

Parent's Guide to Student Achievement

Based on Parent's Bill of Rights – SB 49; Session Law 2023-106

<p>How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</p> <p>How can my child be enrolled at Shining Rock Classical Academy?</p>	<p>The following are the relevant State and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level. Please see the state statute, paying close attention to pages 15-28 regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency – Grade Level Promotion</p> <p>Information about the Shining Rock Classical Academy promotion and retention procedures are available here. See Policy 4415 regarding attendance. See the procedure here explaining promotion and retention standards as well as the appeals process. Graduation Requirements can be found here.</p> <p>Middle and high school students may be required to do credit recovery if too many days have been missed. This can be found in the above attendance policy.</p>
<p>What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?</p>	<p>In North Carolina, every school follows a uniform Standard Course of Study established by the State Board of Education. These guidelines outline the knowledge and skills that students are expected to grasp by the conclusion of each grade or course.</p> <p>The NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website contains the standards for various subjects, such as Arts Education, Career Technical Education, Computer Science, English Language Arts, English Language Development, Student Success Standards, Healthful Living, Information and Technology, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Language. Local districts, schools, and teachers have the autonomy to decide the instructional methods for these standards, including curriculum, supplementary materials, books, and other resources.</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u></p> <p>K-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Math - enVision Mathematics● K-2 Reader Development Program - UFLI Foundations● Social Studies & Science - Core Knowledge <p>6-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Math - Open Up Resources NC● Social Studies - <p>9-12</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math - Open Up Resources NC <p><u>Instructional Materials</u> Material Request Form to inquire about examining textbooks and additional teaching materials. In some instances, physical or digital versions of specific supplementary instructional materials could be made available for examination at home. However, for most copyrighted materials, access for inspection may be limited to in-person viewing. Please see Policy 1450 for additional information.</p> <p><u>Career and Technical Education (CTE)</u> Shining Rock Classical Academy provides courses in Career and Technical Education (CTE), enabling students to delve into career exploration and obtain credentials. Information on CTE Career Clusters, Pathways, Course Details, Credentials, and Course Standards can be accessed through this link.</p> <p>Shining Rock Classical Academy high school students have the option to enroll in CTE courses at our high school campus as well as Haywood Community College.</p>
<p>How will a parent learn about my child's progress in school or with a class?</p>	<p>Shining Rock Classical Academy communicates students' progress through various channels, including quarterly report cards, progress reports, and feedback on assignments/tests, including conduct evaluations.</p> <p><u>Local Assessments</u> Quarterly report cards detailing grades and attendance are distributed, with specific quarter-end dates outlined in the school calendar. Parents can access attendance, grades, and testing information through the Infinite Campus parent portal using their login credentials. For assistance with Infinite Campus access, parents can contact the school data manager.</p> <p><u>State Assessments</u> In North Carolina, students undergo end-of-grade assessments in reading and math in grades 3-8, with science assessments in grades 5 and 8. High school students take end-of-course assessments in English II, Biology, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3. Grade 10 students take the Pre-ACT, grade 11 students take the ACT, and grade 12 CTE Concentrators take ACT WorkKeys, with results shared by ACT.</p> <p>K-3 students are assessed using the mCLASS DIBELS® 8th Edition, a literacy assessment. mCLASS results are included with the report card three times a year corresponding with the first, second and fourth quarters.</p>

<p>What are the qualifications of my child's teachers?</p>	<p>NCDPI Licensure Verification: Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at this website link to the licensure website.</p> <p>Licensure information can also be requested from the Title 1 Coordinator regarding your teachers licensure status.</p>
<p>What are the requirements for school enrollment?</p> <p>What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p>	<p>In order to be enrolled in SRCA, students must first be entered into open enrollment and get selected through a lottery process. Once a student is enrolled in SRCA, they do not have to enroll again, unless they withdraw, and later decide to come back. If this occurs, they must follow the already mentioned process. SRCA's enrollment policy can be found here – Policy 4000.</p> <p>Documents needed for enrollment (once accepted through the lottery):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrollment packet of information ● Copy of birth certificate ● North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form ● Immunization records <p>The following are statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immunization records: GS 130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov) ● Immunization requirements: GS 130A-152 (this law was amended but is not reflected on the current page; see SL2023-134 (ncleg.gov), section 5.8 (e) on page 64. <p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade immunization requirements ● North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form <p>If there are any issues with records that SRCA currently has or needs, the School Nurse will be in contact.</p>
<p>How can a parent help their child learn and make progress?</p>	<p>Active involvement in your child's education is crucial for their learning journey. Regularly ask your child about their school day, discussing the topics and assignments they are currently working on.</p> <p>Connect with their teachers to gain insights into your child's progress and inquire about ways to support their</p>

	<p>learning. Attend various school events to stay connected and learn more about how to assist your child. There are school events held quarterly where parent involvement is encouraged.</p> <p>Create a dedicated space at home for homework and studying, if possible, and encourage a reading culture by modeling reading behavior. Discuss your child's progress and efforts, being an engaged participant in their education. Maintain open communication with your child's teacher and keep a diverse range of books at home to encourage reading at different levels. A routine is also very helpful for students. Have a regular after school routine that will encourage students to complete their homework and 20 minutes of reading daily. A bedtime and morning routine are also encouraged to help make sure students are rested and to school on time each day.</p> <p>Utilize local resources such as homework assistance and refer to parent guides for academic standards. These guides provide information to help parents understand the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and offer practical strategies for implementation at home.</p> <p><u>Resources to use at home</u></p> <p>Math -</p> <p>Open Up Resources - Grades 6-8</p> <p>Open Up Resources - Grades 9-12</p> <p>IXL</p> <p>SplashLearn</p> <p>Math Fact Lab</p> <p>Khan Academy</p> <p>Zearn</p> <p>Reading -</p> <p>IXL</p> <p>SplashLearn</p> <p>epic!</p> <p>ReadWorks</p> <p>Khan Academy</p> <p>Zearn</p>
How can a parent help their child	At Shining Rock Classical Academy, we are committed to fostering an environment grounded in six core

<p>develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>values: Respect, Responsibility, Leadership, Wisdom, Compassion, and Integrity. Respect forms the cornerstone of our Shining Rock community, ensuring that every individual is valued and heard. Responsibility is instilled in our students, encouraging them to take ownership of their actions and contribute positively to society. Leadership is nurtured through opportunities that empower students to inspire and guide others. Wisdom is cultivated by promoting critical thinking and a lifelong love of learning. Compassion is at the heart of our interactions, teaching students to empathize and support one another. Lastly, Integrity is the foundation of our ethical standards, guiding students to be honest and principled in all their endeavors. Together, these values help develop good citizens who are able to thrive at school and in the community.</p> <p>Parents can play a crucial role in instilling core values such as Respect, Responsibility, Leadership, Wisdom, Compassion, and Integrity at home. To foster Respect, parents can model and encourage polite behavior, active listening, and appreciation for others' differences. Responsibility can be taught by assigning age-appropriate chores and holding children accountable for their actions. Leadership skills can be developed by encouraging children to take initiative in family activities and community service projects. Wisdom can be nurtured by promoting critical thinking and a love of learning through reading and educational discussions. Compassion can be instilled by teaching empathy, encouraging acts of kindness, and discussing the importance of helping others. Finally, Integrity can be reinforced by setting a good example, discussing ethical dilemmas, and praising honesty. By integrating these practices into daily life, parents can effectively instill these values in their children.</p>
<p>How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Shining Rock Classical Academy utilizes Parent Square as the main service to disseminate crucial information to parents. Information may come through as a phone call, post to a classroom or a text message.</p> <p>Parents are required to download the Parent Square App in order to stay informed with up to date school messages. There will be parent teacher conferences in which we encourage parental participation. Student Led Conferences are also special days in which your student is going to be able to showcase their learning. It is important that you pay attention to what the students are saying and ask the questions to glean all information from the students about their learning.</p> <p>It will also be important that parents pay attention to the agenda books that come home in grades 2-8. This will require that students write assignments down daily, caregivers check and sign them nightly, and teachers check each morning that it has been seen by a guardian. This is also a place for parents to communicate notes to the teacher.</p>

	<p>Parents/guardians can access information about attendance, grades, and testing through the parent portal on Infinite Campus. Contact the school Data Manager for assistance in this area.</p> <p>SRCA has developed a policy promoting effective communication between schools and parents, outlined in the Parental Involvement Policy and the Parent/Teacher/Student/Admin Compact sent home at the beginning of the year.</p>
<p>What services are available for parents and their children?</p>	<p>Family Literacy Services: Literacy at Home: The Digital Children’s Reading Initiative, developed by NCDPI, presents literacy activities tailored to each grade level, spanning from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.</p>
<p>What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<p>Shining Rock Classical Academy welcomes and encourages parental involvement in the school, as well as in their child’s education. You can see more about this in our Parental involvement policy as well as the parent, teacher, student compact signed at the beginning of the year. This can be found in the BOY documents on our Parent Bill of Rights page.</p> <p>SRCA’s Title 1 Director is responsible for planning and implementing parent nights throughout the year. These vary in theme, but are always informative and a great way for parents to engage with their child, and the school.</p> <p>SRCA has a Parent/Teacher Organization called NEST. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the school and volunteer at events and day to day as needed.</p>
<p>What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p>	<p>Shining Rock Classical Academy offers a variety of options for students to pursue their interests, skills at their academic level.</p> <p><u>CTE:</u> NC has made a significant investment in developing students and programs to meet the needs of the future workforce. Through Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, Public Schools offer opportunities for students to develop career awareness in 5th grade, explore careers in grades 6-8, and experience leadership, career development, and career-aligned content in grades 9-12.</p> <p>Shining Rock Classical Academy high school students have the option to enroll in CTE courses at our high</p>

school campus as well as Haywood Community College.

At SRCA, these are the following programs available that are more rigorous and challenging than the standard content for students:

Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) :

In NC, school districts must identify and serve academically or intellectually gifted (AIG) K-12 students. These are students who are performing, or have the potential of performing, at high levels of accomplishment in intellectual and/or specific academic areas, such as reading and/or math when compared with other students of their age, or in their grade level, experience, or environment.

You can find more information about SRCA's AIG program at this [link](#).

Honors Level Courses:

At Shining Rock Classical Academy, students have access to a variety of honors level courses in 8th grade and high school. Honors level courses typically have a faster pace and are more rigorous and complex than standard level courses.

Career and College Promise (CCP):

Shining Rock Classical Academy offers dual enrollment opportunities through the CCP program. If your high school student qualifies, they may earn high school credit by completing coursework at Haywood Community College.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program developed by the College Board to offer college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.

Colleges and universities may likely offer college credit for these courses if your child scores a 3 or above on the exam. All of the colleges in the UNC System offer credit. More information is available on the [NCDPI AP website](#).

Shining Rock Classical Academy offers AP courses in grades 9-12.

	<p>NCVPS: North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) is NC’s state supplemental program and leader in online education, providing inclusive learning opportunities for students across the state. Founded in 2007, with a strong commitment to ensuring quality education for all students, regardless of location, NCVPS has over 16 years of experience serving diverse learners.</p> <p>Shining Rock Classical Academy high school students have the option to enroll in NCVPS courses.</p> <p>NCSSM: North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM) is an innovative and collaborative leader in secondary STEM education.</p> <p>Shining Rock Classical Academy 11th and 12th grade high school students have the option to dual enroll in a course at SRCA and NCSSM. This means the course will appear both on the NCSSM transcript and as an honors-level course on the SRCA transcript.</p> <p>Governor’s School: Each summer, NC Governor’s School offers a unique opportunity for high-achieving rising juniors and seniors to learn with their peers from across the state in a 4-week residential program at two college campus sites. For more information on eligibility and the application process, contact your school counselor or visit the Governor's School website, www.ncgovschool.org.</p>
<p>What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>Shining Rock Classical Academy is a Public Charter school. 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 assessment and accountability system. SRCA is the only charter school in Haywood County.</p> <p>Students at SRCA have the opportunity to take classes at Haywood Community College as well as the NC School of Science and Math once they are in High School.</p> <p>There are other opportunities in the county that are not involved or affiliated with SRCA. The local school</p>

	<p>** SRCA is its own district so there is not a separate contact for that</p>
<p>What are some resources to support my child’s health and wellbeing?</p> <p>What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?</p>	<p>SRCA has a school nurse on site each day to help take care of any medical needs that are pre-existing or that may arise. You can contact the School Nurse at any time through Parent Square, email, or calling 828-476-5150. You can also contact the NC Department of Health and Human Services for other general healthcare information.</p> <p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health Assessments <p>Immunization information:</p> <p>In compliance with North Carolina law (General Statute 130A-152-157), parents/guardians must present certification of the required immunizations at the age required by law on or before the first day a student enters school. Any religious exemptions must be presented in writing to the school. Medical exemptions must be completed by a physician and state the basis for the exemption. See policy 4100 for SRCA’s health and immunization policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggested Immunization schedule from CDC ● K-12 School Requirements <p>COVID-19 CDC recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get an updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine. To help protect babies younger 6 months from hospitalization due to COVID-19, pregnant people can receive a COVID-19 vaccine at any time during pregnancy. Staying home when sick can help reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19.</p> <p>Human Papillomavirus (HPV) CDC recommends HPV vaccination for children at ages 11 or 12 years to protect against HPV infections that can cause some cancers later in life. The HPV vaccine is a series of 2-3 doses.</p> <p>Influenza is a virus spread from infected persons to the nose or throat of another. Influenza can cause fever, sore throat, chills, coughs, headache, and muscle aches. A yearly vaccination is available. This vaccine is</p>

typically offered in school as a choice, if parents wish for their child to be vaccinated.

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria. It is an infection of the brain and spinal cord coverings and can cause blood infections. The vaccine for this is required for individuals entering 7th grade or by the age of 12, whichever comes first.

Tdap is a booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is required for individuals who have not previously received it and are entering the seventh grade or by 12 years of age, whichever comes first.

For more information on vaccines please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/vaccines-diseases.html>

Short-Term Counseling Services

Every SRCA student has access to small group or individual counseling services to address issues impacting them in the school environment. Contact the school counselor, or social worker to inquire about short-term services.

School Based Mental Health Services

SRCA has a [mental health plan](#) and [policy \(9600\)](#) that is followed. There is no mental health therapy offered by the school, however, a hired specialist or therapist can come into the school to meet with individual students during scheduled times. If a child is in crisis, SRCA will call the [Appalachian Community Services Mobile Crisis](#) unit to come to the school and do an evaluation.