



*Not private, not public.
It's a Charter School.*

- We support public education! We want to offer a choice of public schools to our children by opening a charter school alongside the current schools offered. Just as the University of Georgia, Georgia State and Georgia Tech are all public universities offering a choice as to what learning emphasis fits best for individual Georgia students, Imagine Main Street Academy is a charter school that will offer a similar choice for elementary students primarily in the College Park, East Point and Hapeville areas.

- Imagine Main Street Academy: A Charter School will be a small-to-medium-sized, community-based charter school specifically formed to serve our diverse and growing population. The school would be kindergarten through fifth grade initially. We have partnered with Imagine Schools (www.imagineschools.com), a company that works with communities to develop and manage charter schools.

- The curriculum offered will be IBPYP, which is unique for elementary students in South Fulton County. The program has a dual language focus of English and Spanish, better preparing our students for today's global economy.

- The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP) is a transdisciplinary programme of international education designed to foster the development of the whole child, for students up to age 12. It focuses on the total growth of the developing child, touching hearts as well as minds and encompassing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic development.

- The PYP draws on research and best practice from a range of national systems with a wealth of knowledge and experience from international schools to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational framework for all children.

- The curriculum framework consists of five essential elements: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitude, action. The knowledge component is developed through inquiries into six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, supported and balanced by six subject areas. Teachers assess students by selecting or designing methods of assessment appropriate to the learning outcomes they intend to capture. Teachers also take into account the diverse, complicated and sophisticated ways that individual students use to develop and demonstrate their understanding.

- Charter schools are independent public schools that are open to all students, regardless of income, gender, race or religion. They exist under a charter that holds them accountable for results. Charter schools run independently of traditional school districts, yet since they are public schools they are funded by existing taxpayer money, not tuition. Visit www.publiccharters.org for more background on charter schools.

- The current plan is to have a charter school up and running by Fall 2009, with Imagine Schools' help. We need strong public support as we submit our charter for approval in March 2008. We invite you to write a letter of support, help spread the word, join us for our next meeting and make your voice heard as these plans move forward. Even if you don't have school-age children, please get involved to better our community's future.

We can't do it without you!