



LIMESTONE

CHARTER ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2022-2023

District Profile

Schools Slated to open in August 2023 & August 2024*

School Name	Location
Atlantic Collegiate Academy	Myrtle Beach
Fine Arts Preparatory Academy	Spartanburg
Global Academy of South Carolina	Spartanburg
Goucher Charter Academy	Gaffney
Summerville Prep*	Nexton

Schools that transferred for the 2022-2023 school year

School Name	Authorizing District	Authorizing Board Decision	LCA Board Determination
Horse Creek Academy	Charter Institute at Earskine	Approved	Approved
Coastal Leadership Academy	Charter Institute at Erskine	Approved	Approved

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Schools that applied for their second ten-year charter for the 2022-2023 school year

School Name	Authorizing District	Sponsor for Initial Ten Years	LCA Board Determination
Orangeburg High School for Health Professions	Orangeburg County School District	Orangeburg County School District	Approved

Schools requesting transfer for the 2023-2024 school year

School Name	Authorizing District	Authorizing Board Decision	LCA Board Determination
Oceanside Collegiate Academy	Charter Institute at Earskine	Denied	Approved
Legion Collegiate Academy	Charter Institute at Erskine	Denied	Approved
Charleston Advancement Academy	SC Public Charter School District	Denied	Approved
East Link Academy	SC Public Charter School District	Denied	Approved

District Initiatives

Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Educators

- Limestone University established an M.Ed. Program which may serve as an opportunity for educators teaching at charter schools authorized by LCA to earn a master's degree as well as endorsements.
- Limestone University in partnership with the Association, will provide this opportunity at no expense to participating LCA certified teachers.
- Endorsement programs offered, which may be completed in addition to the M.Ed. include:
 - Teacher Leadership
 - STEAM
 - Project Based Learning

Leadership Limestone: *Strategic Coaching for Rapid Academic Improvement:*

- LCA is committed to building the capacity of whole school organizations through strategic coaching that is personalized for:
 - School Boards
 - School Leaders
 - Teachers and other Education Professionals
- Leadership Limestone assists schools with:
 - Developing a personalized leadership protocol for decision making.
 - In-depth training in data analysis and engineering design methods for whole school improvement.
 - Community engagement
 - Board governance and school leader relations
 - Personalized learning that promotes academic growth for every learner

Policy Issues

Charter Act

LCA supports changes to the Charter Act that will:

- Clarify the transfer process and the role of the State Department of Education in that process
- Include a neutral third party to hear appeals on transfer requests, such as the Administrative Law Court
- Includes a clear registration process for higher education authorizers, establishes monitoring and oversight of charter authorizers and clearly articulates steps that may be taken by either the State Department of Education or the State Board of Education when there is a reason to revoke an entity's ability to serve as an authorizer
- Mandates that all authorizers clearly establish sanctions, short of revocation, that may be used when a school is out of compliance in their policies, which must be approved by their board.

Background Checks

- The Governor vetoed Proviso 1.99. His veto message raised concerns that state law does not currently require or authorize school districts or schools to complete a background check supported by FBI fingerprints non-certified educators.
- We are working with SLED to ensure that language is updated so that these background checks may be completed on all educators employed.

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