




# Gates County Schools


## Parents' Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)





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

<p><b>What are the requirements for school enrollment?</b></p> 	<p><b>Requirements for enrollment into Gates County Schools can be found at:</b></p> <p>State admission requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">GS 115C-364.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Parent Information for Enrollment</a></li> </ul> <p>GCS enrollment policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Code: 4120 <a href="#">Domicile or Residence Requirements</a></li> <li>• Policy Code: 4130 <a href="#">Discretionary Admission</a></li> <li>• Policy Code: 4100 <a href="#">Age Requirements for Initial Entry</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</b></p>	<p><b>Immunizations resources can be found at:</b></p> <p>NC Department of Health and Human Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NCDHHS Requirement Resources</a></li> </ul> <p>GCS policy regarding immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Immunization and Health Requirements</a></li> </ul>  <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> <li>• Immunization requirements: <a href="#">GS 130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a> (see <a href="#">SL2023-134.pdf (ncleg.gov)</a>, Section 5.8(e) on page 64" for amendment)</li> </ul>


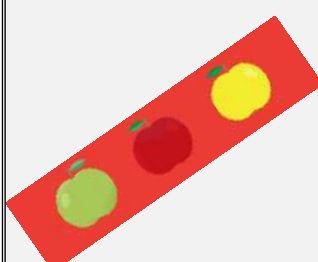
	<p>In addition, NC law requires that <a href="#">all students entering a NC public school for the first time receive a health assessment</a>.</p> <p>Health assessments should be documented on this <a href="#">NC Health Assessment form</a> and the form should be submitted upon enrollment.</p>
<p><b>What is my child learning at school?</b></p> <p><b>How can a parent review these materials?</b></p> 	<p>In North Carolina, all schools use the 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: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards</a></p> <p>There are standards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Education,</li> <li>• Career Technical Education,</li> <li>• Computer Science,</li> <li>• English Language Arts,</li> <li>• English Language Development,</li> <li>• Student Success Standards,</li> <li>• Healthful Living,</li> <li>• Information and Technology,</li> <li>• Mathematics,</li> <li>• Science,</li> <li>• Social Studies, and</li> <li>• World Language.</li> </ul> <p>Local districts, schools and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, supplementary materials, books, etc.</p> <p>The following policies provide guidance on parents' right to review instructional materials:</p> <p><a href="#">Policy Code 3200: Selection of Instructional Materials</a></p>


	<p><a href="#">Policy Code 3210: Parent Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials</a></p>
<p><b>What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?</b></p>	<p>NCDPI Licensure Verification: Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NCDPI Online Licensure System</a></li> </ul> <p>Please contact the office of Human Resources at 252-357-1113 with any questions you may have regarding an educator's licensure status.</p>
<p><b>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</b></p> 	<p>Gates County Schools will introduce a new student information system, NCSIS powered by Infinite Campus, starting with the 2024-25 school year. This new system will replace the legacy system, PowerSchool, and serve as a one-stop-shop for grades, attendance, assignments, and other crucial school information. More information will be provided soon.</p> <p>If you have questions feel free to reach out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Lauren Hargett, District Data Manager, Elementary Schools (<a href="mailto:hargettln@gatescountyschools.net">hargettln@gatescountyschools.net</a>)</li> <li>-Kristen Ward, District Data Manager, Central Middle School (<a href="mailto:wardka@gatescountyschools.net">wardka@gatescountyschools.net</a>)</li> <li>-Renoldo Windham, District Data Manager, Gates County High School (<a href="mailto:windhamrm@gatescountyschools.net">windhamrm@gatescountyschools.net</a>)</li> <li>-Lola Rountree, Director, (<a href="mailto:routreeln@gatescountyschools.net">routreeln@gatescountyschools.net</a>)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>NCSIS Infinite Campus</b> information can be found at: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/home-base/ncsis-powered-infinite-campus">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/home-base/ncsis-powered-infinite-campus</a></p>
<p><b>How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</b></p>	<p>Information regarding GCS promotion standards can be found at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Policy Code: 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Regulation Code: 3420-R Promotion/Retention of Students</a></li> </ul> <p>Information regarding graduation requirements are at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Policy Code: 3460 Graduation Requirements</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?</b></p> 	<p>NCDPI's Parents Corner provided information to help you child learn and make progress. You can access the information at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/parents-corner">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/parents-corner</a></p> <p>Or by accessing the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Early Learning Info for Families</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Literacy at Home</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for Families</a></li> </ul> <p>Other information:</p> <p>Using Questions: <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/rethink-education-how-you-can-use-questions-support-your-childs-learning-guide/download?attachment">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/rethink-education-how-you-can-use-questions-support-your-childs-learning-guide/download?attachment</a></p>

<p><b>How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</b></p>	<p>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 at:</p> <p><a href="#">NC Portrait of a Graduate</a></p>
<p><b>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</b></p> 	<p><b>Phone:</b> Parents/Guardians can contact Gates County Schools by calling the central office or any of the schools (numbers provided at the end of this document).</p> <p><b>Email</b> is an excellent communication tool. Staff emails are provided on the district and school websites. Websites are accessible at the GCS district website: <a href="https://coserver.gates.k12.nc.us/">https://coserver.gates.k12.nc.us/</a></p> <p><b>Infinite Campus</b> is the new student information system. Parent access to the Infinite Campus parent portal will be posted soon.</p> <p>Information regarding the appropriate use of technology platforms can be located at the following:  <a href="#">Policy Code: 3225 Responsible Technology Use</a></p> <p>Gates County Schools has developed a policy that encourages effective communication between schools and parents. <a href="#">Policy Code: 1310/4002 Parental Involvement</a></p> <p>The following are NCDPI developed parent guides (<a href="#">NC Rethink Education Program</a>) that provide suggestions for building strong relationships with your child's teacher and supporting communication between home and school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Building Strong Relationships with Your Child's Teacher</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How You Can Use Questions to Support Your Child's Learning</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>What services are available for parents and their children?</b></p>	<p>Each of the schools provides access and information regarding available services for parents and their children. Please contact your child's teacher, guidance counselor or administrator for more information.</p> <p><b>Free Online Tutoring</b> at:</p> <p><a href="#">Khan Academy Math K-8</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">Khan Academy Kids (Ages 2-7)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Khan Academy Kids (Ages 8-99)</a></p> <p><b>Remediation, Tutoring, Literacy Services &amp; After-School Programs:</b></p> <p>Each school provides support for student learning through remediation, tutoring, literacy support and after school activities. Each school communicates with parents of the availability of programs and offerings throughout the school year. Please contact the school principal, school guidance counselor or your child's teacher for more information.</p> <p><b>College Planning:</b></p> <p>School Guidance Counselors are available to offer students the opportunity to plan their college path.</p> <p><b>Academic Advisement:</b></p> <p>School Guidance counselors provide assistance and support to students in three main areas: academic, career, and personal/social.</p>
<p><b>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</b></p>	<p>Gates County Schools provides opportunities for parental engagement in their child's education. Parent Engagement Opportunities include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Code 5010: <a href="#">Parent Organizations</a></li> <li>• Policy Code 5015: <a href="#">School Volunteers</a></li> <li>• Policy Code 1310/4002: <a href="#">Parental Involvement</a></li> <li>• Policy Code 1320/3560: <a href="#">Title I Parent and Family Engagement</a></li> </ul> <p>Please contact your school's principal for more information.</p>

<p><b>What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child?</b></p> <p><b>How can I learn more about them?</b></p>	<p>Gates County Schools provides a number of rigorous academic programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career and Technical Education (CTE)</li> <li>• Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG)</li> <li>• Honors Level Courses</li> <li>• Advanced Placement (AP) Courses</li> <li>• Dual Enrollment Courses</li> <li>• Opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree</li> </ul>  <p>Please contact your child's school administrator or school guidance counselor for more detailed information.</p>
<p><b>What school choices are available for my child?</b></p> 	<p>Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on a local assignment plan approved by the Board of Education.</p> <p><a href="#">Policy Code: 4150 School Assignment</a></p> <p>There are also alternative school choices that vary by location. Information can be obtained at the link below:</p> <p><a href="#">Alternative School Choices</a></p> <p><b>Charter Schools:</b> If you are interested in NC charter schools, visit <a href="#">NC charter school</a> for information, resources, and contacts.</p> <p><b>Nonpublic Education and Scholarship Grants</b></p> <p>Nonpublic education is overseen by the <a href="#">NC Department of Administration</a>.</p> <p>For a list of private schools, visit this <a href="#">NC Private Schools</a>.</p>

	<p>For information on how to start a homeschool visit: <a href="#">Homeschool Information</a></p> <p>Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via the <a href="#">NC State Education Assistance Authority</a>.</p>
<p><b>What rights do students with disabilities have based on the law?</b></p>	<p>Students with disabilities develop mentally, physically, emotionally, and vocationally through the provision of an appropriate individualized education in the least restrictive environment.</p> <p><a href="#">Students with Disabilities</a> – Information provided by NC DPI.</p> <p>GCS has a policy regarding the rights of students with disabilities:</p> <p><a href="#">Policy Code: 3520 Special Education Programs/Rights of Students with Disabilities</a></p>
<p><b>What are some resources to support my child's health and wellbeing?</b></p>	<p>GCS offers the following information and resources to support your child: <a href="#">Policy Code: 6140 Student Wellness</a></p> <p>For additional resources available to support student mental health, please contact your child's school counselor for more information.</p> <p>Parents may also contact the School Nurse or the School Guidance Counselor with questions regarding the health and wellbeing your child.</p>
<p><b>What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?</b></p>	<p><b>Student Wellness Immunization requirements:</b></p> <p><a href="#">NCDHHS Immunization Information</a></p> 





**What is the contact information for the schools and district office?**

**Central Office – 252-357-1113**

**Gates County High School – 252-357-0720**

**Central Middle School – 252-357-0470**

**T.S. Cooper Elementary School – 252-465-4091**

**Gatesville Elementary School – 252-357-0613**

**Buckland Elementary School – 252-357-1611**

