



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

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

Academic Standards K-8

All students will be expected to master the grade level material each year. At Voyager, every day is essential to the learning process; therefore, we encourage every student to be at school every day. Students are responsible for collecting and making up any work that they missed while they were out of school. The teachers at Voyager will be responsible for assessing each student throughout the school year in order to track their progress towards mastery and keeping records of such progress. If a teacher has a concern about a student's academic progress or behavior they will bring the concern directly to the Student Assistance Team, which is called the Multi-Tiered System Support (MTSS) Team. The MTSS Team includes the School Counselor or MTSS Director, the general education teachers, and the grade level Principal. The MTSS Team will discuss the teacher's concern and will then create an intervention plan. The teacher will communicate the details of the plan with the parents. If a teacher has a concern about the promotion of a student, the teacher will communicate their concern to the MTSS team. If necessary, the teacher, parent, student and MTSS team will meet to discuss the details of the student's academic progress and an additional intervention plan will be put in place. Any student being

considered for retention must have already been referred to the MTSS Team. At the end of the school year the Managing Director will review all of the data in the student's file with the Principal and a final decision will be made about the promotion or retention of the student. Pursuant to state law, third graders who fail to achieve reading proficiency may not be promoted unless a statutory exception applies. Parents of impacted students will be informed of the law's application. Any parent who wishes to learn more about this law and its application should contact the Elementary School Principal.

Attendance based retention is also possible. At the elementary and middle school level, any student with 20 or more unexcused absences in one or more classes during a school year may be subject to failure of the grade. For high school level coursework, any student with 10 or more unexcused absences in any class in a semester or 23 overall absences may be subject to failure of that class.

The following are the relevant State and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level:

- https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_115C/Article_8.pdf
 - Relevant part of this link is found in Part 1A (pp. 15-28) regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc.

Academic Standards 9-12

High school students shall be promoted by successfully completing the courses and credits indicated in the table below.

Grade level promotions typically occur at the end of each school year. Semester promotions may be made on a case by case basis, determined by courses and credits completed.

Promotion To	Successful Completion Of	Total Credits Earned
10th	English 1	6

11th	English II	12
12th	English III	20

What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?

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.

The standards can be found on the NCDPI Office of Academic Standards [website](#). There are standards for:

- 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.

[Voyager Academy's Curriculum Syllabus for Grade or Course](#)

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

Voyager Academy shares progress of students through a variety of ways, including report cards, progress reports, "at-risk alerts," and assignment/test feedback. Feedback on conduct is also included.

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).

	<p>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.</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, screening for risk of dyslexia, and progress monitoring.</p> <p>Official high school transcripts can be viewed at any time or sent to various institutions through the Parchment Platform.</p>
<p>What are the qualifications of my child’s teachers?</p>	<p>Please select the link below to view our staff directory with their qualifications and licensure status.</p> <p>Voyager staff directory and license status</p>
<p>What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p>	<p>Please review our Parent Student Handbook which outlines immunizations required.</p> <p>Link to Parent Student Handbook</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) - 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](#)

How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?

Engaging with your child about school and what they are learning is pivotal to their learning process.

- 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.

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.

[ELA](#) Parent Guides

[ELD](#) Parent Guide

Math Parent Guides: [K-5](#), [6-8](#)

Social Studies Parent Guides (coming soon)

Science Parent Guide (coming soon)

Reading and Literacy Support:

	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Phonemic awareness (2) Phonics (3) Vocabulary (4) Fluency (5) Comprehension (6) Oral language <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 Elementary School Principal. DCRI Printables for Families</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>Voyager Academy 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>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Voyager Academy uses the following platforms for communication between home/school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ platforms used for communication include: School Status, School Messenger, Google Classroom, Canvas, emails from school ○ Voyager Academy encourages parents to stay abreast of all school communications and access student learning platforms to monitor your

	<p>child's academic progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents can view students' grades in the PowerSchool parent portal, or as a Parent Observer in Canvas (high school). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PowerSchool Parent Portal ○ Click here for help with Canvas <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>Student Support is available for your child. Please reach out to your building administrator or school counselor for assistance.</p>
<p>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Teacher Student Organization ● School Improvement Team ● Family Engagement Team ● Attend Board Meetings ● Athletic Booster Club ● Voyager Friends of the Arts ● Volunteering in the classroom ● Attending School Programs and Events
	<p>Voyager Academy offers a variety of options for students to pursue their interests, skills at</p>

**What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child?
How can I learn more about them?**

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.

At Voyager Academy, students are able to experience leadership, career development, and career-aligned content from grades 9-12.

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 Voyager Academy Local AIG Plan outlines specific opportunities for differentiated, rigorous instruction and accelerated programs within the classroom setting through personalized instruction. You can find the plan at [Voyager Academy AIG Plan](#)

Voyager Academy students are often provided the following services:

- Differentiated curriculum and instruction with flexible student groups;
- Accelerated opportunities (subject and/or grade acceleration, AP courses, dual enrollment courses and NCVPS
- 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.

Contact the K-12 Curriculum Coordinator or building principals with questions.

Honors Level Courses:

Voyager Academy students have access to a variety of honors level courses in high school. These courses are available in the [Voyager Academy High School Course Registration Guide \(click here\)](#).

Advanced Placement (AP):

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.

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](#).

College and Career Promise (High school/community college dual enrollment):

Career and College Promise (CCP) is North Carolina's *dual enrollment program*, in which students may take community college courses while enrolled in high school. Voyager Academy High School students who qualify, may enroll in courses at Durham Technical Community College (DTCC). Students have the opportunity to graduate from high school with a year or more of university transfer credit. *Tuition is free.*

[Click here to learn more about Career and College Promise.](#)

NCVPS:

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For more information on eligibility and the application process, contact (Voyager Academy High School Counselor) or visit the Governor's School website, www.ncgovschool.org.</p>
<p>What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on a local assignment plan approved by Local Board of Education</p> <p>Voyager Academy is a public Charter School. Applications for the lottery are accepted for any NC resident. The admissions tab has additional information for interested families.</p> <p>Voyager Admissions General Information</p> <p>Additional Information on Charter Schools:</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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>If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit NC charter school for information, resources, and contacts.</p> <p>Nonpublic Education and Scholarship Grants:</p> <p>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) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 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>Voyager Academy link to Information on Exceptional Children Voyager Academy link to Information and Parent Rights on Section 504</p>
	<p>Managing Director</p>

<p>What is the contact information for the schools and district office?</p>	<p>K-12 Curriculum Coordinator Elementary School Principal Middle School Principal High School Principal</p> <p>Main Office: 919-433-3301</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> <p>Voyager Academy has a school nurse, school social worker, and school counselors that are available to support the overall well being of our students.</p>