

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia
Summary of Findings and Recommendation
Commission Charter Application for Expedited Review

School:	<p>Coweta Charter Academy located in Senoia, Georgia</p> <p>Coweta Charter Academy opened as a Commission charter school in 2010 and transitioned to a State Chartered Special School in 2011.</p> <p>The mission of Coweta Charter Academy is to “provide a safe learning environment where each student is challenged to achieve his/her full potential.”</p>
Attendance Zone:	Coweta County
Grade Levels Served:	Kindergarten—Grade 8
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the State Charter School Commission approve a charter for the Coweta Charter Academy for a five-year term to run from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.

Summary of Findings: Academics (Educational Plan)

Coweta Charter Academy contracts with Charter Schools USA, an Education Management Organization, to offer a rigorous and research-based educational model incorporating the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum, the STRIVE 65 Character Education Curriculum, and the Community of Character framework.

Coweta Charter Academy has established rigorous performance-based goals and measurable objectives designed to improve student achievement that directly relate to increased performance on the CRCTs and the CCRPI. These academic goals and objectives include achieving standards that exceed those of the district and state. Coweta Charter Academy has also established goals related to daily attendance, parental satisfaction and fiscal feasibility.

Coweta Charter Academy promotes a positive student culture through the use of school uniforms and offers foreign language at all grade levels.

Coweta Charter Academy experienced mixed academic results in the first year of operation (2010-2011), but demonstrated growth in all academic areas on the CRCT in 2011-2012. On average, Coweta Charter Academy raised their percentage of students achieving Meets or Exceeds by 12%, and met or exceeded the district average in every subject area tested in 2011-2012.

Capacity (Organizational Plan)

Over a multi-year effort, Coweta Charter Academy has garnered significant community support for the charter school. Substantial demand for enrollment exists, which is an indication of stability in revenue and resources that will strengthen the school’s operations and chances for success.

Coweta Charter Academy is financially sound and organizationally stable. The school achieved all financial measures outlined in its charter and maintained consistent enrollment.

Significant Changes from Previous Charter

All academic goals have been updated to reflect the state-wide change in federal accountability. New goals are aligned with the state performance targets and the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).

Additional Assurances:

Coweta Charter Academy currently holds a charter in good standing as determined by the State Board of Education.

Coweta Charter Academy completed GaDOE's full petition review process (requesting renewal) within the last year in anticipation of shifting authorizers in Spring 2013, and the school received a recommendation for renewal by GaDOE staff based on progress and performance.