



State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

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Dear Prospective Charter School Applicants:

The mission of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) is to improve public education throughout the state by authorizing high quality charter schools that provide students with better educational opportunities than they would otherwise receive in traditional district schools. To achieve this mission, the SCSC depends on dedicated petitioners with knowledge and expertise to open schools in communities all across Georgia—especially those communities served by chronically underperforming schools.

As a result, the SCSC encourages the submission of applications from petitioners proposing to serve chronically underperforming areas of the state (i.e. those school districts represented on the most recently published Turnaround Eligible Schools, Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Schools, and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Schools lists).

- A school is placed on the Turnaround Eligible Schools list if it has three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score that is in the bottom five percent of the state, excluding non-traditional schools and state special schools.
- CSI schools are 1) Title I schools that, when ranked according to their three-year CCRPI average, are among the lowest performing schools that represent 5% of all schools eligible for identification or 2) high schools (Title I and non-Title I) that have a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate less than or equal to 67%.
- TSI schools will have 1) at least one subgroup that is performing in the lowest 5% of all schools in at least 50% of CCRPI components or 2) at least one subgroup that is performing in the lowest 5% of all schools in all CCRPI components.

These lists are published [here](#) for your review.

Although these applications will not receive preferential treatment or scoring, the SCSC promises a fair and thorough review process and is committed to promoting quality educational options for the students who need them most.

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Thank you for your interest in the SCSC application process and your willingness to explore innovative educational alternatives. While establishing a high quality charter school is certainly a challenging endeavor, the work is both rewarding and worthwhile because it benefits students, revitalizes communities, and strengthens the overall public education system of our state.

Sincerely,

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Tom Lewis
Chairman

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Bonnie Holliday, Ph.D.
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