

Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)

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

It is the goal of TMSA Public Charter Schools to provide parents and guardians of our students access to valuable information regarding student achievement through the school's Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA). Paper copies of this document and its contents can be requested through the school's office.

How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?	Information on TMSA's promotion and retention procedures can be found in the student handbook found here: TMSA's promotion and retention procedures. The following are the relevant state and local requirements for a student to be promoted to the next grade level. The relevant part of this link is found in Part 1A (pages 15-28) regarding retention and promotion: State and Local Promotion Requirements.
What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?	In North Carolina, all public 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. The standards can be found on the NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website. Relevant standards for TMSA's curriculum include: • English Language Arts Standards • NC Mathematics Standards • Science - Standard Course of Study • NC Social Studies Standards • Music • Art • Physical Education • STEAM (SMART Lab)/ Technology • Media- Parents and students will be able to search the school's library collection through the library management software, Follett/ Destiny. Once the library is complete, a link will be added to the school webpage. TMSA Public Charter Schools and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, textbooks, and supplementary materials. The following curriculum resources are available to parents

	to support their child at home in order to partner with the school. ELA (HMH)- HMH Family Engagement Mathematics (K-5 iReady) -iReady Family Info Mathematics (6-7 Savvas) -Parents Corner K-12 Parent Resources Savvas Science STEMscope:STEMscopes North Carolina Accelerate Learning Social Studies:Understanding Your Child's Social Studies Education in North Carolina: Grades K-8 We also have Supporting Supplemental Online Resources. Lexia:Parent Guide Lexia Core 5/Powerup: Parent directions IXL: IXL Brain Pop:Brain Pop Raz Kids: Reading A-Z, Raz Kids Open Up Resources: Open Up Resources CommonLit: CommonLit NoRed Ink: NoRed Ink Stile
What resources are there to help my child bridge the school to home connection in Literacy?	• NCDPI's Digital Literacy Initiative ◦ Comprehensive resource for K-5 with information, activities, and videos on each foundational component of Reading • mCLASS Home Connect Activities ◦ Provides at home literacy activities for K-6 students that directly align to our DIBELS Reading Assessment • Family Guide to Understanding Science of Reading • Parent/Caregiver Guide for English Language Development • Guía para padres/tutores para el desarrollo del idioma inglés • English Learner Family Toolkit
How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?	TMSA PCS shares student progress through a variety of ways, including progress reports in the middle of each quarter, report cards at the end of each quarter, parent teacher conferences and assignment/test feedback. Please also refer to our school calendar for more information. We also communicate with parents and send information through ParentSquare such as progress reports, report cards, MAP, BOG, NCExtend, EOG, EOC, MClass, RtA, WIDA ACCESS etc.

	Parents can also check their Parent Portal on Infinite Campus for more information on student progress and performance. Feedback on conduct is also provided through personal emails and phone calls. MAP Testing: NWEA MAP Testing is given to all eligible students in all eligible subjects 3 times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring). The data collected from MAP testing is used to analyze student growth and student performance. Below you will find important information regarding MAP testing. Following each testing period, parents will receive a Family Report and Progress Report showing a summary of how their child is performing academically. We are truly excited to focus on our students' individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit. The Family Guide to MAP Growth is a quick resource on how we'll be using data to support learning.
What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?	All TMSA PCS teachers are licensed and qualified to teach pursuant to State law. Anyone can look up teachers' licensure status through: Licensure Website Please contact the Head of School if you have questions about an educator's licensure status.
What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?	Requirements for enrollments: student's birth certificate, parent photo ID, e.g. driver's license/passport, Proof of Residence, e.g. current utility bill, lease, mortgage document etc. Immunization and NC Health Assessment (for all Kindergarteners or any student new to NC schools) NC Immunizations Website Vaccines Per Grade: Kindergarten Requirements

	· DTaP 5 doses · Polio 4 doses · Hib (4-YEAR-OLDS ONLY) 3-4 doses · MMR (or 2 measles, 2 mumps, 1 rubella) 2 doses · Hepatitis B 3 doses · Varicella 2 doses · Pneumococcal conjugate (4-YEAR-OLDS ONLY) 4 doses 7th Grade Requirements · Tdap 1 dose · Meningococcal conjugate 1 dose
How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?	Parents can support the students by making reviews at home. Parents can reach out to the teachers for additional resources in order to help the students home. They should keep in touch with their kids' teachers.
How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?	In our schools, Leader in Me is a primary vehicle for ensuring the durable skills are addressed and that student leadership is a focus. Parents can support their child by familiarizing themselves with the following tool and connect with school: 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families
How can a parent help their child meet high expectations and set and reach lifelong goals?	By supporting the school's high expectations and collaborating with the teachers and school staff on an ongoing basis. TMSA Leader in Me framework focuses on a holistic, and whole-child teaching approach that is focused on student college readiness. It prepares our students to be successful in real life situations, and reach their lifelong goals. Our students set their goals and monitor their progress that helps them take ownership of their learning process: Leader in Me Student Goal Setting Info
How can a parent strengthen communication with the school and their child's teachers?	Parents can regularly check ParentSquare for updates and messages and use the messaging tool to reach out to the teachers and the admin team. Parents are also encouraged to attend all school-initiated sessions and be present for opportunities such as parent teacher conferences. Checking Infinite Campus for student work, attendance, behavior etc. is highly recommended for tracking student progress and being in communication with the teachers as necessary.
What services are available for parents and their children?	Volunteering, chaperoning on field trips, visiting classrooms, and helping students and teachers, joining quarterly meetings, sharing their feedback with the administration, etc.

What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?	Same as above. Also, we have a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Additionally, parents attend student led parent-teacher conferences.
How can I learn more about the challenging academic programs available to my child?	The school posts the curriculum and resources on the website. Parents are welcome to ask additional questions to receive more information. They can get more information and resources by reaching out to the teachers and administration. TMSA also offers Advanced Placement courses and dual enrollment opportunities with local community colleges. TMSA STAR League
What school choices are available for my child?	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. 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?	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

	<u>Parent Rights Handbook (Spanish)</u> <u>IDEA Dispute Resolution</u> <u>Special Education Surrogate Parents</u> <u>Project Child Find</u>
What resources are there to help families better understand NC's Third Grade Read to Achieve Legislation and how to support my child?	These are some resources to help parents have a better and clear understanding of the NC's 3rd grade Read to Achieve Legislation. • NC Read to Achieve Infographic • NC Read to Achieve Overview Parents may support their child by working closely with the teacher and monitor student progress on a regular basis. We also have Supporting Supplemental Online Resources: Lexia: Parent Guide Lexia Core 5/Powerup: Parent directions IXL: IXL Brain Pop: Brain Pop Raz Kids: Reading A-Z, Raz Kids
What is the contact information for the school?	TMSA Triangle Math and Science Academy Cary K-7 Campus: 312 Gregson Dr. Cary, NC 27511 (919) 388 0077 infocary@tmsacademy.org TMSA Triangle Math and Science Academy Apex 8-12 Campus: 3570 Amberlight Rd, Apex NC 27502 (919) 329 2299 infoapex@tmsacademy.org