

Agora Cyber Charter School
1018 W 8th Ave
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Board of Trustees Policy
STUDENT WELLNESS CHECK POLICY

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) recognized the importance of student wellness (see Policy 236) and to ensure their well-being requires that students enrolled at the Agora Cyber Charter School (“Charter School”) are visibly seen and communicated with by a staff member at least once every week of the school year.¹

Definitions

School Week is defined as any week within the academic calendar in which there are three or more full or partial days of instruction.

Visibly seen can be either in-person or by electronic means such as by a student turning on their webcam during synchronous instruction or by having a meeting with an Agora employee, including but not limited to their teachers, administrators, or family coach.

Guidelines

Throughout the week, when students turn on their webcam to interact and participate in their live sessions during synchronous instruction, this will be documented through our student information system. If a student has not turned on their webcam in one of their classes by Wednesday, their family coach will follow up with the student.

The only exception for not visibly seeing a student during the course of the school week is if the student is absent for the week. However, if a student is identified as chronically absent, or habitually truant, then the procedures identified in the Charter School’s *Compulsory School Attendance, Unlawful Absences, and School Attendance Improvement Conferences Policy* (School Policy 220) will take effect.

In the case where a student is not seen during an academic week, a notice will be sent to the student and the learning coach reminding them of the legal requirement for all students to be visibly seen in one or more of their classes throughout the week to ensure the well-being of students and to verify participation in the educational program.

In the event there is a second week in which the student fails to turn on the webcam or meet virtually with a representative of the Charter School, then the legal guardian will be informed, and the student’s family coach will arrange to have an in-person meeting with the

student to ensure the well-being of the student discuss how to appropriately participate in the educational program of the school.

In the event there is a third week whereby the student is not able to be seen visibly, either by virtual means or in person by a representative of the Charter School, the school will make the determination on whether to report to Child Protective Services in accordance with 23 PA C.S. Chapter 63. Additional actions may be taken for repeated failed efforts to ensure the well-being of students and verify participation in the educational program.

LEGAL:

1 PA Charter School Law 24 § 1701-A et seq.