

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Staff Recommendation for the 2014 Petition Cycle September 24, 2014

School:	Scintilla Charter Academy
Attendance Zone:	Lowndes County including Valdosta City
Grade Levels:	K-5
Staff Recommendation:	SCSC staff recommends that the petition for Scintilla Charter Academy be approved by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

Items Requested from Petitioner:

The petition and information presented by Scintilla Charter Academy 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 mission of Scintilla Charter Academy is to increase student achievement and develop social responsibility through educational innovations in a safe community of involved families and educators. The vision of Scintilla Charter Academy is to guide locally underserved and underperforming students in reaching their educational potential and becoming contributing citizens and to expose them to aspects of the community that expand their life experience. The school will have a strong focus on Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Service Learning (SL) Scintilla Charter Academy will also emphasize collaborative teaching across subjects, with subject-specific teachers from first grade upwards, as well as integrate looping, foreign language, keyboarding, elective co-teaching, extended school-day, and technology into the design of the school.

Scintilla Charter Academy presents an educational program that will benefit its students and that is financial viable. The school proposes to use research-based instructional models that have been implemented in other Georgia charter schools with success. The school's proposed budget presents a sound understanding of school finance.

Link to Petition and Related Materials:

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