

1) Pursuant to OCGA 20-2-2065(b)(2) and State Board of Education Rule 160-4-9-.06 (Responsibilities of Charter Authorizers) the following revisions are requested:

	Authority for making the requests.	Revision requested
	1) Authorizers are required to “evaluate a local charter school’s performance annually in relation to the expectations and goals set forth in the charter.....” 160-4-9-.06 (VII).	A 5-year strategic plan with annual measurable and outcome-based goals must be included in the charter petition.
	2) Authorizers are required to “evaluate a local charter school’s financial performance annually.....” 160-4-9-.06(III).	See Attached document entitled “LOA Maximum Enrollment and Funding Counts”. Said document contents should be added to the petition.
	3) 160-4-9-.05 (g)9(iv) and section 10 of The Charter Petition Process.....	Include “a statement that any future facility used to house students will be subject to approval by the local board...” and “...building plans must be approved by the facilities department of the local board...”
	4) OCGA 20-9-942 ;160-4-9-.06; and 20-2-2066	Include a statement that LOA will only give employment/enrollment priority to the children of full-time teachers and full-time administrators only. Full-time is defined under 20-9-942 as a contract of at least 180 days and by IRS as a minimum of 30 hours of

		service per week. All current students would be grandfathered in and allowed to matriculate if the parent remains a full-time employee of LOA.
	5) OCGA 20-2-2066(a)(1) Enrollment Priority "... a start-up charter school "MAY" give enrollment preference to applicants in any one or more of the following categories in the order of priority specified in the charter. "	Since the language for priority enrollment is passive in nature, LOA should be clear in the petition as to which applicants WILL receive enrollment priority. Siblings?
	6) Authorizers are required to "ensure that local charter schools are fiscally sound and operating in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, including annually reviewing budgets and working papers as needed" 160-4-9.06(III); "ensure that charter schools comply with [(GASB) & (GAAP)]" 160-4-9.06(IV); "ensure that local charter schools submit required financial information in accordance with the policies and deadlines as established by the local school system for inclusion in the system's annual Financial Review Report (DE046) to the Georgia Department of Education" 160-4-9.06(V)	For the charter petition to be approved a statement must be included in the petition and may be included in a list of local assurances that LOA will submit to the same audit as the Greene County Board of Education which is provided by the Georgia Department of Audits.
	7) See page 27 of the <i>current petition</i> "Students needing more specialized services, and/or adapted curriculum, or a more restrictive environment, will be served in environments within other schools of the Greene County School System..."	A statement must be included that no student will be discriminated against in the lottery or in services provided by LOA based on special educational need, and that LOA will provide a full continuum of services on the LOA Campus as specified under I.D.E.A.

	<p>8) A "High Needs Child" is defined as a child who has been identified as eligible for special education and related services and has a current Individualized Education Program (IEP). The intensity, frequency and diversity of the special education and related services needs of the child exceed the typical needs of a child with a disability.</p> <p>-IDEA 2004 requires the eligibility for reimbursement for a high- needs student be at least three times the average per pupil expenditure as defined in Section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. (at least three times the state average per pupil expenditure – approx. \$27,000). 106-4-9-.06 (VI) and O.C.G.A. 20-14-30</p>	<p>A statement must be included that states that the eligibility for reimbursement for a high-needs student be at least three times the average per pupil expenditure as defined in Section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. (at least three times the state average per pupil expenditure – approx. \$27,000). In the event that a student is deemed as being "high cost due to the intensity, frequency, and diversity of special education and related services and the needs of the student exceed the typical needs of a student with a disability served at Lake Oconee Academy, Lake Oconee Academy will work with the Special Education Director for Greene County Schools in order to complete the High Cost Grant Application through the Georgia Department of Education in an effort to offset the financial burden of accrued costs on an individual student basis</p>
	<p>9) ESPLOST - Georgia Constitution Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV; O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 through § 48-8-121 O.C.G.A. § 48-8-140 through § 48-8-144 (Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of Official Code of Georgia annotated, as amended in 1997)</p>	<p>A statement must be included to acknowledge that while the Greene County Board of Education desires to care for the facility needs of all Greene County Public Schools which includes LOA, the Greene County Board of Education has the sole responsibility and authority to approve of ESPLOST expenditures and reserves the right to make changes to planned projects based on changing needs of all capital outlay projects.</p>