

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

It is the goal of Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington 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 school administration.

Parent Legal Rights for their child's education: Article 7B of Chapter 115C

1a) <b>How can my child be</b>
promoted to the next grade
level?

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</u> (pp. 15-28) regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc.

N.C. Grade Level Promotion Guide.

For information about Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington Promotion and Accountability Procedures Requirements, please click here:

Classical Charter Schools of America Parent and Student Handbook (page 16)

1b) What is my child	l
learning at school?	How
can a parent review	thes
materials?	

#### **Curriculum Subjects**

Our unique classical curriculum embraces a wide range of subjects not normally found in district public schools, such as: Traditional Family Values, Cursive Handwriting, Latin, Classical Literature, Chronological Western History, Sportsmanship in Athletics, and up to 5 credits toward high school graduation, and many others. Our innovative curriculum allows 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates to enter high school with up to 5 of their 22 credits already completed.

Access the links below to understand the curriculum for Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington as well as our policies for reviewing the curriculum:

Classical Charter Schools of America Parent and Student Handbook (page 10)

Classical Charter Schools of America Curriculum Overview

Classical Charter Schools of America Overview

Classical Charter Schools of America Scope & Sequence

# 1c) How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?

Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington 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. Weekly assessments, quarterly benchmarks, and end-of-grade testing are additional tools to measure student progress. All testing results are shared with students and parents as soon as results are available.

Classical Charter Schools of America Homework and Grading Manual
Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington Testing Calendar
Classical Charter Schools of America Academic Calendar
Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington Parent and Family Engagement Plan

1d) What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?	Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at the <a href="NCDPI Licensure Website">NCDPI Licensure Website</a> .  The NCDPI Licensure Verification 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 an NC teaching license.  Please contact our Human Resources office to verify an educator's licensure status.
1e) What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?	At Classical Charter Schools of Leland, the application of any eligible student who agrees to be bound by the school pledge and adhere to the school's policies will be accepted and that student will be admitted if there is space available at the student level. If the number of applications received during this period exceeds the available number of openings, then all the applications will be placed in a lottery and assigned placement numbers as each number is drawn.  Classical Charter Schools of America Student Admission (page 14-16).  The following are the North Carolina statutory school entry requirements. This includes required immunizations:  NCDPI Charter School Admission requirements: GS 115C-218.45  Immunization records: GS 130A-155
	<ul> <li>Immunization requirements: <u>GS 130A-152 NC GS 130 A-152</u> (*this law was amended but is not reflected on the current GA page; see <u>SL2023-134.pdf</u> (ncleg.gov), Section 5.8(e) on page 64")</li> </ul>

	Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)  Immunizations Resources.  - Expected Immunization Schedules:  - Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements  - Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements
2a) How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?	Parent Involvement (excerpt from Homework and Grading Manual):  Parents should provide adequate time and a proper environment for homework assignments to be completed. We encourage parents to be available to provide strategic assistance but discourage parents from providing work or answers to students, as this limits student improvement opportunity and is not in compliance with the School Pledge. Strategic assistance, however, aims to remove barriers to student learning, such as clarifying assignment questions when needed, or to direct students to the correct next step. It is important that students arrive at solutions by themselves, to allow them to reach their full potential.  Classical Charter Schools of Leland:  The CCS-Wilmington Parent Family Engagement Plan includes parental action that can strengthen the child's academic progress.
2b) How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?	Virtue is an essential aspect of our exceptional curriculum. Families can work collaboratively with school efforts to instill strong citizenship and interpersonal skills in students by encompassing Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington Mission, Pledge, and Philosophy found in the Parent & Student Handbook.

2c) Parental actions that can.Strengthen the child's realization of high

expectations and setting

lifelong learning goals.

Families can work collaboratively with school efforts to strengthen the realization of high expectations and setting lifetime learning goals in students by encompassing Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington Mission, Pledge, and Philosophy found in the <a href="Parent & Student Handbook">Parent & Student Handbook</a>.

The <u>CCS-Wilmington Parent Family Engagement</u> includes parental action that can strengthen the child's academic progress as well as the <u>Homework and Grading Manual</u>.

2d) Parental actions that can. place strong emphasis on the communication between the school and the home.

Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington understand the value of efficient parent-teacher communication. As such, our school and dedicated teachers regularly communicate through classroom newsletters and various digital formats to the current parent/guardian email address and phone number(s) on file. Written notice of any significant behavioral events is sent on the day of their occurrence.

<u>Teacher Communication and Conferences</u> (page 30)

<u>Classical Charter Schools of America School-Wide Behavior Discipline Plan</u> (page 8-14)

Please note that any communication formats excluded by the policy above, such as social media, mobile phone, or text messaging, are not recognized as formal inquiries or requests. These formats are respectfully discouraged as a measure to ensure efficient communication by allowing teachers to manage only three points of contact (email, phone, written note) instead of several miscellaneous formats.

Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington uses the following platforms for communication between home/school

• Email

- Phone
- Written note in the child's binder
- Class Dojo
- Google Classroom
- Bright Arrow
- Infinite Campus
- To ensure this is as effective as possible, parents should read communications that are sent home daily, regularly check emails, attend open-house/back-to-school events and attend Parent-Teacher conferences. Stay informed of any upcoming events by following <u>Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington Facebook</u> and Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington <u>website</u>.

Parents can view students' grades on the PowerSchool parent portal. The school will send home login information for the parent portal annually. This information can also be requested from the school office.

### 3) What programs are available for parents and their children?

#### Tutoring:

Special tutoring is available to all students on an as-needed basis. Teachers are not allowed to tutor their own students for pay after hours. The use of an outside tutor during school hours is not authorized. Parents may elect to hire a tutor if they desire; however, they will not be allowed to use the school facilities. The use of any outside consultants, regardless of specialty field, must have permission from administration prior to coming on campus.

### Reading Camp:

Reading camp is offered during the summer, fall, and spring breaks to students in grade

1st-4th in need of remediation to ensure meeting the requirements of Read to Achieve (RtA).

#### **Student Mental & Physical Health:**

Since its founding, Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington has recognized that student mental and physical health are integral parts of a foundation for academic success. We believe that support of students in this area is essential and aligns with the school's mission statement of assisting the next generation with having the skills for effective expression, communication, and an understanding of how they fit in this world, with a love for learning and discovery. Details can be found in the <a href="CCS-Wilmington School-Based Mental Health Plan">CCS-Wilmington School-Based Mental Health Plan</a>.

## 4) What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?

#### **Booster Club:**

At Classical Charter Schools of Leland, fostering meaningful parental involvement is essential to our mission. We strive to support, encourage, and enhance this engagement, reaching out to parents who may find it more challenging to get involved. By doing so, we not only support student success but also strengthen our exceptional community. Additionally, our efforts to raise funds through the Booster Club are crucial in providing the resources needed for our students to thrive. Organizing events that showcase our unity and dedication further reinforces our commitment to the school. Increasing volunteerism is another key aspect, as it directly contributes to enhancing the educational experience and success of our students.

Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington encourages parent volunteers in the classrooms as outlined in the <u>Parent & Student handbook</u> (page 35). Parents are also encouraged to volunteer at sporting events as found on the <u>Sports Calendar</u>.

#### **Extracurriculars:**

A variety of extracurriculars is offered that welcome parent involvement including, but not limited to, <u>FASTAR</u>®, History Bowl, Science Olympiad, Beta Club, and middle school

	sports programs. Visit <u>www.ccsam.net</u> to learn more.
5. What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?	Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington provide an impressive range of options for students to explore and develop their interests and skills at their academic level.  Curriculum Subjects  Our unique classical curriculum embraces a wide range of subjects not normally found in district public schools such as: Traditional Family Values, Cursive Handwriting, Latin, Classical Literature, Chronological Western History, Sportsmanship in Athletics, and up to 5 credits toward high school graduation, and many others. Our innovative curriculum allows 8th grade graduates to enter high school with up to 5 of their 22 credits already completed.  Access the links below to better understand the curriculum for Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington as well as our policies for reviewing the curriculum:
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6) What school choices are available for my child?	District Schools Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on a local assignment plan approved by the local district's Board of Education. There are options for a family to choose for their child's education other than the public school assigned by the district plan. The following are the main counties in which our charter schools proudly serve and provide a school-choice alternative:  • Brunswick County Schools • New Hanover County Schools • Columbus County Schools

#### **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. Charter schools 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 may adopt regulations of their own as authorized in their charter agreement. Charter schools are held accountable through the State assessment and accountability system.

If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit <u>NC charter school</u> for information, resources, and contacts.

Classical Charter Schools of America proudly offer these school choice options for students/families:

Classical Charter Schools of Leland

Classical Charter Schools of Whiteville

Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington

Classical Charter Schools of Southport

#### **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 <u>Assistance Authority</u>
7) 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 Parents Rights Handbook (Spanish) IDEA Dispute Resolution Special Education Surrogate Parents Project Child Find
8) What is the contact information for the schools and district office?	Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington 507 N 6 <sup>th</sup> St, Wilmington, NC 28401 910.763.1976  The Roger Bacon Academy 3610 Thaddeus Lott Lane, Leland, NC 28451 910.655.3600

9) What are some resources to support my child's health and wellbeing? What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?

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

<u>Immunizations</u>

**Health Assessment** 

Annual Health Assessment and Immunization Compliance Reporting

- Expected Immunization Schedules
  - Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements
  - Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements