

**STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION OF GEORGIA  
GRADE BAND POLICY**

**Article I**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of this grade band policy is to ensure that the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) approves charter petitions and amendments in a manner that promotes transparency and educational continuity.

**Article II**  
**Definitions**

1. For purposes of this policy, the term grade band shall refer to grade level groupings categorized as elementary school (grades K-5), middle school (grades 6-8), or high school (grades 9-12).
2. For purposes of this policy, the term enrollment plan shall refer to the grade configuration included in the charter petition that indicates the number of students and individual grade levels a petitioner plans to serve each year of operation. The enrollment plan may or may not be included in the charter contract.

**Article III**  
**Policy**

The grade range provision in all state charter school contracts shall include one or more complete grade bands. This policy shall not constrain a charter school from serving less than all grade levels within a grade band in accordance with its enrollment plan.