

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia
Staff Recommendation for the 2021 Renewal Cycle
January 27, 2021

School: Liberty Tech Charter School

Attendance Zone: Statewide

Grade Levels: K-8

Staff Recommendation: SCSC staff recommends that the petition for **Liberty Tech Charter School** be **APPROVED** by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a 5-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

Rationale:

Liberty Tech Charter School (Liberty Tech) is a new state charter school completing its first five-year charter term. Liberty Tech met expectations established by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) to earn a charter renewal for a standard term of five years.¹ All evidence indicates that the school will continue to operate as a high-quality charter school consistent with the SCSC's mission and the educational goals of Georgia.

Liberty Tech's Performance on the SCSC CPF Across the Charter Term

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
ACA	97	98	98	NA
FIN	95	95	100	95
OPS	68	88	100	85

1. Academic Performance

Liberty Tech met academic standards all three years for which data is available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, related school closures and the cancellation of statewide assessments, no academic data is available for the 2019-2020 school year. However, even without this data the school has consistently demonstrated strong academic performance by outperforming the attendance zone it serves on state academic accountability metrics across all grade bands served (i.e. elementary and middle).

2. Financial Performance

Liberty Tech met financial standards in all four years for which data is available on the Financial portion of the CPF. Onsite monitoring revealed no significant deficiencies relating to financial performance and audits were submitted in a timely manner.

3. Operational Compliance

Liberty Tech met standards in three of the last four years for which data is available on the Operational portion of the CPF. Onsite monitoring revealed no significant findings and the school has a history of quickly remedying any identified deficiencies.

Link to Petition and

Related Materials: [Click here to view the renewal petition for Liberty Tech Charter School](#)

Link to SCSC CPF and Renewal Standards: [Click here to view the SCSC CPF](#)

¹ Renewal analysis for state charter schools completing a five-year term is based on four years of available academic, financial and operational data. Data for the fifth (i.e. current) school year is not available until late 2021 and is thus not considered for the purposes of renewal.