



2019-2020 Parent Advisory Council Plan & Application

Purpose:

The purpose of the Georgia Cyber Academy (GCA) Parent Advisory Council is for parents to be able to provide input on policies, projects, and plans that impact students and their families. Advisory Council members are particularly focused on how to increase parent and family engagement to ensure student academic success. Members serve as advisors and meet with District Administration, School Principals, and the Family Engagement Coordinators several times throughout the school year.

The goal of the GCA Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to ensure effective involvement of parents and to form a partnership with GCA, parents, and the community with a focus on improving student academic achievement.

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Members:

The Parent Advisory Council will be comprised of 27 GCA parents and will include:

- GCA Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Board Members
- Parents of students in grades K-2
- Parents of students in grades 3-5
- Parents of students in grades 6-8
- Parents of students in grades 9-10
- Parents of students in grades 11-12
- Parents of students receiving Special Education (SE) services
- Parents of students receiving Advanced Learner Program (ALP) services
- Parents of English Learner (EL) students

****Members have a maximum term of two years.****

Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have been a GCA parent for a total of at least 1 year by June 2019
- Must complete the Application by August 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Must be willing and able to participate in GCA Parent Advisory Council Meetings.

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Meetings:

The GCA Parent Advisory Council will meet seven times each year (August, September, October, January, March, April and May)

Six of the seven meetings can be held virtually. At least one meeting face-to-face will be held face to face at the GCA Office, 1745 Phoenix Blvd., Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia.

Meeting Schedule (dates and times to be determined):

- August Focus (For new PAC members):
 - Onboarding New Parent Advisory Members
 - Parent Advisory Council Expectations and Responsibilities
- September Focus:
 - New Platform Experience
 - PAC Mission and Goal 19-20
 - Collaborating with PTSO
- October Focus:
 - Strategies for Effective School-Parent Partnerships
- January Focus:
 - Review and Provide Benchmark Feedback for School Year 2019-2020
- March Focus:
 - Review feedback of District and Schoolwide Plans
- April Focus:
 - Title I Annual Survey
- May Focus:
 - School Year 2019-2020 recap
 - Ideas and suggestions for School Year 2020-2021



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I am interested in being considered for one of the twenty-seven parent representative positions on Georgia Cyber Academy's Parent Advisory Council for the school year 2019-2020.

I understand that this form must be emailed to vokpani@georgiacyber.org by Friday, August 16th at 5:00 pm, and that I will be informed by Wednesday, August 21st whether or not I have been selected for a position on the council.

Please select all of the following that apply to your students enrolled at GCA:

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-10
- Grades 11-12
- Special Education (SE)
- Advanced Learner Program (ALP)
- English Learner (EL)
- GCA Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Board Member

Parent Name: _____

Student names and grades:

Why would you like to join the GCA Parent Advisory Council?

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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