

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Staff Recommendation for the 2014 Petition Cycle August 27, 2014

School:	Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics
Attendance Zone:	Statewide
Grade Levels:	K-12
Staff Recommendation:	SCSC staff recommends that the petition for Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics 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 Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics 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.

The Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics focus on classical education throughout its educational program combined with partnerships with key civic, industry, and higher education entities to e classroom learning with the workplace. The intent of the classical educational model and subsequent statewide attendance zone is the development of a culture of high expectation to serve students from nearby rural south Richmond, Burke, Jenkins Counties and Fort Gordon and capitalize on the reality of nearby Fort Gordon and Plant Vogtle being regional employment centers that draw their employment base from a much wider, multi-county area.

Specifically, Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics presents a sound educational and operational plan. The school proposes to use research-based instructional models that have been implemented in other Georgia charter schools with success. The governing board addressed its plan to utilize a statewide attendance zone as well as its ability to hold its educational providers accountable. The budget submitted with the petition indicates that the petitioner presents capacity to understand and implement school finance.

Link to Petition and Related Materials:

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