Georgia Cyber Academy Governing Board
Compliance Policy

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

Compliance Policy

For purposes of this policy, compliance includes more than meeting attendance requirements. Students are expected to log into school each instructional day, attend all required live class sessions, and complete assignments and other instructional activities assigned by their teachers. Compliance is determined through a combination of daily school participation, required class attendance, assignment completion, and adherence to all applicable academic expectations outlined by GCA.

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 or the equivalent instructional time 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
1st through 3rd grade	4.5 hours per day
4th through 5th grade	5.0 hours per day
6th through 12th grade	5.5 hours per day

For Kindergarten through 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 small group instruction, tutoring, state testing, and support services. Attendance time may also include educational field trips, testing, counseling, and extended learning 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.

For 9th -12th grade, attendance time includes participation in GCA courses that are aligned with state -approved standards and included on the State-Funded List of Subjects and Courses.

. Instructional time may also include testing, counseling, academic support services, extended learning activities, small group instruction, educational field trips, and school-sponsored non-instructional activities. Additional guidelines are outlined in the GCA District Handbook.

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