



Charter System

Local School Governing Teams

On September 25, 2015, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Atlanta Public Schools charter system application during its state board meeting. Atlanta Public Schools will become the 33rd school system in Georgia to achieve Charter System status.

A charter system is a school district that operates under a performance-based contract between the local board and the state board of education. Under the Charter System, Atlanta Public Schools would gain freedom and flexibility from many state education laws and regulations in exchange for increased accountability for student achievement. A key element to charter system is moving decision making closer to where learning takes place. That means leaving decisions to the school system and to the schools within the system. It also means involving more people in the decision making process.

Beginning 2016-2017 school year, parents, community members and volunteers are needed to serve on local school governing teams.

A Local School Governance Team in each school is the method the school system will use to get the community, parents and teachers involved in decision making to maximize educational opportunities for our students. Each Local School Governance Team (LSGT) will seek to provide the best possible learning environment for the children in their school.

What will the LSGT structure look like?

9 voting members, except for High School LSGT, (1 student voting member at HS level):

- 3 parents/guardians elected by parents/guardians
- 3 instructional staff members elected by staff members
- 2 community members nominated by principal
- 1 swing seat recruited by principal/or members of LSGT
- Principal (non-voting member)
- 1 student (voting member) at high school level

Our Schools Need YOU!

- Parents, community members and partners are needed to serve on local school governing teams for upcoming 2016-2017 school year.
- We are looking for people who are committed to working collaboratively to improve our schools and student achievement.
- No experience is necessary. Training will be provided.
- Your time commitment includes one monthly meeting at your local school and 1 - 2 days of training per year.
- The elections will take place in January 2016.
- If you are interested in serving on your Local School Governance Team, go to:

www.atlantapublicschools.us/candidatebank



WE NEED YOU TO JOIN US

For more information about Atlanta Public Schools and the Charter System model please go to:
www.atlantapublicschools.us/strongschools