



Counselor FAQ's about Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA)

Who can take CVA courses?

- Any student currently enrolled in the CCSD
- 5th year seniors as FTE* students
- Rising middle school students (Summer Term ONLY)

How many units can a student take online?

- Up to 1 full unit as a FTE* student (Fall and Spring Terms ONLY)
- Up to 1 full unit in addition to the school day (tuition)

What is the cost of an online course?

- Half credit course is \$275 (ex. 9th Lit A or B)
- Full credit course is \$550 (ex. 9th Lit Y)
- FTE* students do not pay for courses (Fall and Spring Terms ONLY)

Who is NOT a good candidate for online courses?

- Students who do not have daily access to a computer that meets technical requirements
- Students who do not possess basic computer skills (i.e. word processing, ability to download, save, and attach documents)
- Students with weak skills in the online course subject area
- Students with overloaded schedules or major time commitments (performing arts, working students, overloaded academic schedules)

What students need to know about taking courses online?

- FTE* students may NOT withdraw from the course once the session begins.
- Student orientation is completed online
- Courses are not self-paced. Students must meet due dates.
- Course time commitment is from 10-40 hours per week depending on the course and term.

What is the schools responsibility for EOCT?

- FTE* students who take an EOCT course must take the EOCT at their local school.

What do schools need to know about registering students as FTE*?

- Counselors must complete the FTE* verification form found on the CVA website at www.cobbvirtualacademy.org
- The CVA FTE* course number must be entered on the student's schedule for the correct number of units (00.0005098 - .5 unit and 00.0005099 – 1.0 unit).
- Local schools decide whether students take online courses on or off-campus.
- Schools are responsible for the location and technical support if the student takes course (s) at the local school.
- EOCT testing is the responsibility of the school except during summer sessions.
- CVA the final grade and EOCT score (if applicable) in I-CUE and posts to the student's transcript.
- Registration with the GAVS as a FTE* student is on a first-come, first served basis.

How can counselors ensure students are enrolled in the correct course?

- Review CVA registration reports sent to each school bi-weekly during the registration process.

If a student attends a block school, do they have to take a full unit (Y) course with CVA?

- Students may take a full (Y) or half unit course (A/B).

May a student repeat a course that was previously completed with a grade of 70 or higher?

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May a student enroll in the Cobb Virtual Academy after graduation?

- No, students who have graduated are not eligible to enroll in the Cobb Virtual Academy.

How are grades and credits reported at the end of the course?

- Cobb Virtual Academy grades for Cobb County School District (CCSD) students are entered into the student information system. Cobb Virtual Academy grades will be reported on the local school transcript.

If a tuition student drops a Cobb Virtual Academy course, is there a refund for the registration fee?

- Cobb Virtual Academy will issue no refunds to students who withdraw from Personal Fitness or Health. Cobb Virtual Academy will allow withdrawals, less a \$75 registration fee, through noon on the business day prior to the first day of class for all courses except Personal Fitness and Health. After that point, refunds will not be given for student withdrawals.
- No refunds are provided to students who are failing or are in danger of failing. Tuition students may withdraw without the course grade being posted to their student transcript until a pre-determined date prior to the final exams. Withdrawal dates are posted to the CVA website and are included in deficiency notices. Withdrawals are not official until the Withdrawal Form and all textbooks, Polar Equipment, and/or supplemental resources are returned or the replacement cost is paid. All textbooks and supplemental materials must be returned to the school they were distributed from by the designated date/time. FTE* students (students who take the course as part of their state- reported in school schedule) may not withdraw from Cobb Virtual Academy.

*FTE – part of the students' state-reported school schedule.