



# State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

## Staff Recommendation

February 23, 2022

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<b>School:</b>	Cirrus Academy Charter School
<b>Attendance Zone:</b>	Statewide
<b>Grade Levels:</b>	K-8
<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>	SCSC staff recommends that the petition for <b>Cirrus Academy</b> be <b>APPROVED</b> by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a 2-year charter contract to include stipulations for the operation of a state charter school.

### **Rationale:**

Cirrus Academy Charter School (Cirrus) is a new state charter school completing its first 5-year charter term with a 1-year COVID extension. Cirrus met standards on the Finance portion of the CPF in the most recent year of its charter term and met or approached standards on the Operational portion of the CPF in four of the five years of its charter term. Cirrus did not meet academic standards in any of the four years of its charter term for which academic data are available. However, in the last year for which traditional academic data are available (2018-19), Cirrus outperformed the local schools from which it enrolls students in the middle grade band.

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC approve an abbreviated two-year charter term, subject to the School's agreement to produce a corrective action plan that addresses its academic deficiencies within thirty (30) days of SCSC's approval of an abbreviated renewal term. The additional two years will allow the school time to demonstrate that recently implemented changes will result in the requisite academic gains. The SCSC Executive Director may approve the corrective action plan submitted or impose additional terms to remedy the academic deficiencies addressed therein. The School will be required to implement the corrective action plan. During the abbreviated charter term, the SCSC may require the School to file interim reports and produce other data and information on any matter relevant to the School's academic deficiencies. The School must submit the data at the time and in the form prescribed by SCSC staff. The requirements of the abbreviated charter term will be integrated into the School's renewal contract.