

JBCB-R Non-Traditional Students

12/5/24

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:

It is the belief of the Cobb County School District (District) that the quality of education provided by the District should be available to all eligible students, including public students enrolled in other systems, home study students, and private school students (collectively, non-traditional students) to the extent permitted by state and federal law.

RULE:**PART I – VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS****A. General Provisions:**

1. The Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA) provides opportunities and options for currently enrolled District students as well as non-traditional students to engage in online courses to enhance their learning experiences.
2. "CVA student" shall, for purposes of this rule, denote a non-traditional student who has been accepted to participate in one or more online courses through CVA.
3. CVA students may take courses upon payment of course fees provided that the program participation does not impact course availability for a resident student.
4. Acceptance of a CVA student shall be determined solely by designated District administrative personnel.
5. It shall be the responsibility of any CVA student accepted to participate in a course to meet all academic and behavioral standards of the District. Any violation of the student discipline and conduct codes may result in revocation of the CVA student's privilege to remain enrolled in CCSD or other disciplinary actions, as appropriate.
6. To participate, a CVA student must have access to an Internet-connected computer.
7. If a CVA student that resides outside of Cobb County has an existing IEP or Section 504 plan and provides this to the District, the District will implement the accommodations to the extent they translate to the virtual education setting.

B. Course Fees:**1. Payment:**

- a. Fee payments shall be made in accordance with CVA rules and must be paid prior to the start of a course.
- b. Nonpayment of fees will result in the student being immediately withdrawn from the course.

2. Refunds:

- a. Course fees shall not be refunded after the start of the course.
- b. Refund requests will be reviewed and determined on an individual basis.
- c. Refund criteria will be waived when it is in conflict with federal or state law.

C. Application:

1. Non-traditional students applying for a CVA class will be required to provide all information requested in the designated CVA registration portal.
2. All course requests must be approved by a designated administrator at the student's enrolled school or homeschool authority.
3. The application procedures, forms, and dates will be posted on the CVA website prior to the beginning of each term.

D. Criteria for Acceptance:

1. Students must successfully complete all application procedures and obtain approval from a designated administrator at the student's enrolled school or homeschool authority.
2. Registration information must be updated and verified each term (Fall, Spring, Summer).

E. Denial/Revocation:

1. For CVA students, the privilege of participating in CVA may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent or designee, without convening a disciplinary hearing or the right to appeal to the Board if the student violates the District's student code of conduct, is considered truant under the District's attendance rules, supplies false, or misleading information in the enrollment application process, or any other reason deemed appropriate to the extent allowed by state and federal law.
2. In the event of a revocation, fees will not be refunded.
3. The decision of the Superintendent or designee with regard to the eligibility of a CVA student for participation under the terms of this rule shall be final. There will be no right of appeal to the Board.
4. A CVA student whose acceptance is revoked will not be eligible for future enrollment under this rule.

F. National Collegiate Athletics Association:

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that any courses taken meet NCAA requirements as applicable.

PART II –JROTC AND DEXTER MOSELY ENROLLMENT FOR HOME STUDY STUDENTS

A. General Provisions:

1. "Resident home study student" shall, for purposes of this rule, denote a student who is a resident of the District, is eligible for enrollment in a District school, and is enrolled in a home study program in accordance with Georgia Department of Education rules and O.C.G.A § 20-2-690.
2. "Resident school" means the District school in which a resident home study student would be enrolled based on his or her residence.
3. "Qualifying course" means a course taken through CVA or Dual Enrollment (see Administrative Rule IDCH-R) facilitated through the resident school. An in-person qualifying course is limited to JROTC in accordance with 10 U.S. Code § 2031.
4. A resident home study student may be accepted as student in the resident school only.
5. A student who withdraws from a public school to participate in a home study program shall be ineligible for enrollment for 12 months from the date of the declaration of intent to utilize a home study program provided to the Georgia Department of Education as provided under paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690.
6. In order to be accepted, a resident home study student shall meet all academic, disciplinary, attendance, and behavioral standards of the District.
7. It shall be the responsibility of any resident home study student accepted as a student in the District to meet all academic and behavioral standards of the District.
8. Any violation of the student discipline and conduct codes may result in revocation of the resident home study student's privilege to remain enrolled in CCSD or other disciplinary actions, as appropriate.
9. The District does not provide transportation for resident home study students. Parents must assume responsibility for transporting resident home study student to and from school.

B. Application:

1. Resident home study students will be required to provide the same enrollment documentation as resident students.
2. Resident home study request forms must be submitted to the resident school principal and the District's Director of Athletics (as the Superintendent's designee).
3. All required documents must be by July 1 for enrollment for first semester and by December 1 for enrollment for second semester.

4. The application procedures, forms, and dates will be posted on the District’s website during the second semester each school year.
5. Parents/guardians will be notified regarding the approval of a resident home study enrollment request by July 15 for enrollment for first semester and by December 15 for enrollment for second semester.

C. Criteria for Acceptance:

1. Middle school applicants may only be accepted for enrollment under O.C.G.A. § 20-2-319.6 (SB42) for one qualifying course each semester.
2. High school applicants may be accepted for enrollment under O.C.G.A. § 20-2-319.6 (SB42) or 10 U.S. Code § 2031 for one qualifying course each semester.
3. Specific course assignment is not guaranteed and will be based on availability.
4. Upon enrollment verification by the resident school, the student will have an opportunity to enroll in a qualifying course.
5. No resident home study student shall be enrolled in a District school outside of the parameters of this rule.
6. Applicants must re-apply for enrollment each year.

D. Denial/Revocation:

1. For non-resident students, the privilege of attending a school in the District may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent or designee, without convening a disciplinary hearing or the right to appeal to the Board if the student violates the District’s student code of conduct, is considered truant under the District’s attendance rules, supplies false, or misleading information in the enrollment application process, or any other reason deemed appropriate to the extent permitted by federal and state law.
2. In the event of a revocation, tuition will not be refunded.
3. The decision of the Superintendent or designee with regard to the eligibility of a non-resident student for attendance under the terms of this rule shall be final. There will be no right of appeal to the Board.
4. A non-resident student whose eligibility is revoked will not be eligible for future enrollment under this rule.

E. Georgia High School Association:

Non-resident high school students are subject to Georgia High School Association regulations.

Revision Timeline:*

Adopted: 12/5/24

**Administrative Rules and Board Policies are reviewed on a regular basis. Dates indicate when revisions were made, not the dates of document review.*

Division: Chief of Staff

Legal Reference:

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| O.C.G.A. 20-2-133 | Free public instruction; exceptions; eligibility; procedure and requirements when child in custody of or in a placement or facility of a state agency. |
| O.C.G.A. 20-2-319.3 | Online clearing-house of interactive distance learning courses. |
| O.C.G.A. 20-2-319.5 | Enrolling home study and private school students in college and career courses. |
| O.C.G.A. 20-2-319.6 | Home study student participation in resident school system extracurricular and interscholastic activities; short title; definitions; requirements for participation; impact of student withdrawal; reporting requirements. |
| O.C.G.A. 20-2-690 | Educational entities; requirements for private schools and home study programs; learning pod protection. |