



Georgia Cyber Academy

An annual report of a state-chartered virtual school

BACKGROUND

This annual report was produced in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2093. This is the third annual report for the Georgia Cyber Academy.

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Georgia Cyber Academy, a non-profit public charter school, serves students K-12 across the state of Georgia in a virtual classroom setting. Cyber opened in 2007 as a public virtual charter school that served K-8; high school grades were added beginning in 2010, and the first students graduated in 2014.

Enrollment

In the 2019-20 school year, Cyber had 9,211 students, with most located in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Seventy percent of Cyber's students are economically disadvantaged.

Funding

Cyber received 93% of its funding from state funds, and like all state charter schools, does not receive any local funds. In fiscal year 2020, Cyber had \$88.6 million in revenue and \$70.6 million in expenditures.

KEY FINDINGS

Georgia Cyber Academy is one of two state-chartered public virtual schools currently authorized to serve students from across the state. O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2093 requires the Department of Audits and Accounts to produce an annual report for each virtual charter school. The annual reports include information related to school enrollment and attendance, academic achievement, academic performance, governance, operations, staffing, finances, and future plans.

In the 2020 legislative session, the General Assembly changed the publication date of the annual reports from December to April, which allows us to report more timely data. While we included the most recent data available in each of the prior annual reports, the publication date specified in the law meant that some information for the school year under review was not available prior to publication.

This year's annual reports are also impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the 2019-20 school year, Georgia Milestones tests were not administered and College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) was not produced due to the pandemic, both of which serve as the basis for a number of data points that we typically include in the annual report.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is an annual report and contains no recommendations.