



Wilmington Preparatory Academy

Parent Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)

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

This guide serves as a valuable resource providing parents with insights into their child's education. It offers an overview of academic standards, curriculum and research-based teaching strategies, as it aims to strengthen the partnership between parents and educators ultimately contributing to the success of all students.

	Information and Resources
How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?	<p>In order to be promoted to the next grade level, Wilmington Preparatory Academy (WPA) students are expected to meet or exceed proficiency on local assessments of state standards and state standardized tests. Appropriate grade placement decisions are also based upon the mastery of critical knowledge and skills including reading, writing, and mathematics. The whole child is considered when making promotion decisions. Therefore, social/emotional needs and physical development are also considered. Final placement decisions are made by the Head of School, with input from teachers, parents and students (as practicable).</p>
What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?	<p>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.</p> <p>The standards can be found on the NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website. Relevant standards for WPA's curriculum include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics• English Language Arts• Science, and• Social Studies

	<p>Wilmington Preparatory Academy and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, textbooks, and supplementary materials.</p> <p>Parents of WPA students can learn more about our curriculum by attending our Curriculum Night and Parent/Student Orientation in the Fall as well as Open House sessions in the winter.</p>
<p>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p>	<p>WPA shares progress of students through a variety of ways. Progress reports (every 4.5 weeks) and reports 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 provided through personal emails and phone calls.</p> <p>Local Assessments: WPA uses the mCLASS literacy assessment three times per year to measure reading achievement and progress in grades K-3. The school also uses iReady to measure progress in reading and math in grades K-8. Reports from these assessments may be sent home with report cards, and/or reviewed during parent conferences.</p> <p>State Assessments: Individual Student Reports for end-of-grade/course tests and other state assessments (English language proficiency assessment) are provided to parents at the end of each school year.</p> <p>In NC, all students take end-of-grade (EOG) assessments for reading and math in grades 3-8. Students take EOG science assessments in grades 5 and 8. An Individual Reading Plan (IRP) will be developed for any in third grade demonstrating difficulty with reading. An IRP will have specific strategies/ideas that can also be supported at home.</p>
<p>What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?</p>	<p>All WPA teachers are qualified to teach pursuant to State law.</p> <p>You may look up your child's teacher licensure status at this website: Link to the licensure website</p> <p>Please contact the Dean of Students at 910-799-6776 if you have questions about an educator's licensure status.</p>
<p>What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p>	<p>Please visit www.wilmingtonprep.com/enrollmentrequirements for information on the requirements for school enrollment and the lottery process.</p> <p>The following are statutory requirements for immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immunization records: GS 130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov)

	<p>- Immunization requirements: GS 130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov)</p> <p>Questions or concerns about medical issues should be addressed to Mary Porter at mporter@wilmingtonprep.com</p>
<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"> • 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 our school to stay connected and learn how to support your child. <p>Local Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy at Home • Tips for Literacy <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 Social Studies Parent Guides Science Parent Guides</p> <p>Reading and Literacy Support: The 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</p>

	<p>(4) Fluency (5) Comprehension (6) Oral language</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>WPA conducts daily Morning Meetings in all grades in order to develop citizenship and explicitly teach social skills and our core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity.</p> <p>Our school also teaches Character Education which provides resources, strategy, and training to teach students positive behavior and empower them to build positive relationships.</p> <p>Please contact the school if you have any questions about our Character Education curriculum and resources.</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child meet high expectations and set and reach lifelong goals?</p>	<p>WPA embeds Portrait of a Graduate skill 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. NC Portrait of a Graduate - Durable Skills.</p> <p>Grade level specific resources from the Positivity Project can be found in the following resource repository for families: https://posproject.org/p2-for-families/</p>
<p>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school and their child's teachers?</p>	<p>Communication with parents and families is very important to us. Our school website is the primary way that we communicate with parents, students and the community www.wilmingtonprep.com. We also utilize the following platforms for communication between home/school: Remind.com, ClassDojo and Google Classroom.</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>What services are available for parents and their children?</p>	<p>Wilmington Preparatory Academy provides After-School tutoring as well as Out-of-School tutoring during our intercession breaks. After-School clubs are also offer to all students.</p>

	<p>Middle School Tutoring: 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.</p>
What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?	<p>We believe a strong parent/school partnership is critical to a dynamic learning environment and success for each child. Parent support is fundamental to all we do, and we rely on volunteers for many aspects of day-to-day life at WPA. We need every family's commitment to generously give of their time, talents and resources to maintain a strong community and continue WPA's legacy of excellence. Please visit our website for ongoing volunteer opportunities.</p>
How can I learn more about the challenging academic programs available to my child?	<p>Wilmington Preparatory Academy offers a variety of options for students to pursue their interests and strengthen their academic skills. In particular, the Academy offers rising nine graders a wide range of high school options including Early College.</p> <p>Early Colleges: The aim of the Early College model is to graduate students who earn a high school diploma as well as two years of transferable college credit or an associate degree all at no cost to their families. The target population for early colleges is first generation college-goers, those seeking a challenging, more rigorous curriculum, or other historically underserved populations.</p>
What school choices are available for my child?	<p>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> <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 home school visit: Homeschool Information</p> <p>Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via the NC State Education Assistance Authority.</p>
<p>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
<p>What is the contact information for the school?</p>	<p>Wilmington Preparatory Academy 134 Cinema Drive, Wilmington NC 28403 Phone: 910.799.6776 Fax: 910.338.1834</p>