portrait of a Graduate skills in the classroom and school setting. These durable skills were developed by NCDPI and support a child's realization of high expectations and setting lifelong learning goals.</p> <p>It is the goal of the Craven County Board of Education that every student be provided the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and graduate from high school prepared for work, further education, and citizenship. The board recognizes the critical role of parents, governmental and nonprofit agencies, businesses, and the community in helping individual students and the school</p>

	<p>system meet this goal. (See Policy 3000 Goals & Objective of Educational Program)</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>Triple P Craven County Schools has trained Triple P staff members who deliver this positive parenting program that gives parents and carers tools and strategies to raise their child in an environment that is safe, loving and predictable. Triple P's positive parenting program allows each person doing the program to decide what is important to them. This program is used to give parents and caregivers the confidence and skills to build good relationships, set boundaries and rules calmly and in ways that kids understand, and follow up with consequences that are not harmful.</p>
<p>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Craven County School uses the following platforms for communication between home/school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remind (Parent Square) https://www.remind.com/ with grades 6-12 and ClassDojo https://www.classdojo.com/ with K-5 ○ PSU enter any policies or language around expectations for using these platforms ○ In Policy 1310, Craven County Schools directs each school to develop a communication plan to ensure parents/guardians are involved in their child's education. □ Parents can view students' grades in the PowerSchool parent portal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Portal Account Set-up Tutorial ○ Canvas Parent App Account Set-up Tutorial <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> <p>Craven County Schools has practices in place to support translation or interpretation needs for our multilingual learner families.</p>
<p>What services are available for parents and their children?</p>	<p>Family Literacy: The Craven County Family Literacy Program operates under the collaborative efforts of Craven County Schools, Craven Smart Start and Craven Community College. Families attend school together and participate in the comprehensive components of the Program.</p>

	<p>Parents attend academic classes designed to earn a GED, learn English as a second language, and acquire job preparedness skills. While parents are attending class, their children, ages birth to five years, participate in our early childhood classes. Parents also attend parenting classes, which offer daily one-on-one time with their child (PACT), child development activities, family support groups, life skills, and family activities.</p> <p>Tutoring: All K-8 schools have at least two day time tutors that help support core instruction.</p> <p>NCVPS EdVantage Tutoring offers virtual statewide wraparound support to middle and high school students in NC public schools. Tutoring is available in Math, Science and ELA, and is offered via a personalized partnership with district/school leadership to best meet the needs of selected students each semester. Tutoring for all students grades K-12 is available at Tutor.com: https://www.tutor.com/military. All high school students have access to tutoring in the core classes daily afterschool from 2:45-4:45; see your school administrator for details.</p> <p>Student Counseling Services: Policy 3610 The school counselor consults with students, parents, and staff on topics related to academic and personal success. Counselors meet with students to select appropriate courses to achieve graduation requirements. High School Counselors monitor academic progress, to assist students with their post-secondary plans, and to create transition plans. Secondary students also use the MajorClarity platform for virtual job shadowing, resume and academic planning, and to learn about scholarships and opportunities. Students in all grade levels are able to participate in individual and/or group discussions and activities pertaining to academic, career, and social/emotional developmental supports. Transition Services are provided for Students with Disabilities beginning at age 14 in accordance with IDEA. Transition plans are required in IEPs for students age 14 to 22. Once a student turns 16, transition plans must include measurable goals and the transition services needed to meet those goals in the areas of employment, education, training, and, where appropriate, independent living skills.</p>
<p>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<p>Craven County Schools offers avenues for parents to actively participate in their child's education. This involvement is outlined in the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy at Title I Schools.</p> <p>Adult Education and Parenting classes are offered as components of the comprehensive Family Literacy Program. For information on the Program please visit our website at https://www.cravenk12.org/Page/17191.</p>
<p>What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p>	<p>Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG): In NC, school districts must identify and serve academically or intellectually gifted (AIG) K-12 students. These are students who are performing, or have the potential of performing, at high levels of accomplishment in intellectual and/or specific academic areas, such as reading and/or math when compared with other students of their age, or in their grade level, experience, or environment.</p>

The Craven County Schools Local AIG Plan outlines specific opportunities for differentiated, rigorous instruction and accelerated programs. You can find the plan at the CCS Website>About Us>Academic Services>AIG/Advanced Studies or [here](#).

The Craven County Schools AIG team has developed multiple resources to help parents better understand the AIG program. The AIG/Advanced Studies website features an FAQ, Overview documents, and newsletters. These describe how students will be identified and served across grades K-12. Visit the [AIG/Advanced Studies site](#) for parent information.

In Craven County Schools, students are often provided the following services:

- Differentiated curriculum and instruction with flexible student groups;
- Accelerated opportunities (subject and/or grade acceleration, credit by demonstrated mastery (CDM), Honors and AP 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.

Services for AIG students may be provided by AIG personnel or within the regular classroom by teachers trained to meet the needs of gifted students. The partnership with the CCS Counseling team also supports AIG students.

Contact the district/school AIG Coordinator with questions (*Betsy Gatchel*, betsy.gatchel@cravenk12.org).

Honors Level Courses:

In Craven County Schools, students have access to a variety of honors level courses in high school. These courses are available in the course catalog located [here](#).

Honors level courses typically have a faster pace than standard level courses. They offer additional rigor, complexity and creativity than standard level courses.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program developed by the College Board to offer college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.

In NC, 40 Advanced Placement courses are offered in public high schools. Craven County Schools offers a variety of AP courses in the following schools: Craven Early College, Havelock High School, New Bern High School, and West Craven High School.

Several AP courses satisfy graduation requirements for NC students as outlined in [State Board policy](#).

AP exams are free for NC public high school students enrolled *in these courses*. *If a student registers for an exam late, there will be a (\$60) fee.*

Colleges and universities may offer college credit for these courses if your child scores a 3 or above on the exam. All of the colleges in the UNC System offer credit.

More information is available on the [NCDPI AP website](#).

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The mission of Career and Technical Education (CTE) is to empower all students to be successful citizens, workers and leaders in a global economy. CTE gives purpose to learning by emphasizing real-world skills and practical knowledge.

Programs in Career and Technical Education are designed to contribute to the broad educational achievement of students, including basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, as well as their ability to work independently and as part of a team, think creatively, solve problems, and utilize technology. These tools and experiences make school more relevant, and ensure students are ready for the real world. Whether students plan to further their education in community colleges, technical schools, four-year colleges and universities, receive on-the-job training, or pursue careers in the military, CTE can be the first step in a pathway toward productive employment and citizenship.

CTE is an integral part of the comprehensive secondary school program in Craven County Schools. Craven County CTE offers over 65 courses, in standard and honors weight, from 23 CTE pathways that meet student needs, interests, abilities, and aspirations.

Craven County CTE works closely with industry and post-secondary partners to create pathways and learning opportunities for students. The preparation of students through career and college pathways is a powerful, evidence- and research-based approach to provide them with the education and experience they need and deserve to reach their career goals.

Learn more about CTE: [Craven County Schools CTE Website](#)

Families can learn more about CTE opportunities by speaking with their student's school career development coordinator.

Accelerated Access

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.

Craven County Schools offers the following courses for high schoolers through NCVPS:

(<https://ncvps.org/catalogs/>)

Career and College Promise

Through Career and College Promise (CCP), Craven County students have the opportunity to pursue classes at Craven Community College tuition free while they are in high school, allowing them to get a jumpstart on their workplace and college preparation. CCP provides three pathways to help advance eligible students' success beyond high school. Course content, academic rigor, and pace are by definition college level for these courses. College courses may be delivered at the local high school, online, or on the college campus.

To support high school students earning college credit while in high school through Career and College Promise, NCDPI has determined dual credit allowances for courses included in the Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). UGETC courses will transfer for equivalency credit from NC Community Colleges to UNC Institutions. Students who enroll in and pass these college courses also will receive high school course credit based on the [Dual Credit Allowances for Career and College Promise Document](#). Credit toward graduation will be granted only for courses that are consistent with the policies and standards of the school system and State Board requirements, including the requirements of State Board of Education Policy [CCRE-001](#), which defines "Course for Credit." For purposes of calculating student grade point averages on the high school transcript, courses included on this chart are weighted in accordance with SBE policy GCS-L-004. The state weighting system adds the equivalent of one quality point to the grade earned in community college courses included on the most recent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and for courses taught at any of the 16 UNC schools.

Families can learn more about Career and College Promise by speaking with their school counselor, visiting [Craven County Schools'](#) website and visiting [Craven Community College](#) website. For more information on our policy related to career and college promise and dual enrollment, see [Policy 3101](#).

What school choices are available for my child?

Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on their domicile in attendance areas. The local assignment plan is approved by Craven County Schools Board of Education

Craven County Schools offers these additional school choice options for students/families:

- Craven Virtual Academy (Grades 4 -12)
- Roger Bell New Tech Academy (Grades K-5)
- Oaks Road Academy (Grades K-5)

There are other options for families to choose for their education:

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.

	<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> <p>Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via the NC State Education Assistance Authority.</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.</p> <p>Parent Rights Handbook Parent Rights Handbook (Spanish) IDEA Dispute Resolution Special Education Surrogate Parents Project Child Find</p> <p>Craven County Schools board policies are congruent with federal and state laws regarding the rights of students with disabilities. For more information regarding students with disabilities, please contact the Director of Exceptional Children Services.</p>
<p>What is the contact information for the schools and district office?</p>	<p>Contact information for district and school personnel can be found on the district website. If you are unable to access the internet you can call the district office at (252) 514-6300 for contact information.</p>
<p>What are some resources to support my child's health and wellbeing?</p>	<p>The Craven County Schools (CCS) uses the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child approach to support and meet the physical, emotional, social, and educational needs of students. Our School Health Nurses provide a broad range of care and services for students. These services include preventative services, education, first aid, emergency care, assessments, referrals, and management of acute and chronic health problems - designed to prevent health problems and injuries and ensure care for students and promote a healthy and safe school environment.</p> <p>Student Wellness Student Health</p>
<p>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) Immunizations</p> <p>Recommended Immunization Schedule:</p>

[Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
[Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
[Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)

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

[Garrett's law](#) was enacted in 2004. It mandates schools provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and the vaccines that protect against these diseases.

[CDC's Meningococcal Disease](#)

[CDC: About Flu](#)

[Flu: A Guide for Parents](#)