

## Water Safety

Cirrus Academy Charter School abides by the HB 402 law which requires Georgia school districts to provide water safety education annually to parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age and directly to students who are 18 years of age or older. **(a)** As used in this Code section, the term "water safety education" means education intended to promote safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of injury or drowning. **(b)** At the beginning of each school year, Cirrus Academy Charter School shall provide the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in such school or school system with information on the important role water safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving lives. Such information shall be provided in electronic or hard copy format. Such information shall include options, if available within the vicinity of the public school or local school system, for age-appropriate water safety education courses and swimming lessons that can result in a certificate indicating successful completion, including courses and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price; provided, however, that such information shall be provided directly to students who are 18 years of age or older. **(c)** Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require public schools or local school systems to: **(1)** Provide water safety education courses or swimming lessons to students; or **(2)** Excuse students from all or part of any school day to attend water safety education courses or swimming lessons.

OCGA § 20-2-779.4

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Water safety education resources are provided by the Red Cross.





## It All Begins With Learn-to-Swim

The American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Program teaches people of different ages and abilities how to be safe in, on or around the water—including how to swim.

### A Full Program to Meet Community Needs

#### Instructor and Instructor Trainer Certification Courses

- Basic Swim Instructor
- Water Safety Instructor
- Water Safety Instructor Trainer

#### Swim Lesson Programs

- Parent and Child Aquatics
- Preschool Aquatics
- Learn-to-Swim (*six levels: Introduction to Water Skills, Fundamental Aquatic Skills, Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement, Stroke Refinement, Proficiency*)
- Adult Swim (*Learning the Basics, Improving Skills and Swimming Strokes, Swimming for Fitness*)

#### Certification Courses

- Basic Water Rescue
- Safety Training for Swim Coaches

#### Features

- Science- and evidence-based course content
- Structured in a logical progression for aquatic skills development from beginner to advanced
- Multiple learning options: Instructor-led (100% in-person); blended learning (online + in-person); online only; open or private swim lessons
- Ability to post your Learn-to-Swim courses on the Red Cross website using Class Posting Service
- Online toolkit with resources to engage communities in water safety education

#### Water Safety Programs

- Longfellow's WHALE Tales
- Water safety courses (*Water Safety Today, Personal Water Safety*)
- Water safety presentations (*general water safety, home pool safety, parent orientation to swim lessons, sun safety, rip current safety*)

#### Online Only and Mobile Options

- American Red Cross Swim app
- Becoming a Water Safety Ambassador
- Home Pool Essentials: Maintenance and Safety
- Orientation to Swim Lessons for Parents and Caregivers
- Seguridad en el Agua para Padres y Cuidadores



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