



Hoke County Schools

Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)

Based on Parents' Bill of Rights - SB 49; Session Law 2023-106

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The goal of this guide is to inform and empower parents by clearly outlining their rights to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their minor children. This guide aims to provide parents with comprehensive information and resources to support their active involvement in their children's lives and to ensure that they are fully aware of the rights and protections afforded to them under the law.

Note:

If you do not have access to the digital version of this guide, you can obtain a printed copy at the Hoke County Board of Education located at:

Hoke County Board of Education

310 Wooley Street

Raeford, NC

For further assistance, please contact us at 1-910-875-4106.

How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?

1a) Requirements for the child to be promoted to the next grade, including the requirements of Part 1A of Article 8 of 115C of the NCGS.

The following are the relevant State and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level. Relevant part of this link is found in Part 1A (pp. 15-28) regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc.: [Grade Level Promotion](#)

Information about the Hoke County School Board of Education's promotion and retention procedures is available [here](#). Information about the Board's graduation requirements is available [here](#).

What is my child learning at school?

In North Carolina, each school follows a standardized curriculum called the Standard Course of Study, which is established by the State Board of Education. These guidelines outline the knowledge and skills that students are expected to learn by the end of each grade or course.

How can a parent review these materials?

You can find the specific standards for various subjects like 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 on the [NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website](#).

It's important to note that while the state provides these standards, local districts, schools, and teachers have the freedom to choose how they teach them. This includes deciding on instructional methods, curriculum, supplementary materials, books, and other resources. This autonomy allows educators to tailor their approach to best meet the needs of their students.

Curriculum:

The following links provide information related to the curriculum in Hoke County Schools:

- Elementary
 - [Math](#)

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- [Reading\(ELA\)](#)
 - Middle
 - High Schools

Instructional Materials:

Reach out to your school principal to inquire about reviewing textbooks and extra teaching materials.

- In some cases, principals may provide parents with either physical or digital copies of specific supplementary instructional materials for examination at home. However, it's important to note that for many copyrighted materials, access for inspection might be restricted to in-person viewing. Usually, if you want to check out school library materials, the school will let parents know about specific hours designated for browsing the library collection. You can access each school's library catalog online through [Destiny](#).
- Please see [policy 3210](#) in reference to the parental inspection of and objection to instructional materials.

Literacy Intervention Plan:

Parents and guardians may view Hoke County School's 2023-24 Literacy Intervention Plan at the following link: [Hoke County Literacy Intervention Plan](#)

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

Hoke County Schools communicates students' progress through various channels, including quarterly report cards, progress reports, and feedback on assignments/tests, including conduct evaluations.

Information regarding assessments and the evaluation of student progress in Hoke County Schools is available through the following links:

- [Policy 3410- Testing and Assessment Program](#)

Local Assessments:

Quarterly report cards detailing grades and attendance are distributed, with specific quarter-end dates outlined in the school calendar. Parents can access attendance, grades, and testing information through the PowerSchool/Homebase parent portal using their login credentials. For assistance with PowerSchool access, parents can contact the school data manager.

State Assessments:

Individual Student Reports for end-of-grade/course tests and state assessments (English language proficiency assessment) are accessible in the parent portal of PowerSchool.

In North Carolina, students undergo end-of-grade assessments in reading and math in grades 3-8, with science assessments in grades 5 and 8. High school students take end-of-course assessments in English II, Biology, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3. Grade 10 students take the Pre-ACT, grade 11 students take the ACT, and grade 12 CTE Concentrators take ACT WorkKeys, with results shared by ACT.

For students in kindergarten through fifth grade experiencing reading difficulties, an Individual Reading Plan (IRP) is developed, featuring specific strategies for home use. In Kindergarten - third grade, the strategies are shared through North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)-selected mCLASS DIBELS® 8th Edition, a literacy

assessment aligned with the Science of Reading. mCLASS results are included with the report card/ progress report three times a year.

What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?

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

Please contact the office of Human Resources at 910-875-4106 with any questions you may have regarding an educator's licensure status.

What are the requirements for school enrollment?

The following are statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:

What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?

- 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")

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
 - Recommended Immunization Schedules
 - [Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
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How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?

It is important to stay actively involved in your child's education to support their learning journey. Regularly talk to your child about their school day, discussing the topics and assignments they're currently working on. Connect with their teachers to gain insights into your child's progress and inquire about ways to help them learn. Attend various school events to stay connected and learn more about assisting your child.

Create a dedicated space at home for homework and studying if possible. Encourage a reading culture by modeling reading behavior. Discuss your child's progress and efforts, actively participating in their education. Maintain open communication with your child's teacher and keep a diverse range of books at home to encourage reading at different levels.

Make use of local resources such as homework assistance and refer to parent guides for academic standards. These guides provide information to help parents understand the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and offer practical strategies for implementation at home.

Explore reading and literacy support resources, including the [mCLASS® Home Connect - Parent Resources](#), which provides materials for families to practice crucial literacy skills. Additionally, [North Carolina's Digital Children's Reading Initiative](#) (DCRI) offers home activities, printables, and games covering various literacy topics for Pre-K through Grade 5. Access the printables guide [here](#).

How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?

Hoke 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.

Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository

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How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?

Hoke County Schools utilizes Blackboard Connect notification service to disseminate crucial information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages.

Guidelines for the appropriate use of technology platforms can be found in the Student Internet Use policy.

Parents can access information about attendance, grades, and testing through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Contact your school data manager for assistance with PowerSchool access, information on creating or changing login credentials.

The Hoke County School System has established a policy promoting effective communication between schools and parents, outlined in the [Parental Involvement Policy](#), and [Title I Parent Involvement Policy at Title I Schools](#).

What services are available for parents and their children?

3) Services available for parents and their children, such as family literacy services; mentoring, tutoring, and other academic reinforcement programs; college planning, academic advisement, and student counseling services; and after-school programs.

Literacy at Home

[The Digital Children's Reading Initiative](#), developed by NCDPI, presents literacy activities tailored to each grade level, spanning from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

Mentoring

Mentoring services are accessible at specific schools. Parents can get in touch with their child's school to learn more about these services.

Tutoring

Several schools provide tutoring support for students enrolled in Hoke County Schools. Tutoring covers Math, Science, and ELA and is used to effectively address the needs of selected students each semester. Parents can contact their child's school to obtain information about these services.

What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?

4) Opportunities for parental participation, such as parenting classes, adult education, school

advisory councils, and school volunteer programs.

What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child?

How can I learn more about them?

5. Opportunities for parents to learn about rigorous academic programs that may be available for the child, such as Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted programming, honors programs, Career and College Promise and other dual enrollment opportunities, Advanced Placement, Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses, and International Baccalaureate programs, NC Virtual Public School (NCVPS) courses, and accelerated access to postsecondary education.

Hoke County Schools offers a variety of options for students to pursue their interests, skills at their academic level.

Career and Technical Education (CTE):

NC has made a significant investment in developing students and programs to meet the needs of the future workforce. Through Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, Public Schools offer opportunities for students to develop career awareness in 5th grade, explore careers in grades 6-8, and experience leadership, career development, and career-aligned content in grades 9-12.

In Hoke County Schools, students are able to explore these career pathways from grades 6-8:

Paxton Patterson labs are the ultimate career exploration to engage students in authentic problem-based learning experiences as they discover their interests and aptitudes. We offer; Medical Science, Health Science, and Computer Science pathways in all three middle schools.

Career and Technical Education offers an impressive array of 53 classes within 21 distinct pathways, and 15 continuing education classes through Sandhills Community college providing high school students with a plethora of choices. This

diverse selection enables students to explore a wide range of career fields and gain hands-on experience in areas that align with their interests and future aspirations. By participating in these programs, students can acquire valuable skills and knowledge that will prepare them for both higher education and the workforce.

The Career and Technical Education program conducts a comprehensive local needs assessment every two years to ensure its offerings remain relevant and up-to-date. During this thorough evaluation process, the program assesses current industry trends, local workforce demands, and student interests. Based on the findings, classes may be discontinued if they no longer meet the necessary criteria or fail to attract sufficient student interest. Conversely, new classes are introduced to address emerging needs and opportunities, ensuring that students receive the most current and valuable education possible. This biennial review helps maintain the program's high standards and responsiveness to the evolving educational and professional landscape.

In Hoke County Schools, students are able to experience leadership, career development, and career-aligned content from grades 9-12: Hoke County Schools offers twenty one pathways; Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Automotive Services, Drone Technology, Barbering Academy, Dental Science, Welding, Animal Science, Computer Science, Food and Nutrition, Game Art Design, 3D Modeling and Animation, Entrepreneurship, Biomedical Technology, Healthcare Professionals,

Plant Systems, Public Safety, Adobe Academy, Project Management, and Python Programming.

For more information on CTE in NC, and to learn about Career Clusters, Pathways, and Course Information, Standards, and applicable Credentials please visit:

[Course Management System](#).

In our district, there are the following programs available that are more rigorous and challenging than the standard content for students:

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.

The Hoke County Schools Local AIG Plan outlines specific opportunities for differentiated, rigorous instruction and accelerated programs. You can find the plan at [Hoke AIG Plan 2022-2025](#).

The Hoke County Schools has developed an AIG Program Family Guide to help parents better understand the AIG program. This describes how students will be identified and served across grades K-12. Visit the [AIG Program Family Guide Link](#) for parent information.

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

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- Differentiated curriculum and instruction with flexible student groups;
 - Accelerated opportunities (subject and/or grade acceleration, credit by demonstrated mastery (CDM), 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. Contact the district AIG Director, Dr. Faydra Womble (fwomble@hcs.k12.nc.us), with questions.

Honors Level Courses:

In Hoke County Schools, students have access to a variety of honors level courses in high school. These courses are available in the course catalog located at (insert link).

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

Career and College Promise (CCP):

Hoke County Schools partners with Sandhills Community College to offer dual enrollment opportunities through the CCP program. If your high school student qualifies, students may earn high school credit by completing community college coursework.

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, Leslie Baldwin, lbaldwin@hcs.k12.nc.us

Additional information is available on the [NCDPI CCP website](#).

CIHS/Early College:

Hoke County Schools also partners with Sandhills Community College to offer Sandhoke Early College.

Sandhoke Early College is a choice school for students and families. It is an opportunity for the students to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree and/or CTE credentials at the same time. Students can stay for an additional fifth year to complete their credential before graduating from high school.

Visit <https://www.hcs.k12.nc.us/shec> for more information.

Additional information is available on the [NCDPI CIHS Website](#)

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. Hoke County Schools offers (Insert number) of AP courses in the following schools:

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 (insert amount) fee.

Colleges and universities may likely 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](#).

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 an NCVPS courses.

Hoke County Schools offers courses through NCVPS.

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM):

Hoke County Schools offers opportunities for students to earn credit for a high school course without enrolling in the course. All high school courses, with a few exceptions as noted by the state, are available for students to try to CDM. There are two phases of assessments that a student must go through to earn credit for the course.

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, contact fwomble@hcs.k12.nc.us or visit the Governor's School website, www.ncgovschool.org.

What school choices are available for my child?

6) Educational choices available to parents, including each type of public school unit available to residents of the county in which the child lives and nonpublic school options, educational choice options offered within the public school unit and scholarship grant programs under Part 2A of Article 39 and Article 41 of Chapter 115C of the NCGS.

Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on a local assignment plan approved by Local Board of Education.

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.

If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit [NC charter school](#) for information, resources, and contacts.

Nonpublic Education and Scholarship Grants

Nonpublic education is overseen by the [NC Department of Administration](#).

For a list of private schools, visit this [NC Private Schools](#).

For information on how to start a homeschool visit:

[Homeschool Information](#)

Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via the [NC State Education Assistance Authority](#).

What rights do students with disabilities have based on the law?

7) Rights of students who have been identified as students with disabilities, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the NCGS.

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](#)

[Early Childhood and Preschool](#)

What is the contact information for the schools and district office?

Parents and guardians can contact Hoke County Schools at (910) 875-4106.

What are some resources to support my child's health and wellbeing?

Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)

[Immunizations](#)

[Health Assessment](#)

What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?

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

9) Resources for information on the importance of student health and other available resources for parents, including the following information on available immunization and vaccinations:

- a. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations.*
- b. Information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza, as required by G.S. 115C-375.4.*