



Lakeside Charter Academy’s Parent Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA;NCSB 49;Session law 2023-106)

The objective of the Lakeside Charter Academy (LCA) is 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 your child's respective school.

State Requirements	Answers
<p>How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</p>	<p>Elementary School</p> <p>The following information is intended to help identify those students who are not performing at their current grade level. If ANY of the following criteria are NOT met, a team that includes the student’s teachers, parents and administration will consider retention of the student.</p> <p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attendance Absences (excused and unexcused) that number 20 or greater for the academic year will put a student in consideration for retention. The Attendance Policy is located in the Student/Parent Handbook B. Academic Success in Core Classes: Students should have an average of a 3 or 4 in grades K-2 at the end of the school year. Academic Policies and Procedures are also in the Student/Parent Handbook located on the Lakeside Charter Academy Webpage C. A student consistently and independently demonstrates an expanded understanding of concepts, skills, and processes taught in the quarter. For 3rd and 4th Grade: Academic Success in Core Classes All students must pass Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. The class yearly academic average must be 60 or above to be considered passing. Academic Policies and Procedures are also in the Student/ Parent Handbook located on the Lakeside Charter Academy Webpage D. Academic Success on End of Grade Tests: Students in Grades 3 and 4 are expected to pass both the Math and Reading EOGs (with a 3, 4 or 5) in order to move to the next grade level. EOG scores are not the sole determinant of promotion or retention. Academic Policies and Procedures are also in the Student/ Parent Handbook located on the Lakeside Charter Academy Webpage <p>Middle School</p>



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<p>What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?</p>	<p>Parents are encouraged to be an active part of their student's educational career here at Lakeside Charter Academy. This can begin by attending Open House/Meet the Teacher Night in August and Curriculum Night in September to learn about curriculum and expectations. Beyond that, LCA offers parents access to Google Classroom as well as the PowerSchool Parent Portal to track student academic progress. Google Classroom provides access to upcoming assignments, classroom calendar, reminders of upcoming events, etc. This platform also provides access to student assignments and classroom materials for parent review. K-2 teachers generally offer weekly newsletters that share upcoming learning activities and topics so families can be plugged into their child's learning experiences.</p> <p>North Carolina Standard Course of Study</p> <p>Core Knowledge Sequence</p>



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	<p> Core Knowledge Language Arts Shurley Grammar Go Math Into Math </p>
<p>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p> <p>How can I support my student's learning?</p>	<p>PowerSchool is available for families to engage and monitor their student's learning progress, including grades. Teachers will also post important messages to families about expectations and upcoming assignments utilizing the tool. Hard copies of progress reports go home to parents every 4.5 weeks and report cards go home quarterly. Parent Teacher conferences are held annually in the fall and spring. All parents are encouraged to attend. Additionally, by partnering with the school on the following learning habits, students will be best set up to be successful.</p> <p>Establish a Consistent Routine: Create a daily schedule that includes dedicated time for homework, reading, and other learning activities. Consistency helps children feel secure and develop good study habits.</p> <p>Create a Quiet and Organized Study Space: Designate a quiet area where your child can focus on their schoolwork without distractions. Keep essential supplies, such as pens, pencils, and notebooks, readily available.</p> <p>Encourage Regular Reading: Foster a love for reading by providing a variety of age-appropriate books. Set aside time for family reading, and discuss the stories with your child to enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills.</p> <p>Engage in Conversations: Regularly talk with your child about their school day. Ask open-ended questions to encourage them to share their experiences, challenges, and successes. This helps build strong communication skills.</p> <p>Support Homework Efforts: Be available to assist with homework when needed. Offer guidance, but allow your child to work independently as much as possible. This helps build self-confidence and problem-solving skills.</p>



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	<p>Embrace Technology as a Learning Tool, but Cultivate Balance: Utilize educational apps, online resources, and interactive tools to enhance your child's learning experience. Be involved in exploring these tools together.</p> <p>Promote a Healthy Lifestyle: Encourage regular exercise, a balanced diet, and adequate sleep. Physical well-being directly impacts cognitive function and concentration.</p> <p>Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences: Stay informed about your child's progress by attending parent-teacher conferences. Collaborate with teachers to address any concerns and explore ways to further support your child's learning.</p> <p>Foster a Growth Mindset: Encourage a positive attitude toward challenges and learning from mistakes. Emphasize the importance of perseverance and resilience in the face of difficulties.</p> <p>Cultivate Curiosity: Explore your child's interests and engage in activities that spark their curiosity. This helps create a passion for learning and broadens their educational horizons.</p> <p>Grievance Policy /Remedies for Parent Concerns</p>
<p>What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?</p>	<p>LCA desires all of its teachers to be certified by the State of North Carolina or, at minimum, highly qualified and on the pathway to certification. To become a certified teacher, individuals typically need to meet certain qualifications and follow a set of steps. Please note that certification requirements may change, and it's always a good idea to check with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) for the most up-to-date information.</p> <p>Education Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● NCDPI Online Licensure look-up



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Earn a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. The degree should be related to the subject area or grade level the individual intends to teach.● Teacher Preparation Program:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Complete an approved teacher preparation program. This program is often part of the bachelor's degree in education.● Student Teaching Experience:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Gain practical classroom experience through student teaching. This is typically a required component of the teacher preparation program.● Testing Requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Pass the required exams. In North Carolina, this often includes the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) tests and specific Praxis Subject Assessments for the desired teaching area.● Background Check:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Undergo a criminal background check. A clean background is usually a requirement for teacher certification.
<p>What are the requirements for school enrollment?</p>	<p>As mandated by our Charter from the State of North Carolina, open slots are filled through a lottery. Any applications received after the lottery application deadline (which is in February) will be placed at the end of the waitlist of the grade applied, in the order of receipt. Typically, applications are not accepted and new students will not be admitted after the 40th school day. Once a child is accepted through the lottery process, they will receive a communication from the school about registration (birth certificate, two proofs of residency, immunization, school documents (2 years EOG, grades, etc.) and any special education information, if applicable)</p> <p>More information about the lottery process and enrollment can be found by viewing our Lottery Policy,</p>



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How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?

We believe that education goes beyond academics. As partners in your child's growth, we are dedicated to nurturing not only intellectual development but also essential life skills. Together, we play a vital role in shaping responsible citizens with strong social abilities and a deep respect for others.

Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship Development:

At LCA, we strive to instill a sense of intellectual engagement, leadership, and civic responsibility in our students. Through various projects and activities, we encourage them to understand the importance of community engagement, environmental stewardship, and global awareness. By participating in school service initiatives and community problem-solution projects, your child will learn the value of giving back and making a positive impact on the world around them. Families are encouraged at all levels to discuss these values with their students and partner with them and the school in any of these initiatives and projects when possible.

Social Skills and Character Building:

Our school's character education program is dedicated to instilling core values such as respect, wisdom, compassion, courage, discipline, gratitude, perseverance, kindness, honesty, and encouragement. Through engaging activities and thoughtful discussions, we aim to nurture well-rounded individuals who embody these principles in their daily lives and display the social skills that will make them ideal citizens in school, at home, and in the larger community. Together, we are shaping a community of responsible and empathetic citizens.

Character education is the foundation of everything we do and everything our students achieve. It is a fundamental part of our identity and beliefs as educators. At LCA, we place significant value on character education. The essence of our program is found in the everyday interactions between teachers and students. By addressing student behavior issues with respect and care, and by modeling virtues through their own behavior, teachers have the opportunity to teach and reinforce these virtues naturally, organically, and continuously throughout each day.

Developing moral character means building a strong moral identity and understanding character as a function of the virtues we exhibit. By explicitly teaching virtues and integrating them into our



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	<p>instruction, we give students continuous practice in demonstrating these virtues until they become habits. Our character education virtues align with our BEARS Values. For more details you may view our Character Education Virtues.</p>
<p>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Read communications, regularly look at PowerSchool, , attend Open House/Meet the Teacher Night, Night, attend Curriculum Night, attend Parent Teacher Conferences and other schoolwide activities. Parents can also strengthen communication with teachers and the school by reading all teacher and school communications.</p>
<p>What services are available for parents and their children?</p>	<p>Lakeside Charter Academy offers several services to all students and additional services to those who have been identified with specific needs. Services provided to all students include lunch, bus transportation, and after school care and clubs.</p> <p>The following services are available on campus for those students that qualify: Special Education, 504 services, Speech, Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy, Visually Impaired (VI), English Language Learners (ELL). To learn more, please reach out to your students' teacher.</p> <p>Rethink Education Resources for Parents and Guardians</p>
<p>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<p>We believe that parent involvement plays a crucial role in fostering a positive and supportive educational environment for our students. Your participation not only enhances your child's learning experience but also strengthens the school community as a whole. Here are some exciting ways you can get involved at your child's school:</p> <p>Parent-Teacher Association (PTO): Join our dynamic PTO community, where parents and teachers collaborate to create enriching experiences for students. Participate in meetings, events, and fundraisers that contribute to the overall well-being of our school.</p>



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Volunteer Opportunities:

We welcome your assistance in various school activities and events. Whether it's helping out during field trips, organizing school functions, or contributing your skills in the classroom, your involvement is valued and appreciated.

College and Career Day Speaker:

Annually we host a College and Career Day where speakers from various colleges and professional backgrounds come into the school to share insights into their careers and collegiate experiences. We encourage as many parents as possible to be speakers for this event.

Classroom Support/Room Parent:

Collaborate with teachers to support classroom activities. From reading sessions to art projects, your presence can make a positive impact on your child's academic journey. All classroom support opportunities must first be approved by school administration.

Parent University Workshops:

Attend our informative workshops designed to address parenting challenges, support your child's academic success and learn about LCA's strategic areas of focus for school improvement and growth. These sessions provide valuable insights and resources to enhance your parenting skills and understanding of our school environment.

School Events and Celebrations:

Join us in celebrating special occasions (Grandparents Day Breakfast, Back to School Bash, EOY Pool Party, Family Fun Nights, Honors Assemblies, etc.) and achievements. Your active participation in school events creates a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere for our students.

LCA Board of Directors:

Contribute your ideas and perspectives by attending LCA Board of Directors meetings. .

Getting involved at your child's school is a rewarding experience that not only strengthens the bond between home and school but also positively impacts the overall educational journey. We look



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	<p>forward to welcoming you as valued members of our school community.</p> <p>For more information on how to get involved, please regularly check our website, look for the PTO Newsletter, or read the Weekly Parent Update from the school principal.</p>
<p>What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p>	<p>At Lakeside Charter Academy we emphasize a rigorous curriculum that aligns with our 3 pillars: scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. Our curriculum emphasizes mastery of the four major content areas: Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies, as well as an emphasis on development in the visual and musical arts, physical education, and technology. Please feel free to learn more about Our Curriculum here at Lakeside Charter Academy.</p> <p>In addition to these curricular resources, families are encouraged to discuss their individual child's needs with their instructor(s) as differentiation and recommendations can be made on a per student basis. Additionally, LCA offers a variety of books in our classroom libraries to help encourage students to learn more about their interests and to diversify their reading options.</p> <p>Given the technological demands of our current society and the need for our students to be technologically proficient and practice digital citizenship, we integrate technology into all of our classrooms. This includes 1:1 Chromebook usage in our upper elementary and middle school classrooms. Parents can learn more about our 1:1 technology program, its benefits, and how it supports our three pillars of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.</p>
<p>What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>Lakeside Charter Academy is a school of choice, so by applying to the lottery, families are committing to living the mission of the school which is:</p> <p><i>In partnership with parents, Lakeside Charter Academy will cultivate engaged learners through scholarship, leadership and citizenship.</i></p> <p>Families can learn more about the school's core mission, core values, accomplishments and school improvement plan by visiting our school website.</p>



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<p>What rights do students with disabilities have based on the law?</p>	<p>Section 504 defines a person with a disability as anyone who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working;2. has a record of such impairment; or3. is regarded as having such an impairment <p>For students that may require them to have specialized instruction due to suspected intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities, parents can learn more about LCA's Exceptional Children's (EC) department and resources by clicking HERE.</p>
<p>What is the contact information for the schools and district office?</p>	<p>Lakeside Charter Academy (k-8) 17609 Old Statesville Road Cornelius, NC 28031 704-896-9500</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>NC student required immunizations and the schedule of the recommended times to administer can be found by clicking the link below: https://immunization.dph.ncdhhs.gov/schools/k-12.htm</p> <p>LCA offers the following services to support student health and well being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● First Responders in each building (First Aid, CPR, and AED)● EpiPen in the Main Office● Collaborate with Mecklenburg County Health Department to stay up to date with community health issues and resources● Student educational instruction on personal hygiene● Personal hygiene, hand washing, oral care education● Case management of individual health care needs, including administering Individual Health



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- Care plans when necessary
- Open, approachable, confidential communication with families regarding health needs, medication management

If you have any questions regarding immunizations and/or health questions, please contact the Main Office.