



Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA) **Based on Parents' Bill of Rights - SB 49; Session Law 2023-106**

Island Montessori School aims to provide parents and guardians with access to information on student achievement through the school's Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA).

<p>1a) How can my child be promoted to the next grade level?</p>	<p>The following are the relevant State and local requirements for a child to be promoted to the next grade level. The relevant part of this link is found in <u>Part 1A (pp. 15-28)</u> regarding retention, promotion, alternatives to show reading proficiency, etc. N.C. Grade Level Promotion Guide.</p> <p>For information about Island Montessori's' transition/retention procedures, please refer to the family/student handbook which can be accessed by clicking here or on the school website.</p>
<p>1b) What is my child learning at school? How can a parent review these materials?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The following standards can be found on the website below: 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. NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website</p> <p>Island Montessori School provides instruction through a delicate balance of state standards and Montessori albums. Our teachers work to create scope and sequences that help build</p>



	<p>a three-year cycle to prepare students for the next plane of development. More information on the three-year cycle, transition guides, and montessori albums can be found on our school website linked here.</p> <p>HEALTHFUL LIVING: Reproductive Health and Safety</p> <p>For more information see Policy 6100 Goals of Student Health Services and Policy 6140 Student Wellness. IMS is committed to a sound school health program that provides students with accurate information and encourages them to be responsible for their own health and behavior. The school recognizes the primary role of parents/guardians in providing for the health and well-being of their children and seeks to involve parents/guardians in the schools. The school health education program provided by the school will meet all requirements established by state and federal law. The school health education program will meet all objectives in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study adopted by the State Board of Education.</p> <p>The school health education program will be taught to students from grades K-8. In grades 6-8, students are taught Reproductive Health and Safety (Family Life Education). Each year the school will communicate with parents/guardians prior to beginning the Reproductive Health and Safety Unit. All parents/guardians have the right to “opt out” of this unit. If you choose to exclude your child, you must do so in writing to the principal and teacher, stating you do not want your child to participate. Alternate assignments will be given.</p>
<p>1c) How will a parent learn about my child’s progress in school or with a class?</p>	<p>Island Montessori shares progress of students through a variety of ways. Progress reports on a semester basis are sent to parents in order to communicate student academic and social/emotional strengths and any areas for improvement. Between these progress reports (first 9 weeks and third nine weeks) teachers will offer a conference for in-person communication about current areas of strength and areas for improvement. If more</p>

	<p>frequent meetings are needed, those can be requested by the staff or the family.</p> <p>State Assessments: Individual Student Reports for end-of-grade/course tests and other state assessments (English language proficiency assessment) are sent home with end of year progress reports. All NC students take end-of-grade assessments for reading and math in grades 3-8. Students take end-of-grade science assessments in grades 5 and 8. Students enrolled in Math I or another NCVPS course will take the end-of-course assessment as required by the course.</p> <p>Bench Mark Assessments: Island Montessori participates in benchmark assessments as part of the MTSS process and Child Find regulations. Students K-8 participate in NWEA MAP testing three times a year for reading and math. These assessments help drive teacher instruction by identifying gaps in learning and areas of strength. Scores are shared at conferences as well as sent home with end of year progress reports.</p> <p>North Carolina’s Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) selected mCLASS DIBELS[®] 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, and progress monitoring.</p>
<p>1d) What are the qualifications of my child’s teachers?</p>	<p>Parents may look up your child’s teacher licensure status at this website Link to the licensure website.</p> <p>The licensure look up webpage does not include current employment information. Parents</p>



	<p>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.</p> <p>Please contact our Head of School at 910-795-4860 to verify an educator’s licensure status.</p>
<p>1e) What are the requirements for school enrollment? What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?</p>	<p>The following are the North Carolina statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admission requirements: GS 115C-364.pdf (ncleg.gov) - Immunization records: GS 130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov) - Immunization requirements: GS 130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov) NC GS 130 A-152 graphic (*this law was amended but is not reflected on the current GA page; see SL2023-134.pdf (ncleg.gov), Section 5.8(e) on page 64”) <p>Island Montessori Enrollment information can be found in the family/student handbook which is located on our school website or by clicking here.</p> <p>Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). NCDHHS Immunizations Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expected Immunization Schedules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements - Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements
<p>2a) 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 your child’s school to stay connected and learn how to support them.

IMS Resources:

[AVID](#) member of IMS

IMS [Curriculum](#) Information

IMS [Parent](#) website section

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.

Parent Guides for [ELA](#)

Parent Guide for [ELD](#)

Math Parent Guides: [K-5](#), [6-8](#)

[Social Studies Parent Guides](#)

[Science Parent Guides](#)

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](#)

	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Phonemic awareness (2) Phonics (3) Vocabulary (4) Fluency (5) Comprehension (6) Oral language <p>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>Insert contact name and contact information</i>). DCRI Printables for Families</p>
<p>2b) How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?</p>	<p>Island Montessori embeds social skills, respect and citizenship into the curriculum on a daily basis supporting the development of the whole child. This is done in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grace and Courtesy Lessons -PEACE Standards -Service Learning -Whole School Events -Classroom Community meetings <p>Parents can help by understanding and modeling the standards set at school. More information can be found on our school website, handbooks, and by contacting our School Counselor or your child’s classroom teacher.</p>
<p>2c)) How can a parent strengthen communication with the school/teacher?</p>	<p>Communication with parents and families is very important to us. Our communication plan is sited in the Family/student handbook as well as on our school website. It can be accessed here.</p>

	<p>Additionally, Island Montessori uses the following platforms for communication between home/school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekly Snapshots ○ Teacher Newsletters ○ Mass emails/texts/phone calls - Infinite Campus ○ Facebook (www.facebook.com/IslandMontessori) ○ Instagram (www.instagram.com/islandmontessoricharter) <p>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.</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>3) What services are available for parents and their children?</p>	<p>Island Montessori aims to build a connection from home to school and back again. Parent/Guardian involvement is a key component to those connections.</p> <p>Coffee and Connections - Opportunities for families to come together, learn more about Montessori Curriculum and connect with each other.</p> <p>MTSS team works to support students who are showing to be at-risk academically or behaviorally. Frequent communication with families is a part of the interventions put into</p>



	<p>place to support the growth of each child needing that level of service.</p>
<p>4) What are opportunities for parents to participate with school?</p>	<p>AVID</p> <p>FSA</p> <p>Family Engagement Plan</p> <p>Events Calendar</p>
<p>5. What are the rigorous academic programs available to my child? How can I learn more about them?</p>	<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. Students are allowed to enroll in NCVPS course in 8th grade for Math I if the student qualifies based on a multi-data point criteria.</p>
<p>6) What school choices are available for my child?</p>	<p>Island Montessori Charter School is a non-profit school of choice. IMS operates separately from any county school system; with its own board of directors, enrollment period, and lottery system. Island Montessori reports directly to the state of NC. There are no admission tests or enrollment/admission fees. There is the requirement that the student/family must reside in the state of NC and provide transportation to and from</p>

	<p>school each day.</p> <p>County School Enrollment: Enrollment in a county school is based on where a family resides within the county. County schools offer speciality programs at each high school that students can apply for regardless of where they reside within the county.</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>7) What rights do student 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Rights ● Parent Rights (Spanish) ● School website <p>If your child has a disability, or you suspect that he/she may have a disability, please contact the EC Coordinator at 910-795-4860.</p>
<p>8) What is the contact information</p>	<p>Parents and guardians may contact Island Montessori School at (910) 795-4860 or</p>



for the schools and district office?	hello@im.school School website
9) What are some resources to support my child's health and wellbeing? What immunizations are required and when should they be scheduled?	Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Immunizations Health Assessment Annual Health Assessment and Immunization Compliance Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expected Immunization Schedules<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements- Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirement Information about Influenza , Meningococcal disease , and HPV are accessible at the embedded links.