



## ***Ashe County School's Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)***

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

Ashe County Schools' goal is to provide parents with access to valuable information about student achievement through the district's Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA). Paper copies of this document and the information included within it can be obtained through a request from the Ashe County Schools Central Services 336-246-7175.

<b>How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</b>	<p>Student Handbook Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Ashe County Early College High School</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Ashe Early Learning Center</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Ashe County High School</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Ashe County Middle School</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Blue Ridge Elementary School</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Mountain View Elementary School</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Westwood Elementary School</a></li></ul> <p><a href="#">SUBCHAPTER IV. EDUCATION PROGRAM. Article 8. General Education. Part 1. Courses of Study. §§ 115C-81 through 115C-81.4</a></p>



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### High School Promotion Requirements:

- **Promotion to 10th Grade:**
  - **6 credits**
  - Individualized Graduation Plan updated
- **Promotion to 11th Grade:**
  - **13 credits**
- **Promotion to 12th Grade:**
  - **20 credits**
- **High School Graduation:**
  - **22 credits required** to earn a high school diploma

In North Carolina, high school students must meet specific graduation requirements set by the state. These requirements include completing a [certain number of credits across various subjects](#).

### Elementary School Promotion Requirements:

- **Attendance:**
  - No more than **18 absences**
- **Academic Proficiency:**
  - Must be proficient in core classes
- **Principal Discretion:**
  - Final promotion decisions may be based on the principal's judgment

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**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](#),
- [Guidance](#),
- [Healthful Living](#),
- Student Success Standards,
- [Information and Technology](#),
- [Mathematics](#),
- [Science](#),
- [Social Studies](#), and
- [World Language](#).

*Ashe County Schools utilizes grade level Standards-aligned pacing guides and implements aligned curriculum and instruction materials and resources at each level.*

[Pre K Creative Curriculum](#)

[Ashe County Schools K-3 Literacy Intervention Plan](#)

K-8 ELA Textbook Curriculum adoption - [Great Minds Wit + Wisdom](#)

K-8 Math Textbook Curriculum adoption - [Cengage Big Ideas Math](#)

	<p><a href="#">Ashe County Schools K-12 Math Plan</a></p> <p>The Ashe County School District follows the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) Framework. View an <a href="#">Overview of MTSS Framework for Families</a> here.</p> <p><a href="#">Parents may view the schools Media Center collection via Destiny.</a> Parents may choose to be a viewer in their students' Canvas courses. (Contact the teacher).</p> <p>Ashe County Schools offers courses in the area of Career and Technical Education (CTE). These courses allow students to explore careers and earn credentials. CTE Career Clusters, Pathways, Course Information, Credentials, and Course Standards may be found at this link: <a href="#">Course Management System</a></p> <p><a href="#">Career and College Promise Program</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dual Credit Allowances</a></li> </ul> <p>Reference the <a href="#">Ashe County Schools Board of Education Policy 3000 Series</a> for specific information on Educational Programming.</p>
<p><b>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</b></p>	<p>Infinite Campus Parent Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midterms - Reminders communicated through Remind and Blackboard Connect</li> <li>• Report cards -Reminders communicated through Remind and Blackboard Connect</li> <li>• Teacher contacts</li> <li>• Parent Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• EOC and EOG Student Score Reports - available online</li> <li>• Check-In Score Reports- available online</li> <li>• Both high schools have a college liaison to communicate between the college instructors and students. With student's permission, they may also communicate with parents regarding progress in college courses.</li> </ul>

	<p><a href="#">Required State Testing</a>- Teaching Strategies/NC Early Learning Inventory Checkpoints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PreK- observational data collection ongoing throughout school year</li> <li>• K- observational data collection the first 60 days of the school year</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Required State Testing</a>- mCLASS Grades K-3: North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) selected mCLASS DIBELS<sup>®</sup> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3x per year benchmarks</li> <li>• Progress monitoring between benchmarks</li> <li>• Home Connect Letters to families 3x per year</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Grade 3 Read to Achieve Parent Infographic</a></p> <p>An <b>Individual Reading Plan</b> (IRP) shall be developed for any student in kindergarten through third grade demonstrating difficulty with reading. An IRP will have specific strategies/ideas that can be done at home.</p> <p>Parents and caregivers may view <i>Ashe County Schools'</i> aligned parent resources at <a href="#">Parents/Students Directory</a></p> <p><a href="#">Required State Testing</a>- EOG/EOC Grades 3-12  <a href="#">Achievement Level Indicators</a>  <a href="#">NC School Report Cards</a></p>
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<p><b>What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?</b></p>	<p>Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at this website <a href="#">Link to the licensure website</a>.</p> <p>Please note that there may be a delay in the processing of some licenses through the Department of Public Instruction. Should you have questions, please reach out to the Human Resources Department at 336-246-7175. The licensure look up 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 a NC teaching license. If a teacher is out on leave, a letter is sent home to explain the situation and replacement.</p>
<p><b>What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</b></p>	<p><u>NC PreK</u> To be enrolled, a child must be four-years-old on or before August 31st of the current program year.</p> <p><a href="#">NC Pre-K Program Requirements</a></p> <p><a href="#">Immunization Schedule for Birth to 5 years</a></p> <p><a href="#">NCPreK Application</a></p> <p><a href="#">Kindergarten Enrollment</a> To be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment, a child must be at least 5 years old before August 31st of the upcoming school year.</p> <p>The following are statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission requirements: <a href="#">GS 115C-364.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a></li> <li>• Immunization records: <a href="#">GS 130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immunization requirements: <a href="#">GS 130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a> (*this law was amended but is not reflected on the current GA page; see <a href="#">SL2023-134.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a>, Section 5.8(e) on page 64")</li> </ul> <p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). NCDHHS <a href="#">Immunizations</a> Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommended Immunization Schedules</li> <li><a href="#">Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements</a></li> <li><a href="#">Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements</a></li> <li><a href="#">Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements</a></li> </ul>
How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?	<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"> <li><b>Engage in daily conversations:</b> Ask your child about their day at school. Show interest in what they're learning and the activities they participate in.</li> <li><b>Stay curious about their studies:</b> Ask specific questions about the subjects they're studying and any assignments they have. This helps you stay informed and shows your child that their education matters to you.</li> <li><b>Connect with teachers:</b> Regularly check in with your child's teachers to monitor their progress and understand how they are doing academically and socially.</li> <li><b>Offer support:</b> Ask teachers for ways you can assist your child's learning at home, whether it's reviewing concepts, practicing skills, or providing encouragement.</li> <li><b>Get involved:</b> Attend school events, from parent-teacher conferences to extracurricular activities, to stay connected with your child's school community and find additional ways to support their success.</li> </ul>

To help your child make progress in high school, consider these strategies:

- **Maintain open communication with teachers:** Regularly check in with your child's teachers. They can provide supplemental resources or strategies to reinforce learning at home.
- **Monitor grades consistently:** Stay up-to-date with your child's academic performance by checking their grades regularly. This will help you identify areas where they may need extra support.
- **Keep track of assignments:** Ensure your child is completing and submitting assignments on time. Encourage them to use a planner or digital tools to stay organized.
- **Promote tutoring and extra help:** Encourage your child to take advantage of tutoring or study sessions if they're struggling with certain subjects. Seeking help early can make a significant difference in their progress.
- **Create a structured homework routine:** Establish a regular time and quiet space for homework and studying each day. Consistency helps build good habits and minimizes distractions.
- **Encourage self-advocacy:** Teach your child to communicate with teachers directly when they need help or clarification. Developing self-advocacy skills is essential for success in high school and beyond.
- **Balance schoolwork with downtime:** Encourage a healthy balance between academics and relaxation to avoid burnout. Regular breaks and downtime are important for maintaining focus and well-being.

**Local Resources:**

Visit the [Ashe County Schools Parent tabs](#) on the district and school websites for more resources and information.



**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:**

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](#)

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
- (4) Fluency
- (5) Comprehension
- (6) Oral language

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 <i>your child's school</i> . <a href="#">DCRI Printables</a> for Families
<b>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</b>	<p>Ashe County School district embeds Portrait of a Graduate skills 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.</p> <p>Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository  <a href="#">NC Portrait of a Graduate - Durable Skills</a>.</p> <p>Leader In Me Schools - <a href="#">Leader In Me Site</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRES</li> <li>• ACMS</li> <li>• ACHS</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">PBIS Schools</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVES</li> <li>• WWES - Emphasis on Class Dojo</li> <li>• ACECHS</li> </ul>
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**How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?**

To strengthen communication between home and school, Ashe County Schools offers several platforms that parents can use:

- **Join the school/class on Remind:** Stay updated with announcements and reminders by signing up for this communication tool.
- **Follow on social media:** Connect with your child's school by following their official social media pages for updates and important information.
- **Check the school website regularly:** Visit the school's website for news, resources, and event details.
- **Reach out when needed:** Don't hesitate to email or call the school if you have any concerns or questions.
- **Get involved with PTSO/PTO:** Joining the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) or Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is a great way to stay connected and support the school community. Visit the school website for more information on how to join.
- **Track your child's progress on Infinite Campus:** Regularly check student grades and attendance through the Infinite Campus platform to stay informed about your child's academic performance.

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.

[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)

Additional general parent guides and parent resource webinar recordings can be found on the [Ashe County Schools Parent Directory](#).



<p><b>What services are available for parents and their children?</b></p>	<p>Ashe County Schools offers a variety of services to help students and their families support academic success:</p> <p><b>K-8 Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>After-School Tutoring:</b> During the spring semester, after-school tutoring sessions are available for students who need extra academic support.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ashe County Schools 21st Century Afterschool Program</a></li> </ul> <p><b>High School Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tutoring:</b> Additional help is available for students who need extra academic assistance.</li> <li>• <b>College Planning:</b> Guidance on preparing for college, including application assistance and scholarship information.</li> <li>• <b>Academic Advising:</b> Personalized advice to help students choose courses and plan for their future academic goals.</li> <li>• <b>School Counseling:</b> Counselors are available to support students with academic, personal, and social challenges.</li> <li>• <b>Outside Referrals:</b> Referrals to external services and resources are available for students and families who need additional support beyond the school.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">NCVPS EdVantage Tutoring</a> 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>

<p><b>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</b></p>	<p><b>Opportunities for Parent Participation:</b></p> <p>Open Houses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet teachers, tour the school, and learn about the curriculum.</li> </ul> <p>Ashe Back to School Blast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join the school community in a fun, welcoming event to kick off the school year.</li> </ul> <p>Student-Led Conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with your child's progress as they present their learning and growth.</li> </ul> <p>Showcases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate student achievements and projects at special showcase events.</li> </ul> <p>Parent-Teacher Conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress and areas for improvement.</li> </ul> <p>Academic Meetings (Read to Achieve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in discussions about key academic goals and progress, including Read to Achieve initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Title I Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join workshops and informational sessions on Title I support and resources for student success.</li> </ul> <p>Parent Nights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend themed events focused on family involvement in learning and school life.</li> </ul> <p>Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get involved in broader school-sponsored community-building events throughout the year.</li> </ul> <p>PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become an active member of the PTSO, helping to support school activities and initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>School Improvement Team Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with staff and other parents to help shape school policies and improvement strategies.</li> </ul> <p>These opportunities allow parents to engage in meaningful ways with the school community while supporting their child's education.</p>
<p><b>What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child?</b> <b>How can I learn more about them?</b></p>	<p>AIG Program  <a href="#">Ashe County Academically and Intellectually Gifted Local Plan</a>  <a href="#">Ashe County Academically and Intellectually Gifted Parent Handbook</a>  <a href="#">Accelerated Math Courses</a>  <a href="#">Career and College Promise Program</a></p> <p>Pathways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Career &amp; Technical Education</b></li> <li>• <b>College Transfer</b></li> <li>• <b>Cooperative Innovative High Schools</b> - Ashe County Early College High School provides students the opportunity to earn both a High School Diploma and an Associate Degree in 4 to 5 years through a partnership with Wilkes Community College. Information regarding North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High Schools can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Ashe County Early College High School</b>  A North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High School that provides students the opportunity</p>



<p><b>What school choices are available for my child?</b></p>	<p>to earn both a high school diploma and an Associate Degree in 4-5 years through a partnership with Wilkes Community College.</p> <p>Information regarding North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High Schools can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>What rights do students with disabilities have based on the law?</b></p>	<p><a href="#">PARENT RIGHTS &amp; RESPONSIBILITIES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION   NC DPI</a>  <a href="#">Parent Rights Spanish Translation</a>  <a href="#">Parent Resources   NC DPI</a>  <a href="#">Federal Regulations &amp; State Policies   NC DPI</a>  <a href="#">Federal Regulations &amp; State Policies   NC DPI</a></p>
<p><b>What is the contact information for the schools and district office?</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Ashe County High School</a> - <b>Phone</b> (336) 846-2400 / <b>Fax</b> (336) 846-2411  <b>Address:</b> 184 Campus Drive, West Jefferson, NC 28694</p> <p><a href="#">Ashe County Early College</a> - <b>Phone</b> (336) 846-1881 / <b>Fax</b> (336) 903-3110  <b>Address:</b> 363 Campus Drive, West Jefferson, NC 28694</p> <p><a href="#">Blue Ridge Elementary</a> - <b>Phone</b> (336) 384-4500 / <b>Fax</b> (336) 384-4512  <b>Address:</b> 5778 NC Hwy 88 West, Warrentonville NC 28693</p> <p><a href="#">Mountain View Elementary</a> -<b>Phone</b> (336) 982-4200 / <b>Fax</b> (336) 982-4203  <b>Address:</b> 2789 Hwy. 221 North , Jefferson, NC 28640</p> <p><a href="#">Westwood Elementary</a> -<b>Phone</b> (336) 649-8210 / <b>Fax</b> (336) 649-8255  <b>Address:</b> 4083 US Highway 221 South, West Jefferson, NC 28694</p> <p><a href="#">Ashe Early Learning Center</a> - <b>Phone</b> (336) 846-3221/ <b>Fax</b> (336) 846-1388  <b>Address:</b> 406 School Ave, West Jefferson, NC 28694</p>



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<p><b>What are some resources to support my child's health and wellbeing? What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?</b></p>	<p><a href="#">CDC Parent Resources for Supporting Their Child's Health and Wellbeing</a></p> <p><a href="#">Required immunizations for students attending public schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Check-in Project (Mental Health Resources for Parents)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Immunizations</a></p> <p><a href="#">Health Assessment</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annual Health Assessment and Immunization Compliance Reporting</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mental Health Community Resources</a></p> <p><a href="#">Heart of a Husky Event</a></p> <p><a href="#">School Safety and Health Services</a></p> <p>AED's in Schools</p> <p>Middle School CPR Training (CPR graduation requirement)</p>