

Georgia Cyber Academy Governing Board

Attendance Policy

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The Board of GCA adopts the following policy, effective on the date of adoption by the Board.

Cumulative Number of Days and Hours Attendance Requirements

Per SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.02, Georgia Cyber Academy students must participate in school learning activities for a minimum of 180 days per school year.

Per SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.02, the minimum number of hours required per school day are as follow:

Kindergarten	4.5 hours per day
1 st through 3 rd grade	4.5 hours per day
4 th through 5 th grade	5.0 hours per day
6 th through 12 th grade	5.5 hours per day

For Kindergarten through 8th grade, time does include Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, Foreign Language, Art, PE, Music, Health, and other Elective courses, as well as, support activities such as tutoring, state testing, and Academic Support Services (per IEP). Time may also include Educational Field Trips, Testing, Counseling, Health Screenings, and extended learning time activities, however additional attendance guidelines for these activities may be outlined in the GCA District Handbook. Also, school sponsored non-instructional activities may count toward attendance hours. Additionally, 30 cumulative health hours and 60 cumulative PE hours are required per year.

For High School, time includes all courses on the approved course list as defined in State Board Rules 160-4-2-.03 and 160-4-2-.20 shall be counted as instructional time (Note: All GCA courses are on the approved course list). In addition, Educational Field Trips, Testing, Counseling, Health Screenings, Academic Support Services (per IEP), and extended learning time activities may be included, however additional attendance guidelines for these activities may be outlined in the GCA District Handbook. Also, school sponsored non-instructional activities may count toward attendance hours.

NOTE: Attendance hours must be logged in a timely manner in accordance with GCA procedure and guidelines. Failure to follow attendance logging procedures may result in withdrawal from GCA.

This policy may be amended at any time in order to align with federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and policies.

Resource Document Links:

<http://archives.doe.k12.ga.us/DMGetDocument.aspx/180%20school%20days%20and%20number%20of%20hours%20v2.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F6DD5D156891328E659C3C5FA7A3069FA875C2D1A494E5994C&Type=D>

[www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE Rules/160-5-1-.02.pdf](http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-5-1-.02.pdf)