



2020-2021 TRAINING CALENDAR

The SCSC will offer the following training opportunities throughout the 2020-21 academic year. The opportunities are categorized for **Operational Schools**, **Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff**, and **Petitioners**. Use the Category key to determine which trainings/ supports are relevant to you. Contact Kristen Easterbrook, (404) 656-2837 or kristen.easterbrook@scsc.georgia.gov if you have questions about attending a training. Links for online registration are provided where available for your convenience. Please note this list is subject to change.

***For all trainings not held in the SCSC Training Room, you must email kristen.easterbrook@scsc.georgia.gov to cancel registration at least 48 hours in advance. Failure to cancel registration will be treated as a no-show and your school may be subjected to a charge.**

CATEGORY KEY	
Operational Schools	Schools that are currently in operation.
Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff	Approved state charter school petitioners that plan to open in the 2021-2022 school year or later OR staff that are new to an existing SCSC school.
Petitioners	Individuals who wish to submit a charter petition to the SCSC or a local board of education.

SUMMER 2020

Academic Webinar Series

Operational Schools	Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff
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Target Audience: School Leaders, Academic Staff

July 9, 2020 and July 14, 2020 – Held Virtually

The purpose of this training is to use available data/evidence to identify learning gaps as a result of the Spring 2020 school closures and plan strategically for instructional next steps. In this training, the Georgia Center for Assessment will host a 2-part online professional learning webinar series. Each webinar will last 2 hours and be comprised mostly of applied activities where schools can use their existing data to identify possible learning gaps. Registration links and passwords for these sessions can be found on the SCSC website [here](#).

LEA Reporting Training

Operational Schools	Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff
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Target Audience: School Leaders, Data Reporting Staff

July 15, 2020 – Held Virtually

The goals of this training are to familiarize state charter school leaders with MyGaDOE and its applications ahead of the GaDOE Data Collections Conference in August. This entails ensuring that appropriate staff members are credentialed and able to access MyGaDOE; attendees understand GUIDE and; attendees are prepared to report critical components in the Data Collections applications. This half-day training is **required for Year Zero (pre-operational)** state charter school superintendents, principals, administrators, and data reporting personnel. Operational state charter school leaders and data reporting personnel who would like training on data reporting are encouraged to attend. Sign up [HERE](#) for this training.

Assessment Coordinators Training

Operational Schools	Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff
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Target Audience: Testing Coordinators

July 23, 2020 – Held Virtually

In preparation for Milestones testing, the Assessment and Accountability Division of GaDOE will be holding an Assessment Coordinators training for SCSC schools. The training will address the issues faced by testing coordinators from SCSC schools. Topics to be covered include:

- Completing Irregularity Forms
- Submitting documentation (i.e., superintendent's certification)
- Creating assessment calendars for the year
- Other Relevant Trainings
- Test security
- Accommodations
- Student Assessment Handbook
- Planning for the upcoming school year

Sign up [HERE](#) for this training.

Academic Summit

Operational Schools

Target Audience: School Leaders, Academic/ Curriculum Directors and Lead Teachers

September 17, 2020 – Held Virtually

The purpose of this training is to plan for new instructional practices for the 2020/2021 school year. Topics will include each school's response to COVID-19, implementing school restart plans, and adjusting instruction in anticipation of learning loss. Specific focus will be on identifying strategies that support gap closure in a virtual or hybrid learning environment and learning how to implement these strategies using synchronous and asynchronous tools.

Sign up [HERE](#) for this training.



FALL 2020

Petitioner Bootcamp

Petitioners

Target Audience: Start-up charter petitioners

October 7, 2020 – Held Virtually

The Petitioner Boot Camp prepares potential petitioners for the SCSC charter petition process. Attendees will learn what goes into a successful charter petition, with a specific focus on timeline, legal requirements, board governance, financial controls, and budget preparation. Attendees will also hear directly from existing state charter schools and have the opportunity to ask questions of existing schools and SCSC staff. Sign up [HERE](#) for this training.

Petitioner Webinar Series

Petitioners

Target Audience: Start-up Charter Petitioners

The SCSC will offer a series of webinars following the petitioner boot camp to assist applicants in the petition development process.

- *Overview of Application and FluidReview – October 15, 2019 at 3:00pm* [REGISTER HERE](#)
- *Overview of Funding and Budget Template – October 22, 2019 at 3:00pm* [REGISTER HERE](#)

Governance Training Live Session (Opportunity 1 of 3)

Operational Schools

Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff

Target Audience: Governing board members and school leaders

November 10, 2020- Held Virtually

Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2084(f), requires every member of a governing board of a state charter school to participate in annual governing board training. State charter school governing board members may attend one of the three governing board training opportunities provided to state charters by the SCSC at no charge to fulfill this obligation. The SCSC strongly encourages state charter school governing board members to attend one of the governance trainings conducted by the SCSC as these trainings provides board members the unique opportunity to discuss issues and concerns directly with their authorizer. The SCSC staff's unique understanding of the compliance issues facing state charter schools ensures that SCSC training sessions are always topical, relevant, and timely. Topics will include the roles and responsibilities of board members and administrators, the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework, school finance, legal obligations, among others.

This year the SCSC will be offering all Governance Training opportunities virtually. In order to fully participate in SCSC training, board members should plan to attend one of the three live session dates being offered. These live sessions will replace the general sessions typically held at the in-person training events. Board members must plan to attend these during the scheduled time in order to receive credit for attending. The remaining breakout sessions will be available as pre-recorded webinars that board members can complete at their convenience. Additionally, each training will have a quiz which the SCSC will use to verify participation. Please refer to the SCSC's [website](#) beginning November 10th to access the pre-recorded sessions.

Sign up [HERE](#) for this training.



WINTER 2021

Governance Training Live Session (Opportunity 2 of 3)

Operational Schools

Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff

Target Audience: Governing board members and school leaders

February 2, 2021- Held Virtually

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Legal and Operational Requirements for New State Charters

Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff

March 10, 2021- SCSC Training Room

This training equips newly approved state charter schools with the tools and resources that they need for a strong start in their first year. Speakers including current SCSC school administrators will share critical information on Title programs, special education requirements, the Teacher and Leader Keys Effectiveness Systems (TKES/LKES) among other topics. Sign up [HERE](#) for this training



Spring 2021

Governance Training Live Session (Opportunity 3 of 3)

Operational Schools

Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff

Target Audience: Governing board members and school leaders

April 13, 2021- Held Virtually

Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2084(f), requires every member of a governing board of a state charter school to participate in annual governing board training. State charter school governing board members may attend one of the three governing board training opportunities provided to state charters by the SCSC at no charge to fulfill this obligation. The SCSC strongly encourages state charter school governing board members to attend one of the governance trainings conducted by the SCSC as these trainings provides board members the unique opportunity to discuss issues and concerns directly with their authorizer. The SCSC staff's unique understanding of the compliance issues facing state charter schools ensures that SCSC training sessions are always topical, relevant, and timely. Topics will include the roles and responsibilities of board members and administrators, the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework, school finance, legal obligations, among others.

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YEAR-ROUND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Target Audience: School Finance Officers

Location: Held Virtually or in the SCSC Training Room

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government Charter Schools Financial Management Certification equips participants with the unique skills and knowledge needed to financially operate a charter school in the growing charter sector. The program includes six courses offered throughout the year outlined below. The SCSC covers the cost of all six courses required for certification. Continuing Education Credit courses are also available for individuals who have already completed the program and need to renew their certification. The SCSC will also provide one continuing education credit scholarship per school in the 2021 Fiscal year to cover the cost of the Continuing Education course listed below. For more information on the courses and course dates, click [here](#). For registration, click [here](#).

GCSA Financial Management Certification Training Program

Target Audience: School Finance Officers

Operational Schools	Newly Approved Schools/ New Staff
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Participants will learn best practices to ensure sound fiscal management, how to monitor audits, state compliance, how to verify QBE funding and much more. For more information on the courses and course dates, click [here](#). For registration, please contact Erika Ellison (eellison@gacharters.org).