

Colquitt County Schools

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Our petition for Charter System status:
State Law Requires Organizational
Decision by June 30, 2015

What is a Charter System?

A local school system that accepts greater accountability in exchange for greater flexibility

Definition

- A local school system that has an executed charter from SBOE granting it freedom from almost all of Title 20, Georgia's education laws, and State Board of Education rules (Class size, certification, student attendance, promotion/placement/retention, adult education, etc.)

Facts & Features

- Charter is contract between school system & SBOE
- System gains flexibility to innovate in exchange for increased academic accountability
- Distributed leadership process

Relative Advantages & Disadvantages

- Flexibility to innovate
- Financial savings possible from waivers
- Additional per-student funding if appropriated
- School level governance required

Federal/State Compliance

- Must comply with all federal laws & regulations
- Must comply with all state laws, rules, & regulations that cannot be waived (e.g., health & safety)

Effective Date

- Colquitt County School System will become Colquitt County Charter School System effective July 1, 2015 with approval by Georgia Board of Education

Flexibility and Accountability

Flexibility

- Waiver of State Laws
- Waiver of Georgia Board of Education Rules

Flexibility

- Incentive to Innovate
- Opportunity to Remove Constraints

Accountability

- Beat the Odds (Perform Above Expectations)
- High Performance on CCRPI Indicators

What is in our Charter Application?

- Challenges the system will be addressing:
 - #1 Children coming to school ready to learn
 - #2 Graduating students who are prepared for college, career, and life
 - #3 Adopting instructional strategies that are effective for all students
 - #4 Personalizing learning through integration of digital technology
 - #5 Engaging parents in their child's education
 - #6 Extending learning time through flexible scheduling
 - #7 Providing elementary foreign language curriculum that aligns with middle & high

Selected Actions

- Early childhood collaborative
- Striving Readers program for children 0-5
- Partnerships with colleges and business and industry
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, agriculture, and mathematics)
- Blended, hybrid, and virtual learning opportunities
- Parent engagement initiative

Selected Actions

- Starting and dismissal times for students
- Middle and junior high grade arrangement (retain and continue to evaluate)
- Foreign language opportunities K-12 that are aligned

- Questions and Answers
 - Charter System Application may be reviewed on Colquitt County School System Website: www.colquitt.k12.ga.us
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- Comments are invited:

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