

# Georgia Cyber Academy Governing Board

## Student Enrollment Policy

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

### Definitions

**Grade Level New Enrollment Cap** as used in this policy is defined as enrollment caps set by Board policy.

**Grade Level Total Enrollment Cap** as used in this policy is defined as enrollment caps set by Board policy.

### Student Enrollment Deadlines

Students that attended GCA in the prior year may re-enroll through the fourth week of school (28 calendar days beginning on the first day of school) provided that the grade level total student enrollment cap has not been reached prior to the enrollment deadline. GCA students enrolled in the prior year may have been waitlisted if they did not register during the open re-registration period. In this case, they would be eligible for enrollment only as their name is reached on the waitlist.

New students may be accepted and enrolled through the fourth week of school (28 calendar days beginning on the first day of school) provided that the grade level new enrollment percentage and/or total enrollment caps have not been reached prior to the enrollment deadline.

GCA Board, administration, faculty, and staff children may be newly enrolled in any grade K through 12 at any time during the school year, regardless of whether the grade level new enrollment or total student enrollment caps have been reached.

Siblings of existing students may be newly enrolled in any grade K through 12 at any time during the school year, regardless of whether the grade level new enrollment or total student enrollment caps have been reached.

In full compliance and spirit of the McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act, homeless students may be newly enrolled in any grade K through 12 at any time during the school year, regardless of whether the grade level new enrollment or total student enrollment caps have been reached.

### Grade Level New Student Enrollment Caps and Total Student Count

*Note: As many students were already enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year at the time this policy was adopted, it is understood that new enrollment grade level caps may have been exceeded as of the time this policy goes into effect for the 2017-2018 school year. However, if new enrollment grade level cap percentages have been reached or exceeded in a given grade level as of the date the Student Enrollment Policy is adopted, then no new enrollment will be accepted in the grade affected for the 2017-2018 school year unless a student withdraws prior to the enrollment cut off deadline. A wait list will be established for each grade once the grade level new enrollment cap or total student cap have been reached.*

**Kindergarten** - no new student enrollment cap; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**1<sup>st</sup> grade** - no new student enrollment cap; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** - no new student enrollment cap; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** - no more than 20% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 20% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 20% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**6<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 30% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 20% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 20% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**9<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 30% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**10<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 10% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**11<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 5% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract

**12<sup>th</sup> grade** - no more than 5% of total student enrollment may be newly enrolled students; the total number of students may not exceed 2000 or per charter contract.

For Grades K through 8, the new student enrollment grade level caps will remain in place until a given grade level's overall performance meets or exceeds the state's average academic performance on the Milestone EOGs across all subjects tested in that grade. Once a grade level is meeting or exceeding state averages in all subjects tested, the new enrollment percentage cap may be adjusted to a higher percentage or removed, however the overall total grade level enrollment cap will stand.

For Grades 9 through 12, the new student enrollment grade level caps will remain in place until the High School, as a whole, meets or exceeds the state's average CCRPI HS single score or GCA's Milestone EOCs scores meet or exceed the state's average academic performance for all courses tested. Once the High School, as a whole, is meeting or exceeding state averages in one of the two criteria areas previously listed, the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades new enrollment percentage caps may be adjusted to a higher percentage or removed, however the overall total grade level enrollment cap will stand.