



State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC)

October Newsletter

Training Opportunities

The following training sessions have been scheduled for state charters:

SCSC Governance Board Training

Emory Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia

December 9-10, 2013

This 1.5 day **mandatory** training session for **governing board members and school administrators** will focus on the roles and responsibilities of the governing board and the school administrator and practices of highly effective boards. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2084(f), the members of the governing board of each state charter school must participate in this training. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with state guidelines. Additional information about this training session is available [here](#).

Governmental Accounting Training

Georgia Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia

January 14-16, 2014

This three day training session for **school business managers** will be led by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and will focus on the basics of governmental accounting as well as funding/reporting guidelines for state charters. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with state guidelines.

Please find additional information and a list of 2013-2014 SCSC training opportunities [here](#). Please note this is a draft list to assist schools in planning and dates/topics are subject to change. For questions about training opportunities, please contact Lauren Wright, SCSC Director of Organizational and Resource Development, at lauren.wright@scsc.georgia.gov or (404) 656-2822.

Reporting Deadlines

Please note the upcoming reporting items due in **October** and **November**:

Title Programs - Title II, Part A Completion Reports

Data Collection - CPI, FTE, Student Class Size, Pre-ID, Free & Reduced Meal

A full list of FY14 reporting items and associated deadlines can be found [here](#). For questions about reporting deadlines, please contact Terence Washington, SCSC Accountability Manager, at terence.washington@scsc.georgia.gov or (404) 656-2837.

SCSC Meetings

The September Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the DECAL board room. Meeting minutes are available [here](#). The SCSC held a retreat in Athens, Georgia on October 9th and 10th. The Commission will vote on charter petitions in the October meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the DECAL Board Room.

Funding and Networking Opportunities

SCSC staff have identified the following new grant opportunities that may be of benefit to state charters. A full list of SCSC-identified grant opportunities is available [here](#).

7MM Technology Grant Georgia Department of Education

The Georgia Department of Education will host a webinar on Monday October 23, 2013 at 1:30 PM to discuss the requirements of the 7MM Technology Grant. If you would like to submit your questions before the meeting please send them to me (cshealy@doe.k12.ga.us) and they will be addressed during this session.

Meeting Access Link:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.7B0071C554A69B5E3E45C3B477F304>

Regional Education Laboratory Southeast (REL) South Carolina Public Charter School Conference & Ed Tech Expo Conference

The REL Southeast will facilitate a session titled, *Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making* on Monday, Nov 4th at 2:45 at the 13th Annual South Carolina Public Charter School Conference & Ed Tech Expo Conference at Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach South Carolina. Register to attend at <http://www.sccharterschools.org/2013registration>.

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Georgia Parent Engagement Program
Georgia Department of Education

The GaDOE Parent Engagement Program will hold its second in a series of five webinars throughout this school year on **Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** Join Nate Schult, Parent Engagement Specialist as he delivers a professional development module for teachers and administrators entitled ***“Enhancing School-Home Relationships Through Student-Led Conferences.”*** Looking for a new way to bring families, students and teachers together while placing the emphasis back on student achievement where it belongs? This presentation will help Title I schools learn how to implement successful student led conferences to provide an alternative method to communicate student’s academic progress with parents and help all children reach high academic standards. Participants will gain an effective school strategy that will strengthen relationships with families and increase communication with parents by improving parents’ understanding of their students’ progress and academic achievement.

To join the session, please click on the link below within 30 minutes of the specified webinar start time:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.C51DE4D02702EEC8374AC877D383C4>

The session will also be recorded. You may access the recording 30 minutes after the session ends at:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.851F4A4828BDA1A8C595372134E168&sid=2012003>

You can access the materials online ahead of time at: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Parent-Engagement-Program-Workshop-Templates.aspx>

Join Us for the 2014 Georgia Family Engagement Conference!

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Family-Engagement-Conference.aspx>

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Georgia Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 2014 Annual Conference

The GA CEC 2014 Annual Conference will be held on February 21st and 22nd in Savannah. Special education teachers, administrators, professors and students from around the state will discuss pressing issues and share information in areas such as Common Core State Standards, co-teaching and collaboration, transition planning, instructional strategies for math, reading, and science, policy, technology and response to intervention. Attendees will have the chance to explore cutting-edge products and services from vendors. A \$50 scholarship is available to the first 200 people who pay for registration. Reimbursements, for substitutes, and PLUs are available. Book a hotel room now at the Courtyard by Marriott to assure the discounted rate.

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