



East Voyager Academy of Charlotte

Parent Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)

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

This guide is designed to answer many of the more frequently asked questions and to provide your family with some important resources. Please take time to review this information and if you have questions, please ask us for clarification. Classroom and grade-level procedures will be addressed by your child's teachers.

	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, East Voyager Academy (EVA) 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 Principal, 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 EVA's curriculum include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Arts Education,● English Language Arts,● Mathematics,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science, and ● Social Studies <p>East Voyager Academy (EVA) and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, textbooks, and supplementary materials.</p> <p>Parents of EVA students can learn more about our curriculum by attending the New Family Orientation session in the spring and the Open House session in the Fall and by reading the grade level newsletters. See our School Policies website to access the Parental Inspection policy, which outlines procedures to review educational resources.</p>
<p>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p>	<p><i>EVA shares student progress through a variety of ways, including report cards after each trimester, progress reports, parent conferences and assignment/test feedback. Parents can also check the Parent Portal on PowerSchool for information on student progress and performance. Feedback on conduct is also provided through personal emails and phone calls.</i></p> <p>Local Assessments: <i>EVA uses the iReady literacy assessment three times per year to measure reading achievement and progress in grades K-8. The school also uses IXL to measure progress in math in grades K-9. Reports from these assessments are sent home in communication folders and/or reviewed during parent conferences.</i></p> <p>The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is administered to all second grade students each spring. The results from this assessment are one data point that is considered for placement in accelerated learning classes or to provide students with additional help.</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.</p> <p>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>EVA teachers are licensed and 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 Principal 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 see our Lottrease Application Portal on the school website https://www.eastvoyager.org/enroll-at-eva 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) - Immunization requirements: GS_130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov) <p>Questions or concerns about medical issues should be addressed to the Office Manager, Ms. Heather Esclante, at hescalante@eastvoyager.org.</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 ● Curriculum Hub and Resources <p>Parent Guides for Academic Standards:</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>Social Studies Parent Guides (coming soon) Science Parent Guide (coming soon)</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 IReady reading assessments: iReady Family Resource Center</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>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>EVA 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>EVA has adopted the Positive Action Curriculum: Positive Action SEL</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child meet high expectations and set and reach lifelong goals?</p>	<p>East Voyager Academy 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. NC Portrait of a Graduate - Durable Skills.</p> <p>Grade level specific resources from the Positive Action Curriculum can be found in the following resource repository for families: https://www.positiveaction.net/</p>
<p>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school and their child's teachers?</p>	<p>EVA uses the following platforms for communication between home/school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Bright Arrow, Class Dojo, email, weekly newsletters, and weekly communication folders to send messages</i> ○ <i>Please see our Communication section in our Student-Parent Handbook</i> ● Parents can view students' assignments on Google Classroom and grades in the PowerSchool parent portal. <p>The following are NCDPI developed parent guides that provide suggestions for building</p>

	<p>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>East Voyager Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent University https://www.eastvoyager.org/parentuniversity • ASPIRE early bird and after school program https://www.eastvoyager.org/files/ugd/f7a950_4d259200ec564e9a93025bcea70dde08.pdf
<p>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<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. We need every family's commitment to generously give of their time, talents and resources to maintain a strong community and continue East Voyager Academy's legacy of excellence. Please see our website and our weekly communications folder for opportunities for parent involvement. Following is a link to Parent and Family Engagement</p>
<p>How can I learn more about the challenging academic programs available to my child?</p>	<p>East Voyager Academy offers a variety of options for students to pursue their interests and strengthen their academic skills. Please see our Curriculum Hub and Resources for more information.</p>
<p>What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>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 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</p>

	<p>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 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), 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>What is the contact information for the school?</p>	<p>East Voyager Academy of Charlotte 7429 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC 28214 Phone: 704.412.6988 Fax: 704.413.3660</p> <p>Please also see the Student-Parent Handbook for a list Student Support Staff Members and our Board of Directors.</p>