

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA) HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NURSING POLICY

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

1. Policy: GCA Health, Safety and Nursing Policy
2. Policy Statement: The school will implement the policy and procedures to meet requirements of:
 - References:
 - O.C.G.A. 20-2-772.2 (School Health Nurse Programs)
 - O.C.G.A. 20-2-773 (Restrictions on Student Health Services)
3. Scope: This policy applies to all official GCA sponsored face to face events
 - Approval Authority: GCA School Board
 - Contact: Head of School
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2015
 - Review Date: Annually

Procedures:

- The school collects Form 3300 (Certificate of Vision, Hearing, and Dental) and Form 3231 (Certificate of Immunization) prior to enrollment. Students are referred to the public health department or their physician's office to meet Georgia Department of Human Services requirements.
- The school will collect a Health and Emergency Form for each student at state testing and events where a parent or legal guardian will not be present. Forms will include student medical history, medical insurance information, emergency contact and primary doctor name/contact information.
- A school staff member certified in CPR will be present to perform emergency basic lifesaving skills at each official in-person event.
- A basic first aid kit will be on site to address minor scrapes and bruises.
- The school will identify the closest local emergency service and closest defibrillator for each official school event
- The school staff will be trained as to how to deal with health emergencies at school events, including when to call 911 as needed.
- Subject to the approval by the Board, services to students under this policy may be provided through contracts or agreements with the Health Department or with private health facilities or agencies. As deemed necessary or appropriate.

All employees performing services under this policy shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in Official Code of Georgia §20-2-773, specifically, none of the following health services shall be provided to public school students pursuant to this policy:

- (1) Distribution of contraceptives;
- (2) Performance of abortions;
- (3) Referrals for abortion;
- (4) Dispensing of abortifacients.

In accordance with State Board of Education Rule 160-4-8.18 and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-779. Georgia Cyber Academy ensures that at least two school employees are trained in accordance with *Guidelines of the Care Needed for Students with Diabetes* published by the Georgia Department of Education. Training will be provided by a licensed nurse and ongoing training and monitoring will be provided as required. Any student requiring treatment or diabetes management at in person events, specifically during state testing shall be required to submit a Diabetes Management Plan completed by the student's physician or healthcare provider.