

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Staff Recommendation for the 2014 Petition Cycle August 27, 2014

School:	Foothills Education Charter High School
Attendance Zone:	Statewide
Grade Levels:	9-12
Staff Recommendation:	SCSC staff recommends that the petition for the Foothills Education Charter High School be approved by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

Rationale:

The petition and information presented by Foothills Education Charter High School met all requirements of rule and law and indicate that the school will operate as a high-quality charter school consistent with the SCSC's mission and the educational goals of Georgia.

Foothills Education Charter High School's mission is to serve high school-aged students who are at risk of dropping out of the public school system without a high school diploma. Foothills Education Charter High School will replicate the educational model Mountain Education Charter High School (MECHS). Foothills Education Charter High School will partner with the Clarke, Jackson, and Madison school districts and has opportunities to partner with additional school districts.

Foothills Education Charter High School presents an educational program that will benefit its students and that is financial viable. The school will provide intense support services to complement student-driven personalized instruction, and the proposed budget presents a sound understanding of school finance. The replication of Mountain Education Center through Foothills Educational Charter High School is consistent with the SCSC's expectations for replicating or expanding existing charter schools.

Link to Petition and Related Materials:

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