

FOCUSED MONITORING REPORT

November 18, 2009

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November 19, 2009

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Introduction and Statutory Authority

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) guarantees a free and appropriate public education to students with disabilities. The IDEA provides federal funds to assist states in carrying out this responsibility and to comply with the associated regulations. 34 CFR Section 300.600 of the IDEA requires that states ensure that local systems comply with federal regulations and meet the state's educational standards as they provide educational programs for students with disabilities. The Divisions for Special Education Services and Supports of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) provide this general supervision and monitoring of local systems through a variety of activities identified as Georgia's Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process (GCIMP).

GCIMP is composed of multiple means for monitoring the local systems' provision of a compliant and quality education for students with disabilities. These include, but are not limited to, evaluation of timelines for entry into special education, student record review, special education budget review, dispute resolution, LEA improvement plans, data profiles, and Focused Monitoring.

The State Advisory Panel for Special Education serves as the stakeholder committee for the GaDOE and advises the state on the development and implementation of the GCIMP including Focused Monitoring. For Focused Monitoring, the stakeholders reviewed the state data on the Performance Goals and Indicators for Students with Disabilities and determined that the state priority indicator for FY10 (2009-2010 school year) would be increasing the performance of students with disabilities on statewide assessments when given appropriate accommodations. Once the priority was identified, the 2009 assessment data for all programs were reviewed and ranked in quartiles. Those programs with the lowest performance of students with disabilities in either reading and/or mathematics were selected for Focused Monitoring.

Focused Monitoring

In the Odyssey State Charter, the Georgia Cyber Academy (GCA) is referred to as "a program of the Odyssey Charter School". These schools use the same Full Time Equivalency (FTE) code for data reporting and budget IDEA funds jointly and is a system for all GaDOE purposes; therefore, both schools were selected for Focused Monitoring. The purpose of the Focused Monitoring site visits to Odyssey and GCA was to review their policies and procedures, instructional programs, and student achievement in reading and math.

While Odyssey and GCA are considered one for purposes of data reporting and budgeting; they differ markedly in scope and in the number of students served; as well as the number and location of staff employed. Therefore, each school is discussed separately in this report. GCA results are reported first, followed by Odyssey results.

As part of the Focused Monitoring activities, the GCA and Odyssey LEA Implementation Plan for FY 2010 was reviewed. The Implementation Plan does not have a goal that targets improved reading and math performance for students with disabilities at Odyssey; nor does it include a goal that addresses improved math performance for students with disabilities at Odyssey. The schools will be required to develop goals and activities using the findings contained in this report in their efforts to improve the reading and math achievement of students with disabilities. Refer to the section "Required Evidence of Improvement" for specific information. LEAs that fail to

meet compliance criteria within one year, and fail to make AYP within two years, may be subject to sanctions from the GaDOE.

GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY (GCA) STATE CHARTER SCHOOL

Monitoring Team

The GaDOE authorized the following team to conduct on-site monitoring at GCA on November 18, 2009.

Dr. Margo L. Habiger, Team Leader, Division for Special Education Services, GaDOE Kachelle White, Division for Special Education Services, GaDOE Julie Moilanen, Division for Special Education Services, GaDOE Harry Repsher, Division for Special Education Services, GaDOE Jason Martin, Charter Schools GaDOE

Data Related to Focused Monitoring

The Spring, 2009 assessment data was used to identify student performance in reading and/or math. GCA currently serves grades K-8.

Percent of Students with Disabilities Who Met or Exceeded Standards

CRCT GRADES 1-8	2009
Math	29%
English Language Arts	59%
Reading	67%

A review of the GCA assessment data indicates that, when compared to the twelve other systems in the same size group, the percent of students with disabilities meeting standards in reading and math is exceptionally low.

ODYSSEY STATE CHARTER SCHOOL

Monitoring Team

The GaDOE authorized the following team to conduct on-site monitoring at Odyssey on November 19, 2009.

Dr. Margo L. Habiger, Team Leader, Division for Special Education Services, GaDOE Julie Moilanen, Division for Special Education Services, GaDOE

Data Related to Focused Monitoring

The Spring, 2009 assessment data was used to identify student performance in reading and/or math. Odyssey currently serves grades K-7.

Percent of Students with Disabilities Who Met or Exceeded Standards

CRCT GRADES 1-8	2009
Math	53%
English Language Arts	80%
Reading	87%

A review of the Odyssey assessment data indicates that, when compared to the 57 other systems in the same size group, the percent of students with disabilities meeting standards in math is lower than expected.

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Activities Prior to the On-site Visit

The following data were reviewed and considered:

GCA Student Enrollment data

GCA Student Achievement Data in Reading and Math

GCA Survey Responses from 71 Professionals

GCA Survey Responses from 152 Parents

GCA Teacher Schedules

GCA and Odyssey IDEA Budget and Expenditures

GCA and Odyssey FTE Data Reporting

On-Site Process and Activities

The on-site activities of Focused Monitoring occurred on November 18, 2009. During that time the following activities took place:

Reviewed 16 student special education records

Conducted 8 classroom observations

Interviewed 1 Head of School

Interviewed 9 Special Education Teachers

Interviewed 1 General Education Teacher

Interviewed 1 Special Education Director

Interviewed 1 Elementary Curriculum Director

Interviewed 1 Middle School Curriculum Director

Interviewed 1 Reading Coach

Interviewed 2 Math Coaches

Interviewed 1 Psychologist

Interviewed 1 Response to Intervention Coordinator

Interviewed 1 Related Services Coordinator

Program Strengths Related to the Performance of Students with Disabilities:

- The Special Education Director has implemented many positive organizational, procedural, and staff changes. The organizational and procedural changes have resulted in more efficient processing of parent requests so that delays are reduced to a minimum. The staff changes have resulted in hiring reading and math coaches so that students with disabilities have access to teachers with expertise in these areas.
- The Reading and Math Coaches are readily available to both teachers and students.
- Parent Survey results are generally positive with many comments that their children are successful learners for the first time.

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Activities Prior to the On-site Visit

The following data were reviewed and considered:

Odyssey Student Enrollment data

Odyssey Student Achievement Data in Reading and Math

Odyssey Survey Responses from 4 Professionals

Odyssey Survey Responses from 7 Parents

Odyssey Teacher Schedules

Odyssey and GCA IDEA Budget and Expenditures

Odyssey and GCA FTE Data Reporting

On-Site Process and Activities

The on-site activities of Focused Monitoring occurred on November 19, 2009. During that time the following activities took place:

Reviewed 8 student special education records

Conducted 4 classroom observations

Interviewed 1 Principal

Interviewed 1 Special Education Teacher/Special Education Coordinator

Interviewed 2 General Education Teachers

Interviewed 1 Response to Intervention Coordinator

Interviewed 1 Speech-Language Pathologist

Program Strengths Related to the Performance of Students with Disabilities:

- Odyssey has an exceptionally well organized and implemented RTI component that includes extensive data collection and analysis with instructional adjustments based on the data analysis.
- General Education and Special Education staff work well together in providing seamless instruction and services for students with disabilities.

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Summary of On-Site Findings:

The monitoring team found noncompliance in the following areas:

Applicable Federal Regulations:

C.F.R. 300.320- 300.324 Individualized Education Program: Definition of the IEP C.F.R. 300.106 Free Appropriate Public Education: Extended School Year

Supporting Evidence:

Individualized Educational Program

- 81% of the IEPs reviewed included the most recent evaluations; however, information was
 frequently omitted, i.e. test name was not included and scores were often omitted or not
 explained.
- 31% of the IEPs reviewed did not include the results of state assessments.
- 50% of the IEPs reviewed did not include a description of academic, developmental, and/or functional strengths.
- 31% of the IEPs reviewed did not include <u>specific</u> reading and/or math deficits in the Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP).
- 50% of the IEPs reviewed did not include a statement of the impact of the disability on involvement and progress in the general education curriculum.
- 31% of the IEPs reviewed included reading and/or math goals that couldn't be correlated to the reading and/or math deficits identified in the PLAAFP.
- 50% of the IEPs reviewed did not include an explanation of the extent to which the child will not participate with peers without disabilities.
- 25% of the IEPs reviewed did not include a statement concerning when progress toward IEP goals would be reported to parents.
- 67% of the teachers interviewed reported that assistive technology was used by one or more of their students.
- 32% of the IEPs did not include specific reading and/or math accommodations for statewide testing correlated to reading and/or math deficits in the PLAAFP.
- 89% of teachers and 80% of the administrators interviewed reported that supplementary instruction was available; however, when probed further, it became apparent they were referring to offerings of generic assistance, i.e. open office time and tutoring; along with end of class breakout rooms. Moreover, students were allowed to self-select concerning whether or not they needed assistance. There was no evidence of systematic, clearly delineated needs based supplementary instruction.

Free Appropriate Public Education: Extended School Year

- 92% of the IEPs reviewed considered Extended School Year (ESY) services; however, no ESY services were agreed upon:
 - One IEP did include a recommendation for ESY; however, no ESY services were actually provided.
 - o One IEP included the following statement: "Services are only rendered during the school year. During summer months, services will not be provided."
 - In addition, several IEPs included statements indicating that all instruction is provided during the school year and the online curriculum is available during the summer months.
- 100% of the teachers interviewed reported that ESY services either weren't offered at GCA or weren't needed.

Required Evidence of Correction by February 24, 2011

Documentation that FAPE is provided based on review of IEPs to include:

- Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) that include:
 - Results of most recent evaluation/s with specific information, i.e. test name, scores and an explanation of the meaning of the scores
 - o Results of state assessments
 - o Specific reading and/or math deficits using results of current statewide testing
 - o Description of academic, developmental, and/or functional strengths
 - o Statement of the impact of the disability on involvement and progress in the general education curriculum
- Individualized reading and/or math goals that address <u>specific</u> reading and/or math deficits identified in the PLAAFP
- Statement concerning when progress toward IEP goals will be reported to the parents.
- Specific reading and/or math accommodations for statewide testing correlated to both classroom accommodations and reading and/or math deficits identified in the PLAAFP
- Explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child will not participate with peers without disabilities in the regular class and/or non academic and extracurricular activities
- Compensatory services must be provided for the student who had an IEP that recommended ESY services, but no ESY services were actually provided. The kind of ESY services provided must correlate with the services recommended in the IEP.
- A list, where applicable, of students receiving ESY services to include disability area, goals
 and objectives to be extended or modified; hours per week of service; beginning and ending
 dates of service; location of service; and title of the service provider
- Documentation of supplementary reading and/or math instruction, based on individual needs, in the service delivery portion of the IEP in order to document a full continuum of services

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

The GaDOE strongly urges GCA to examine the following concerns and take steps to resolve issues as appropriate.

GEORGIA PERFORMANCE STANDARDS Concern

- 100% of the teachers interviewed reported receiving training in the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). However, 80% reported receiving training from the school system where they were previously employed; they have not received any GPS training since coming to GCA.
- 60% of the administrators interviewed reported that teachers had been trained in the GPS.

- 100% of teachers interviewed and 86% of teachers surveyed reported providing instruction in grade level Georgia Performance Standards; however, classroom observations revealed only minimal evidence of standards based classrooms:
 - o 88% of the observations posted GPS on the initial slide of the PowerPoint.
 - o 100% of observations, conducted at the beginning of the lesson, included an introduction with clearly defined goals and connections to prior learning.
 - o 0% of observations, conducted at the end of the lesson, included a summary activity that reinforced learning.
 - o In only 25% of the observations was the teacher speaking the language of the standard.
 - 0% of the observations included specific grouping/differentiation strategies.
 Teachers frequently sent students to the "help room" if they were having difficulty, but there was no evidence of clearly delineated needs-based groups.
 - o 57% of the work during lessons was connected to the standards.
 - o 63% of the observations included only basic level questioning ("Remembering or Understanding" from the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy) as a means of formative assessment.
 - Only 13% of the observations included in-depth/reflective questioning ("Applying, Analyzing, Evaluating, or Creating" from the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy) in a ticket-out-the-door format.

Recommendation

As a state charter school, GCA is not required to provide instruction using the GPS. Teachers, however, report being trained in the GPS and providing grade level standards based instruction. Since teachers report delivering grade level standards based instruction, all aspects of that instruction must be evident. There was, however, little evidence of standards based instruction during the classroom observations. It is recommended that intensive coaching support and modeling in the classrooms be the priority for implementation of standards based instruction rather than additional professional learning sessions.

PROGRESS MONITORING

Concern

- 50% of administrators surveyed indicated that teachers are expected to progress monitor weekly. The remaining 50% of administrators indicated that teachers are expected to progress monitor every nine weeks.
- 100% of the administrators interviewed indicated that teachers are required to progress monitor and referred to the Aimsweb Training just completed. Currently, however, there seems to be some inconsistency in the frequency of progress monitoring administrations, i.e. some report that teachers are required to progress monitor weekly; some every nine weeks.
- 100% of the teachers interviewed indicated that they progress monitor; however, only 40% specifically stated that they progress monitored weekly, the remaining 60% reported different kinds of progress monitoring, i.e. OLS, Aimsweb, Scranton, DIBELS, Skills Review, Beyond Speech Therapy, Post Tests from the K-12 Curriculum, as well as portfolios, but didn't indicate how frequently they progress monitored.
- 56% of the teachers interviewed were able to provide specific examples of how they adjusted their instruction based on progress monitoring results.

Recommendation

Although progress monitoring is occurring school-wide, there is some inconsistency in the instrument/materials used and the frequency of progress monitoring administrations. In order for progress monitoring data to drive instruction for students with disabilities, it has to be carried out at short intervals, i.e. weekly. Students with disabilities are likely to practice skills incorrectly during extended instructional times of six to nine weeks. Errors need to be identified quickly and the instruction adjusted immediately. Aimlines will improve significantly when progress is monitored; results analyzed; and instruction adjusted at weekly intervals.

CO-TEACHING

Concern

- 33% of the teachers interviewed described co-teaching as the General Education teacher providing instruction and the Special Education teacher providing support.
- 67% of the teachers interviewed gave the following responses concerning co-teaching: it wasn't offered; it might start in January; it was "in process"; it was offered only in eighth grade math.
- 58% of the teachers surveyed reported co-teaching to be "very effective; 28% reported co-teaching to be somewhat effective; and 13% reported that no co-teaching classes were offered.
- 100% of the administrators interviewed reported the following concerning co-teaching:
 co-teaching is not offered; co-teaching is offered only in Math; the co-teaching model is two
 teachers in one Elluminate with the General Education teacher providing instruction and the
 Special Education teacher providing support; co-teaching has not yet been implemented;
 co-teaching will roll out in third and fifth grade.

Recommendation

There is a great deal of confusion concerning the concept and implementation of co-teaching practices from administrators and teachers alike. As would be expected under such conditions, there were no specific co-teaching approaches evident during classroom observations. There are six co-teaching approaches that are driven by the instructional objectives of the teachers: One-Teach-One-Observe, One-Teach-One-Support, Team Teaching, Parallel Teaching, Station Teaching, and Alternate Teaching. The power of co-teaching lies in the increased instructional intensity it offers, i.e. reduced student teacher ratio. Team Teaching, Parallel Teaching, Station Teaching, and Alternate Teaching are the approaches offering the most intensive instruction. Although valid co-teaching approaches for certain instructional objectives, One-Teach-One-Observe and One-Teach-One-Support are supportive in nature and offer only minimal increases in instructional intensity. Without a clear definition of co-teaching and specific implementation strategies, the co-teaching approach will default to One-Teach-One-Observe and/or One-Teach-One Support where the General Education teacher delivers the instruction and the Special Education teacher functions as a support for students who have difficulty. Given the virtual nature of the Elluminate classrooms, it will be necessary to determine which of the co-teaching approaches can be implemented with fidelity.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Concern

- 100% of all teachers interviewed reported they were familiar with the accommodations used by their students with disabilities.
- 41% felt confident when implementing accommodations.

Recommendation

All of the teachers interviewed reported they knew which accommodations their students used. However, less than half of the teachers surveyed felt well prepared and confident when implementing accommodations. Furthermore, only half of the administrators surveyed felt that teachers were well prepared and confident when implementing accommodations. It is suggested that teachers be surveyed to determine what would be most helpful to them in implementing accommodations. With that information an effective plan can be developed that focuses on coaching the implementation of accommodations within instructional and testing settings.

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

Concern

- 78% of teachers interviewed reported differentiating instruction in their classrooms; however, only 22% were able to provide appropriate examples of skill differentiation.
- The majority of administrators reported professional learning in the area of differentiation; however, few had observed classrooms where differentiation occurred.

Recommendation

Since only 22% of the teachers interviewed could provide appropriate examples of reading and/or math skill differentiation, it is suggested that professional learning focus on reading and math skill differentiation. Research sets apart the development of essential skills as what works in reading and math instruction. Student interests, learning styles, and multiple intelligences assist in increasing student achievement, but have less of a scientific research base. Differentiation based on specific reading and/or math skills, and maintained until targets are met, will have a positive impact on remediation.

Additional Concerns

- 20% of the parents (30) surveyed reported issues related to delay in developing IEPs and/or beginning related services, i.e. speech therapy, occupational therapy, and behavior therapy.
- 13% of the parents (20) reported that related services did not begin for three, four, or more weeks after the IEP was written...some related services had not begun at the time of the survey.
- 4% of the parents (6) reported that the online speech therapy program, Beyond Speech Therapy (BST), did not meet the needs of their children.
- 3% of parents (5) surveyed felt the specialized reading and/or math sessions were above their child's instructional level.

Recommendations

The remaining concerns are those noted in the electronic survey completed by parents and described previously in this report, i.e. delays in developing IEPs and implementing related services; appropriateness of the BST for some students; as well as the instructional level of the specialized reading and math classes for some students. While these issues are reported by a small number of parents, they are issues that will impact student progress in the general education curriculum. It is, therefore, recommended that GCA survey parents in order to identify those who have concerns in one or more of these areas and take steps to resolve those issues.

ODYSSEY STATE CHARTER

Summary of On-Site Findings:

The monitoring team found noncompliance in the following areas:

Applicable Federal Regulations:

C.F.R. 300.320-300.324 Individualized Education Program: Definition of the IEP C.F.R. 300.106 Free Appropriate Public Education: Extended School Year Services Least Restrictive Environment, Continuum of Alternative Placements (Co-Teaching)

Supporting Evidence:

Individualized Education Program

- 63% of the IEPs reviewed included results of the most recent evaluation/s; however, information was often missing, i.e. test name was not included; specific scores were not listed; meaning of scores was not provided; and no indication of specific deficits documented.
- 37% of the IEPs reviewed included reading and/or math goals that couldn't be correlated to the reading and/or math deficits identified in the PLAAFP.
- 13% of the IEPs reviewed did not include a statement regarding when student progress toward IEP goals will be reported to the parents.
- 0% of the IEPs reviewed included the location of special education services.
- Both of the administrators interviewed as well as both of the general education teachers interviewed reported that supplementary reading and/or math instruction was available. Upon further probes, however, administrators described supplementary instruction in the form of a traditional resource model; although supplementary sessions were not written into the IEP; nor was there evidence of clearly delineated needs-based instruction during the resource sessions. The general education teachers described supplementary instruction as the instruction that takes place during the RTI intervention sessions, i.e. sessions prior to any special education services.
- Although 100% of the IEPs reviewed considered assistive technology, none of the IEPs included any assistive technology services and/or devices.
- 50% of the teachers interviewed and surveyed felt well prepared and confident when implementing accommodations.

Free Appropriate Public Education: Extended School Year Services

• 100% of the IEPs reviewed included consideration for ESY service/s; however, none of the IEPs reviewed included any ESY services.

Least Restrictive Environment, Continuum of Alternative Placements (Co-Teaching)

Both administrators and teachers interviewed reported that co-teaching was not an option at
Odyssey. As a result, Odyssey does not offer a full continuum of services. The opportunities
for co-teaching are further limited since there is currently only one special education teacher
who is responsible for providing direct services to students and teachers as well as
coordinating the special education program.

Required Evidence of Correction by February 24, 2011

Documentation that FAPE is provided based on review of IEPs, to include:

- Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) that includes:
 - o Results of most recent evaluation/s with documentation of specific information
 - Results of state and district assessments
- Individualized reading and/or math goals that address <u>specific</u> reading and/or math deficits identified in the PLAAFP
- Statement concerning when progress toward IEP goals will be reported to the parents
- Specific reading and/or math accommodations for statewide testing correlated to both classroom accommodations and reading and/or math deficits identified in the PLAAFP
- A list, where applicable, of students receiving ESY services to include disability area, goals and objectives to be extended or modified; hours per week of service; beginning and ending dates of service; location of service; and title of the service provider
- Documentation of a full continuum of services to include:
 - o general education with accommodations, co-teaching, and/or resource/supplementary reading and/or math services based on individual needs
 - o hours per week of service; beginning and ending dates of service; location of service; and title of the service provider.

(In order to offer a full continuum of services it will be necessary to ensure that the special education teacher is able to provide daily special education services to students with disabilities and teachers.

- Documentation of the location of special education services
- List of students using assistive technology to access standards based instruction to include name, disability, type of assistive technology device/service

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

Georgia Performance Standards

Some training in the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) is referenced by the administrators and teachers interviewed; however, classroom observations revealed only minimal evidence of standards based classrooms, i. e. limited needs based grouping strategies; limited differentiation; standards with elements were not posted; <u>not all work</u> was connected to the standards; minimal formative assessment; and limited student work supporting the standard.

Progress Monitoring

Administrators and teachers report that progress monitoring is implemented by the RTI Team. The team administers progress monitoring assessments and then analyzes, interprets, and adjusts instruction based on those results. Results are reported to teachers, but teachers currently have little responsibility for progress monitoring.

Differentiated Instruction

Although administrators and teachers interviewed reported professional learning in the area of differentiating instruction, there was minimal classroom evidence of clearly delineated needs based reading and/or math differentiated instruction.

The GaDOE strongly urges Odyssey to examine the following concerns and take steps to resolve issues as appropriate.

(Unless otherwise noted, Professional Learning activities refer to instruction in professional learning topic areas <u>and</u> intensive, systematic classroom follow-up in the form of coaching and modeling.)

As a state charter school, Odyssey is not required to provide instruction using the GPS. Most teachers, however, report being trained in the GPS and providing grade level standards based instruction. Since teachers report delivering grade level standards based instruction, all aspects of that instruction must be evident. There was, however, little evidence of standards based instruction during the classroom observations, i.e. limited needs-based grouping strategies; limited differentiation; standards and elements not posted; some work not connected to the standard; minimal formative assessment; and limited student work supporting the standard. It is, therefore, recommended that teachers be surveyed in order to determine which teachers need beginning professional learning and which need more advanced training.

Since ESY service/s were considered, but none were implemented, it is highly recommended that Odyssey develop an extensive professional learning plan that addresses all criteria when considering ESY service/s, i. e. whether or not the student is likely to regress without ESY service is not the sole criteria considered.

Although there is a highly consistent progress monitoring process implemented by the RTI Team, progress monitoring implementation needs to become the responsibility of the classroom teachers. It is suggested that a formal action plan be developed to gradually hand over progress monitoring responsibilities to the classroom teachers with support from the RTI Team.

All of the teachers interviewed reported they knew which accommodations their students used. However, only half of the teachers surveyed felt well prepared and confident when implementing accommodations. It is suggested that teachers be surveyed to determine what would be most helpful to them in implementing accommodations. With that information an effective plan can be developed that focuses on coaching the implementation of accommodations within instructional and testing settings.

Since training has been provided in differentiation, but there is little evidence of differentiation in the classroom, it is suggested that professional learning focus on reading and math skill differentiation. Research sets apart the development of essential skills as what works in reading and math instruction. Student interests, learning styles, and multiple intelligences assist in increasing student achievement, but have less of a scientific research base. Differentiation based on specific reading and/or math skills, and maintained until targets are met, will have a positive impact on remediation.

As the Odyssey staff is developing professional learning in the area of co-teaching, it is recommended that the following information be considered. There are six co-teaching approaches that are driven by the instructional objectives of the teachers: One-Teach-One-Observe, One-Teach-One-Support, Team Teaching, Parallel Teaching, Station Teaching, and Alternate Teaching. The **power of co-teaching lies in the increased instructional intensity it offers, i.e. reduced student teacher ratio**. Team Teaching, Parallel Teaching, Station Teaching, and Alternate Teaching are the approaches offering the most intensive instruction. Although valid co-teaching approaches, One-Teach-One-Observe and One-Teach-One-Support are supportive in nature and offer only minimal increases in instructional intensity. Without a clear definition of co-teaching and specific implementation strategies, the co-teaching approach will default to One-Teach-One-Observe and/or One-Teach-One Support where the general education teacher delivers the instruction and the special education teacher functions as a support for students who have difficulty.

CAP Development

GCA and Odyssey must develop a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in order to address the cited compliance items. The CAP is a long range plan to improve the academic performance of students with disabilities. The improvement activities must be added to the schools' Continuous Improvement Monitoring Plan. The CAP must be completed and submitted to the Division for Special Education Services by **April 12, 2010.** In addition to the funds for FY 10, GCA and Odyssey will receive a total of \$20,000.00 to be divided equally between the two schools. These funds are to be used to assist with the implementation of CAP activities.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	I (CAP)		GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY AND ODYSSEY STATE CHARTERS					
YEAR ONE CLEARANCE DA	TE: 4/19/2011			FINAL CAP SUBMISSION DATE: 4/19/10		DRAFT CAP SUBMISSION DATE: 4/15/09		
ACTIONS/STRATEGIES INTERVENTIONS/ PROGARMS	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING	Resources or Materials Needed (Include funding source, personnel and cost)	Person or Position Responsible for Supervision of Implementati on	Timeline for Implementatio n (Specific Dates)	(Who ensures	Documentation of CAP activities due to the DES with dates	Evidence of Impact (Student Learning Data)	
Teachers will implement the five co-teaching models.	Training in delivering coteaching to include: - Five co-teaching models - Co-Planning - Virtual Implementation	GaDOE Online LRE -\$0 -Co-Teaching Modules \$0 GLRS Online Co-Teaching Training- \$0	GCA: Spec Ed Director GCA: Middle School and Elementary Leads	June 15-16, 2010 2 day Training August 2-3, 2010 2 Day Co- Planning	GCA: Hd of School GCA: Asst Head of School	August 30, 2010 November 15, 2010 February 15, 2011 Agenda/ Sign-In sheets from trainings	Increase in reading and/or math CRCT scores of SWD. -Aims web Benchmarks -Performance Series and/or Study Island results	

PLAAFP:	Training, Monitoring and In-	GADOE Website	GCA: SpEd	Weekly staff	GCA: Hd of	Five IEPs	Increase in
 Recent evals 	house Audits:	\$0	Director	Meetings:	School		reading and/or
 State Assessments 				May 3, 2010		August 30, 2010	math CRCT
 Specific Deficit 	PLAAFP:	GCA Special Ed		May 17, 2010	GCA: Asst	November 15, 2010	scores of SWD.
Reading	 Recent evals 	Leadership	GCA: Middle		Head of	February 15, 2011	
Math	 State Assesmnts 	\$0	School and		School		
	Specific Deficit		Elementary	Department PD			
Description of strengths	Reading		Leads	October 6, 2010			
 Academic 	○ Math						
 Developmental 							
functional	Description of strengths						
	 Academic 						
Impact of disability on	 Developmental 						
involvement in GenEd	functional						
Curriculum							
	Impact of disability on						
	involvement in GenEd						
	Curriculum						

Individualized reading /math	Training, and Post	GA DOE	GCA: SpEd	August 23, 2010	GCA: Hd of	Agenda and Sign In	Increase in
goals that address specific	Observations and In House	Personnel \$0	Director		School	sheet	reading and/or
reading and/or math deficits	Audits			September 20,		Dates??	math CRCT
identified in PLAAFP		GCA Special Ed		2010	GCA: Asst		scores of SWD.
	Individualized reading /math	Lead Teachers \$0	GCA: Middle		Head of	August 30, 2010	
	goals that address specific		School and	October 4,2010	School	November 15, 2010	
	reading and/or math deficits		Elementary			February 15, 2011	
	identified in PLAAFP	GCA Spec Ed	Leads			, ,	
		Director \$0		Department PD			
		,		October 6, 2010		Five IEPs	
				,			
				All Staff PD			
				December6- 7,			
				2010			

Statement concerning when progress toward IEP goals will be reported to the parents	Training, and Post Observations and In House Audits Statement concerning when progress toward IEP goals will be reported to the parents	GA DOE Personnel \$0 GCA Special Ed Lead Teachers \$0 GCA Spec Ed Director \$0	GCA: Spec Ed Director GCA: Middle School and Elementary Leads	January, 15, 2010 June 15-16, 2010 2 day Training August 2-3, 2010 2 Day Co- Planning	GCA: Hd of School GCA: Asst Head of School	August 30, 2010 November 15, 2010 February 15, 2011 Agenda/ Sign-In sheets from trainings	Increase in reading and/or math CRCT scores of SWD. -Aims web Benchmarks -Performance Series and/or Study Island results
Specific reading and/or math accommodations for statewide testing correlate to classroom accommodations and reading and/or math deficits	Training, and Post Observations and In House Audits Specific reading and/or math accommodations for statewide testing correlate to both classroom accommodations and reading and/or math deficits	GADOE Site \$ 0 GCA Accommodations Specialist \$ 0	GCA: Spec Ed Director GCA: Middle School and Elementary Leads	June 15-16, 2010 2 day Training March 8, 2010 August 2-3, 2010 September, 2010 October, 2010	GCA: Hd of School GCA: Asst Head of School	August 30, 2010 November 15, 2010 February 15, 2011 Agenda/ Sign-In sheets from trainings Five IEPs	Increase in reading and/or math scores of SWD. -Aims web Benchmarks - Standardized test results (i.e CRCT) -Performance Series and/or Study Island results

Explanation of the extent, if	Training, and In House	GCA Special Ed	GCA: Spec Ed	June 15-16,	GCA: Hd of	August 30, 2010	Increase in
any to which the child will	Audits of IEPs	Leadership \$0	Director	2010	School	November 15, 2010	reading and/or
not participate with peers				2 day Training		February 15, 2011	math CRCT
without disabilities in the	Explanation of the extent, if	Related Services			GCA: Asst		scores of SWD.
regular classroom and/or	any to which the child will	Coordinator \$0	GCA: Middle	August 2-3,	Head of	Agenda/ Sign-In	
non academic and	not participate with peers		School and	2010	School	sheets from	-Aims web
extracurricular activities	without disabilities in the	GADOE Personnel	Elementary	2 Day Co-		trainings	Benchmarks
	regular classroom and/ or	\$0	Leads	Planning			
	non academic and					Five IEPs	Performance
	extracurricular activities						Series and/or
							Study Island
							results

Compensatory svcs for the	Training, and Post	GCA Special Ed	GCA: SpEd	August 2-3,	GCA: Hd of	August 30, 2010	Increase in
student who had an IEP that	Observations and In House	Leadership \$0	Director	2010	School	November 15, 2010	reading and/or
recommended ESY svcs, but	Audits	, .				February 15, 2011	math scores of
no ESY were actually	Compensatory svcs must be	Related Services		September,	GCA: Asst	, ,	SWD.
provided. The kind of ESY	provided for the student	Coordinator \$0	GCA: Middle	2010	Head of		
services provided must	who had an IEP the	·	School and		School	Agenda and sign in	
correlate with the services	recommended ESY svcs, but	GADOE Personnel	Elementary	October, 2010		sheet	
recommended in the IEP	no ESY were actually	\$0	Leads	,			
	provided. The kind of ESY					Actual IEPs	
	services provided must					indicating	
	correlate with the services					compensatory	
	recommended in the IEP					services, this may	
						not be due to ESY	
						but due to services	
						rendered late or a	
						lack of progress of	
						due to insufficient	
						tools	

 students receiving ESY services Goals and Objectives to be extended or modified for ESY Hours per week of service Beginning and end dates of services Location of service Title of provider rendering service Audits to receiving Student service Goals be ext for ES' Hours service Beginn of service Beginn of service Locati Title of Title of Title	and Objectives to tended or modified \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	GCA: SpEd Director GCA: Middle School and Elementary Leads	January 15th March 8, 2010 August 2-3, 2010 September, 2010 October, 2010	GCA: Hd of School GCA: Asst Head of School	August 30, 2010 November 15, 2010 February 15, 2011 Agenda and sign in sheet for training-	Increase in reading and/or math CRCT scores of SWD.
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Documentation of	Training, and Post	GCA Special Ed	GCA: Spec Ed	June 15-16,	GCA: Hd of	August 30, 2010	Increase in
	Observations and In House	Leadership \$0	Director	2010	School	November 15, 2010	reading and/or
supplementary reading		Leadership 30	Director		301001	-	•
and/or math instruction,	Audits			2 day Training		February 15, 2011	math CRCT
based on individual needs,	Documentation of	GA DOE Website			GCA: Asst		scores of SWD.
in the service delivery	supplementary reading	\$0	GCA: Middle	August 2-3,	Head of	Agenda/ Sign-In	
portion of the IEP in order to	and/or math instruction,		School and	2010	School	sheets from	-Aims web
document a full continuum	based on individual needs,	GADOE Personnel	Elementary	2 Day Co-		trainings	Benchmarks
of services	in the service delivery	\$0	Leads	Planning			
	portion of the IEP in order to					Five IEPs Indicating	-Performance
	document a full continuum					Supplementary	Series and/or
	of services					Instruction	Study Island
	Of 3et vices					mstruction	results
							resuits

SpEd Teachers will implement GPS .	PL GPS Standards	GADOE \$0 GCA Department	GCA: SpEd Director	June, 2010 August 2-3,	GCA: Hd of School	August 30, 2010 November 15, 2010 February 15, 2011	Increase in reading and/or math CRCT
	Walk thrus and audit of recorded sessions	Chairs \$0	GCA: Middle	2010	GCA: Asst Head of	Agenda/ Sign-In	scores of SWD.
		GCA Data Specialist \$0	School and Elementary	October, 2010	School	sheets from trainings.	-Aims web Benchmarks
			Leads	January, 2011		Clsrm Obs Forms (5)	-Performance Series and/or Study Island results
Progress Monitoring consistently implemented by teachers	Training on the importance of Progress Monitoring In addition to training on the various tools available here at GCA. i.e. OLS, Aimsweb, Scranton, DIBELS, Skills Review, Beyond Speech Therapy, Post Tests from the K-12 Curriculum	GCA Reading Coach \$3000 GCA Math Coach \$3000 GADOE Personnel via Elluminate \$0 GCA Data Specialist \$0	GCA: SpEd Director GCA: Middle School and Elementary Leads	May, 2010 August, 2010 October, 2010 January , 2011	GCA: Hd of School GCA: Asst Head of School	August 30, 2010 November 15, 2010 February 15, 2011 Agenda/ Sign-In sheets from trainings Progress Monitoring Data for 5 students per each data submission	Increase in reading and/or math CRCT scores of SWD. -Aims web Benchmarks -Performance Series and/or Study Island results

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Teachers will implement	Training on the various	GADOE Personnel	GCA: SpEd	March 8, 2010	GCA: Hd of	August 30, 2010	Increase in
accommodations	accommodations available	Provide training-	Director		School	November 15, 2010	reading and/or
appropriately.	both in the classroom and	\$0		August 2-3,		February 15, 2011	math CRCT
	testing within the different			2010	GCA: Asst		scores of SWD.
	subject areas, and how to		GCA: Middle		Head of	Agenda/ Sign-In	
	implement.	Mentoring Minds	School and	September,	School	sheets from	-Aims web
		Accommodations	Elementary	2010		trainings.	Benchmarks
	This training will be given to	Wheel for each	Leads				
	all teachers not just special	Teacher \$1000.00		October, 2010		Clsrm Obs Forms	-Performance
	education					documenting	Series and/or
		GCA				appropriate	Study Island
		Accommodations				implementation of	results
		Specialist, year				accommodations	
		round support				Five teachers per	
		and training \$				each	
		3,000				documentation	
						submission	
Teachers will implement	PI in implementation of	GADOE Website	GCA: Spec Ed	August, 2010	GCA: Hd of	August 30, 2010	Increase in
differentiated instruction	differentiated instruction	\$0	Director		School	November 15, 2010	reading and/or
based on individual student	based on individual student			September,		February 15, 2011	math CRCT
skill level :	skill level :	GADOE Personnel		2010	GCA: Asst		scores of SWD.
Reading	Reading	via Elluminate \$0	GCA: Middle		Head of	Agenda/ Sign-In	
Math	Math		School and	October, 2010	School	sheets from	-Aims web
		GCA Teacher	Elementary			trainings	Benchmarks
		Trainer \$0	Leads			Classroom Obs	
						documenting	-Performance
						implementation of	Series and/or
						differentiated	Study Island
						instruction based	results
						on individual	
						student skill level :	
						 Reading 	
						Math	
						Five Classroom Obs	
						per each	
						documentation	
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_	PL in the following areas:	GCA Special	GCA: Spec Ed	May, 2010	GCA: Hd of	August 30, 2010	Increase in
	 Analysis of BST data 	Education Leads	Director		School	November 15, 2010	reading and/or
	 Analysis of PM Data 	\$0		December, 2010		February 15, 2011	math CRCT
	 Development of Parent 				GCA: Asst		scores of SWD.
• IEPs	Survey	Beyond Speech	GCA: Middle		Head of	BST Data and	
 Related Services 		Therapy	School and		School	Analys	
		Personnel \$0	Elementary			PM Data and	
Teachers will analyze the			Leads			Analys:	
BST data to determine if the						 Reading 	
program is appropriate for						Math	
the students involved.						Srvey Data & Analy	
						,	
Teaches will analyze						For 5 students per	
progress monitoring data to						data submission.	
determine if specialized							
classes are meeting the							
instructional needs of the							
students:							
Reading							
Math							
• Matri							
Bi-annual surveys							
concerning the above will be							
sent to parents to identify							
an parental concerns							
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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP)		GEORGIA CYBER ACADEMY AND ODYSSEY STATE CHARTERS						
Year One Clearance Date: 4/19/11		Final CAP Submission Date: 4/19/10		Draft CAP Submission Date: 4/13/10				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Actions/Strategies/ Interventions or Programs	Professional Learning	(Include funding	Person or Position Responsible for Supervision of Implementation	Timeline for Implementation (Specific Dates)	Means of Evaluation (Who ensures that activities in columns 1-5 are completed?)	Documentation of CAP activities due to the DES with dates	Evidence of Impact (Student Learning Data)	
1. SpEd teachers will appropriately include results of most recent evaluations in IEPs (test name, specific scores, meaning of scores, & specific deficits)	N/A	GaDOE IEP forms	Chris Schmieg	* Changes made on new IEPs in March 2010 *Annual reviews will include this information May 2010	Andy Geeter	5 Copies of student IEP with revisions August 31, 2010 November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math	
2. SpEd teachers will appropriately include reading and math goals correlated to information in PPLAAFP in IEPs	Training with Dr. Margo Habiger	* GaDOE IEP form *Web-based session on writing Standard Based IEPs *Writing Measurable IEP Goals and Objectives by Bateman & Herr * Headsprout on- line early reading and comprehension Projected cost: \$ 1, 168 (early reading) \$ 400 (reading comprehension)	Chris Schmieg	* Changes made on new IEPs in March 2010 *April, 2010 *Annual reviews will include this information May 2010	Andy Geeter	5 Copies of student IEP with revisions August 31, 2010 November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math	

3. SpEd teachers will appropriately include a statement regarding when student progress will be reported to parents 4. SpEd teachers will appropriately include location of special education services	N/A N/A	GaDOE IEP forms GaDOE IEP forms	Chris Schmieg Chris Schmieg	* Change made on new IEPs in March 2010 *Annual reviews will include this information May 2010 * Changes made on new IEPs in March 2010 *Annual reviews	Andy Geeter Andy Geeter	5 Copies of student IEP with revisions August 31, 2010 November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011 5 Copies of student IEP with revisions August 31, 2010	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading
				will include this information May 2010		November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	and math
appropriately increase the general education staffs' knowledge of supplementary	general education teachers and paraprofessionals b) N/A	a) Hand-outs b) GaDOE IEP forms	Chris Schmieg	a) August 2010 b) Annual reviews will include this information May 2010	Andy Geeter	a) *Agenda * Sign in sheets b) 5 Copies of student IEP with revisions August 31, 2010 November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math
6. SpEd teachers will appropriately include AT services and/or devices in the IEPs		Materials deemed appropriate by consultant Projected cost: \$ 600 (Read Write Gold Software) \$ 600 (Laptop) \$ 100 (Scanner) \$ 140 (First Strokes Keyboarding Program)	Chris Schmieg	August, 2010	Andy Geeter	* Agenda * Sign in sheets *List of students using AT devices and associated disabilities * 5 Copies of student IEP with revisions *Pre- & Post-test of identified students using the keyboarding program August 31, 2010	and math

						November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	
7. SpEd teachers will appropriately increase the knowledge/training of the general education staff for implementing accommodations	II .	*Hand-outs * GaDOE accommodations manual	Chris Schmieg	*August, 2010 (inservice) * On-going throughout the school year (modeling/observations)	Andy Geeter	*Accommodation	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math
8. SpEd teachers will appropriately document consideration of ESY for SWD		*Materials deemed appropriate by Dr. Habiger * ESY manual	Chris Schmieg	April 13, 2010	Andy Geeter	*Agenda * Sign-in sheet *List of students receiving ESY * 5 Copies of student IEP with revisions August 31, 2010 November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math
9. The six co-teaching models will be implemented appropriately	* Six Co-Teaching models *Co-Planning *Instructional Objectives that drive the Co-Teaching Models * Training with Dr. Margo Habiger	Modules * GLRS Co- Teaching PL *GaDOE Co- Teaching Practices	Chris Schmieg	*April 13, 2010 training *August, 2010 2 day co-planning	Andy Geeter	*Agenda *Sign-in sheet	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math

10. The regular education teachers will provide in evidence of standard based classroom: * posting of GPS * needs-based groupings * formative assessments * connecting student work to the standards	b)Consultant/Coach for training and implementation of	*GPS Standards Projected cost: \$ 1000 (Training & coaching)	a) May, 2010 (observation at Brighton Academy) b) On-going throughout the school year 2010- 2011(consultation/coac hing)		a) Obs forms for field experience b) *Obs forms using rubric (CD's Framework for Professional Practice) for the classroom * Samples of student improvement August 31, 2010 November 29, 2010 March 1, 2011	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math
provide evidence of	* GRASP training through West GA RESA by Rachel Spates	* PowerPoint training on GRASP program *Hand-out deemed appropriate by RESA *helpsprogram.org for progress monitoring Projected cost: \$ 4500 (training) \$ 250 (student registration)	*To be determined by RESA instructor * August, 2010 PowerPoint	Andy Geeter	*Sign-in sheets *Agenda	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math
12. The regular education teachers will provide evidence of differentiated instruction.	of differentiation in the classroom *PL on differentiated		* To be determined by RESA instructor. On-going throughout the school year *August, 2010		* Samples of	Increased performance of SWD on statewide testing in reading and math

(Early reading & Reading Books \$300 comprehension – online software) \$500 Coaching			

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP) Odyssey-Odyssey/GCA

The following district stakeholders participated in the development of the CAP. These stakeholders assure that all responsible parties will complete tasks as outlined in order to impact student learning, i.e. "Evidence of Impact" Column 8.

Stakeholder Name	Position
Andy Geeter	Director-Odyssey School
Chris Schmieg	Special Education Coordinator-Odyssey
Quynh Wellons	Special Education/RTI Teacher-Odyssey
Adra Mayfield	Speech Language Pathologist-Odyssey
Lisa McDonald	Curriculum Coordinator of Brighton Academy-Odyssey
Rachel Spates	Assistant Director for GRASP/Training-Odyssey
Jermel Isaac	Special Education Director-GCA
Matt Arkin	Head of School-GCA
Lori Funk	Assistant Head of School-GCA
Veronica Clemons	Director of Operations-GCA
Shannon Covington	Special Ed Middle School Lead-GCA
Leslie Mulcahy	Special Ed Elem. Lead-GCA
Carolyn McClain	Math Coach-GCA
Holly Witcher	Reading Coach-GCA

Susan Bridwell	Middle School Director-GCA
Kelly Morando	Elementary Director-GCA
Tara Richardson	Southern Region SPED Manager-K12
Jenny Kendall	National Director Student Services-K12
Cyndney Rolle	Teacher Trainer-GCA
Angela Walsh	SPED Parent Teacher Trainer-GCA
Leah Taylor	Accommodations Specialist-GCA
Leah Falls	RTI CoordinatorGCA
Mayya Standley	Related Services Coordinator-GCA
Leslie Mulcahy	Special Ed Elem. Lead-GCA