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

It is the goal of Envision Science Academy to offer parents and guardians access to information regarding student achievement via the district'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 main office.

<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 <u>Part 1A (pp. 15-28)</u> regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc. N.C. Grade Level Promotion Guide.</p> <p>Student promotion and retention decisions are made collaboratively between the parents, teachers and school administration. However, it is at the discretion of the Executive Director/designee to make the final decision.</p>
<p>1b) 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 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>Teachers and the ESA curriculum coordinators determine how to teach these standards,</p>

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	<p>including curriculum, supplementary materials, books, etc.</p> <p>To access policies regarding curriculum and other information please reference our policies manual here: https://www.esaeagles.com/resources/handbooks</p>
<p>1c) How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p>	<p>Envision Science Academy shares 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. Parents have access to student academic progress through the parent portal, located on our website.</p> <p>Kindergarten students receive report cards aligned to the North Carolina Early Learning Inventory (NC ELI) objectives and dimensions which are aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.</p> <p>Each quarter reports cards are sent home electronically, and parents may request hard copies of these reports from the data manager or their respective dean.</p> <p>Students in grades K-4 receive a daily or weekly folder with student work samples.</p> <p>Students in grades 3-8 receive a Traditional Report Card calculated using a 10-point grading scale. Parents have access to their child's grades 24/7 using PowerSchool's Parent Portal. Parents can login to the Parent Portal by visiting the Envision Science Academy website, https://www.esaeagles.com/ and click PowerSchool under the 'Communication' tab. If you do not yet have a Parent Portal login, contact your child's school.</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) at this link: https://www.esaeagles.com/communication/powerschool</p>

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	<p>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. Students have the opportunity to take Math 1 which has an end-of-course assessment. Students enrolled in Math 2, Earth/Environmental Science, and World History are required to take the respective North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE).</p> <p>Referral for Extra Services</p> <p>If a classroom teacher notices that a student is struggling to keep up with classroom activities the teacher will often request a conference with the parent either via phone, email, or in person. After such conferences there is a letter given to the parent communicating what skill deficits are present and the interventions that will be administered. Additionally, there are parent notification letters once a student enters a new academic intervention, when goals are changed or when they exit the need for supplemental intervention.</p> <p>Benchmarking Data</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 screening, and progress monitoring.</p> <p>Envision Science Academy also uses Dreambox (K-8) and Reading Plus (grades 3-8) to measure academic progress throughout the year. NC Check Ins (grades 3-8 math, and 5 & 8th grade science) are used for benchmarking for mathematics. This information is communicated to parents.</p>
<p>1d) What are the qualifications of my child’s teachers?</p>	<p>Per NC law Charter Schools may hire non-licensed teachers. All teachers, however, must have a 4-year degree.</p>

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	<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>1e) What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p>	<p>Requirements for admissions and lottery procedures can be found on page 8 of our policies manual, linked here: https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1721311803/envisionscienceacademycom/sysjib9syxekckzhiu0u/PoliciesManual2023-24ACCEPTEDSummerRedlines71524.pdf</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
<p>2a) How can a parent help their</p>	<p>Engaging with your child about school and what they are learning is pivotal to their</p>

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<p>child learn and make progress?</p>	<p>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. <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</p> <p>Social Studies Parent Guides 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: (1) Phonemic awareness</p>
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	<p>(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 your child’s teacher.</p>
<p>2b) How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>The Positivity Project is being utilized as a way for students to learn more about character strengths and how we can all display them each and every day. What is the Positivity Project? Positivity Project Family Information Información Para La Familia Del Proyecto Positivity</p> <p>Please visit P2 for Families for more information on the Positivity Project and how you can keep the discussion about character strengths going at home.</p> <p>Reiterate the SOAR pledge acronym. Show self control. Own my learning. Act responsibly. Respect myself, others, and the environment.</p> <p>Classroom guidance lessons are taught throughout the school year on many different topics. Ask your students what they are learning in guidance!</p>
<p>2C) How can a parent strengthen communication with the</p>	<p>Communication with parents and families is very important to us. Our school website is www.esaeagles.com and serves as the primary way that we communicate with parents,</p>

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<p>school/teacher?</p>	<p>students and the community.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to attend our school-wide events such as open house, curriculum night, STEAM night, and our cultural events held throughout the year. Parents should contact their child's teacher when they have questions and help establish positive relationship at the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>Additionally, Envision Science Academy uses the following platforms for communication between home/school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ESAEaglesSoar)○ Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/envisionsscienceacademy/)○ Our weekly newsletter sent via email and archived on the school website under the parent's tab.○ The EPA (Envision Parents in Action) newsletter sent via email also archived on their website (https://weareepa.weebly.com/) <p>Tips for Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stay informed of school activities by visiting school websites and reviewing newsletters and notes.● Check PowerSchool weekly (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
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	<p>teacher websites for more details. You can also access the curriculum through the Curriculum and Instruction Parent Canvas Course.</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> <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>3) What services are available for parents and their children?</p>	<p>The upper school counselor assists with high school matriculation. More information will be available about this in the second quarter.</p> <p>Counselors provide resources for parents of students with mental health needs/crisis response. These resources can be found on our student services page of our school website. On this webpage we also provide ways for parents to refer their child to counselors. The Student Services webpage is here: https://www.esaeagles.com/resources/student-services</p> <p>ESA participates in a local program, Backpack Buddies, that provides food to families experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>ESA holds a math and reading tutoring club. This club is free of charge and is held after school. To participate in this club, teachers identify at-risk students. Parents can also request admission to math and reading club but admission is not guaranteed.</p>

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	<p>ESA school counselors can provide short-term individual counseling as well as small group counseling as needs arise. School counselors can also make referrals for students to receive outside counseling.</p>
<p>4) What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<p>Volunteer with ESA Join the EPA, the school's parents' organization. Attend school sponsored events such as curriculum night, STEAM night, cultural events, sporting events, and open house.</p>
<p>5. What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p>	<p>Project-based learning, the keystone of our educational practice, is inherently embedded with extension and acceleration opportunities for students. We train our teachers on these methods annually. Additionally, we regroup students in grades 3-8 during our intervention time block (Eagle Time) so that above grade level students are provided specific acceleration in the areas of reading and math.</p> <p>Envision Science Academy offers 4 high school courses: Math 1, Math 2, Earth and Environmental Science, and World History. Earth and Environmental Science and World History can be taken as electives - any student may choose to enroll in these courses. Math 1 and Math 2 can be taken as options depending on a student's math trajectory beginning in their 6th grade year. For parents to find out more they can attend curriculum night. The 5th grade math teacher will make a recommendation for 6th grade math placement. If needed, a parent-teacher conference will take place.</p>
<p>6) What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>Charter Schools Envision Science Academy is a public, K-8 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</p>

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	<p>system.</p> <p>If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit NC charter school for information, resources, and contacts.</p> <p>Traditional Public Education All students are afforded the opportunity to attend their respective traditional public education LEA. Specific school assignments are determined by the LEA. For more information contact the LEA in whose district you reside.</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>7) What rights do student 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 and Responsibilities in Special Education: Notice of Procedural Safeguards Parent Rights Handbook (Spanish)</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,</p>

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	<p>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 EC Director, Jenn Snyder at 590 Traditions Grande Blvd. Wake Forest, NC 27587 or call 919-435-4002.</p> <p>ESA's Project Child Find Policy can be found here: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1646159153/envisionscienceacademycom/disgxr7sxnDIRR8b86d/Child-Find.pdf</p> <p>As well as under the drop down menu for Project Child Find here: https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/policies-procedures#ProjectChildFind-6083</p> <p>Further information on ESA policies regarding Special Education can be found in our policies manual under Exceptional Children, Project Child Find, and Section 504 found here (approximately page 143): https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1721311803/envisionscienceacademycom/sysjb9syxekckzhiu0u/PoliciesManual2023-24ACCEPTEDSummerRedlines71524.pdf</p>
<p>8) What is the contact information for the schools and district office?</p>	<p>Envision Science Academy is located at 590 Traditions Grande Blvd. Wake Forest, NC 27587.</p> <p>Our phone number is 919-435-4002.</p> <p>You can email info@envisionscienceacademy.com for general questions.</p> <p>The school's website is www.esaeagles.com</p>
<p>9) What are some resources to support my child's health and</p>	<p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)</p>

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<p>wellbeing? What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?</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 <p>Envision Science Academy employs a full-time certified school nurse. All questions regarding immunizations should be directed to her. In addition, she provides instruction to students and staff on healthy living and provides medical care as needed. She also oversees physician ordered medication distribution at school. More information regarding seasonal and timely health related information can be found on the school nurse page of ESA's website. It is located here:</p> <p>https://www.esaeagles.com/resources/school-nurse</p>
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