

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia
Staff Recommendation
FY20 Replication Petition Cycle
November 18, 2020

School: Northwest Classical Academy
Attendance Zone: Statewide
Grade Levels: K-11

Staff Recommendation: SCSC staff recommends that the replication petition for Northwest Classical Academy (NCA) be **approved** by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

Rationale: Atlanta Classical Academy (ACA), an existing charter school approved by the Atlanta Public School District (APS), submitted a petition to the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) to replicate its existing academic model to establish Northwest Classical Academy (NCA). NCA plans to locate within the Cobb County School District. NCA plans to serve grades K-11 by year five of its charter term, if approved.

ACA implements a “classical curriculum” with an emphasis on “virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.” The curriculum emphasizes intellectual development and character formation. The petition and supplemental information presented by the ACA and NCA governing boards met all requirements of rule and law and indicate that NCA will operate as a high-quality charter school consistent with the SCSC’s mission and the educational goals of Georgia, if approved.

ACA’s track record demonstrates that NCA would likely meet SCSC’s Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) standards in the areas of academics and finance. Because APS serves as ACA’s LEA, SCSC was unable to calculate an operational CPF score for ACA. SCSC staff is confident that any operational concerns that may arise following approval of NCA can be addressed through the SCSC’s robust system of training and supports.

Link to Petition and Related Materials: [NCA Replication Documents](#)
