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STATE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Fulton County Schools
Where Students Come First

Positioning Statement

We Believe Charter Schools Must:

- Add value and address needs not already being met by local schools or the school district
- Provide program offerings that are unique and not already provided within the school system
- Show ability for financial stability and sustainability
- Be community-driven and involve parents rather than for-profit organizations
- Provide a process to learn from the past successes and challenges
- Perform at/or above the district for student performance and school climate
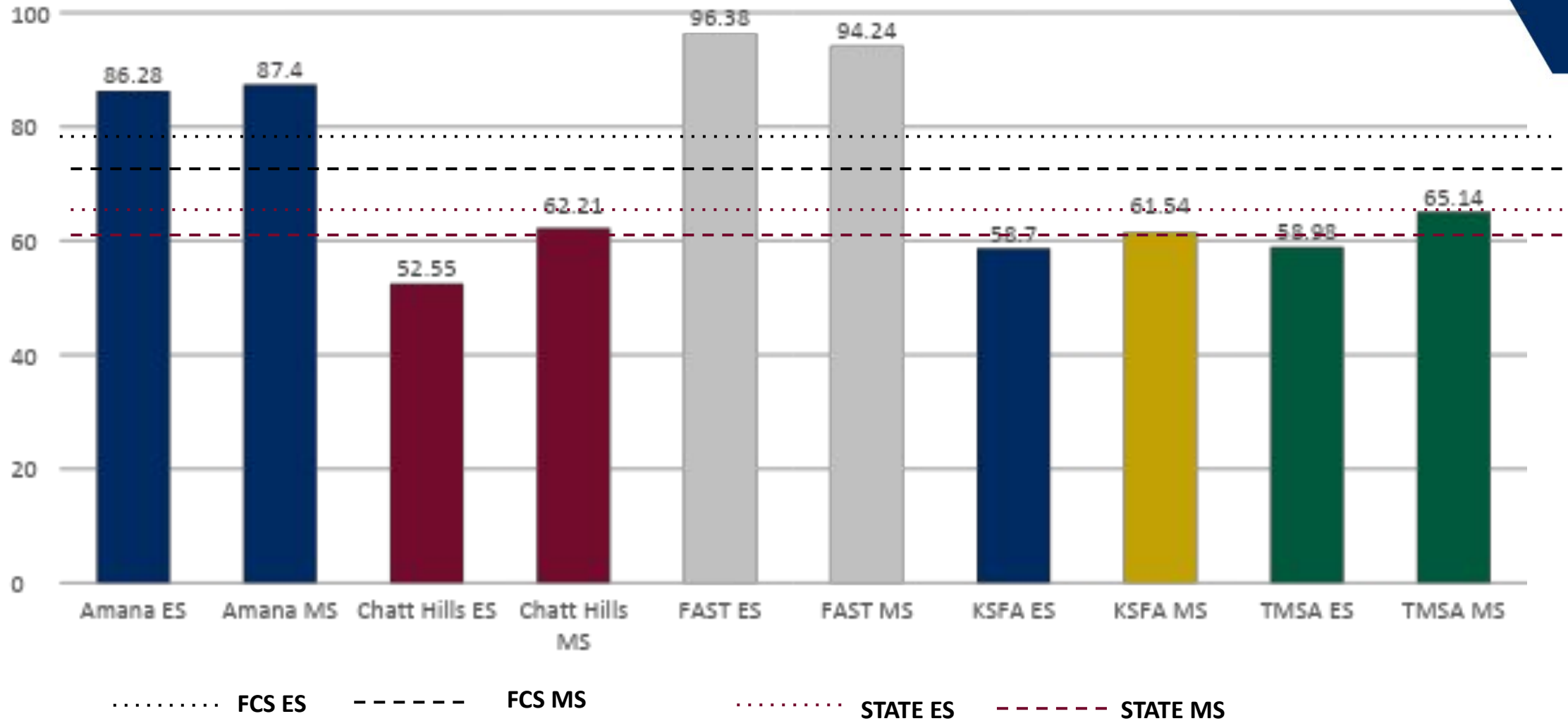
Charter School Enrollment

FCS Charters	Opening Year	Renewal Date	Grades	Enrollment
Amana Academy	2005	June 2024	K-8	750 (772)
Chattahoochee Hills Charter School	2013	June 2026	K-8	540 (540)
Fulton Academy of Science and Technology	2016	June 2026	K-8	466 (720)
Hapeville Charter Career Academy	2004	June 2025	9-12	720 (703)
KIPP South Fulton Academy	2003	June 2028	5-8	384 (400)
Skyview High School	2016	June 2024	9-12	285 (410)
The Main Street Academy	2010	June 2025	K-8	842 (844)

*7 charters schools currently serve over 3,987 students
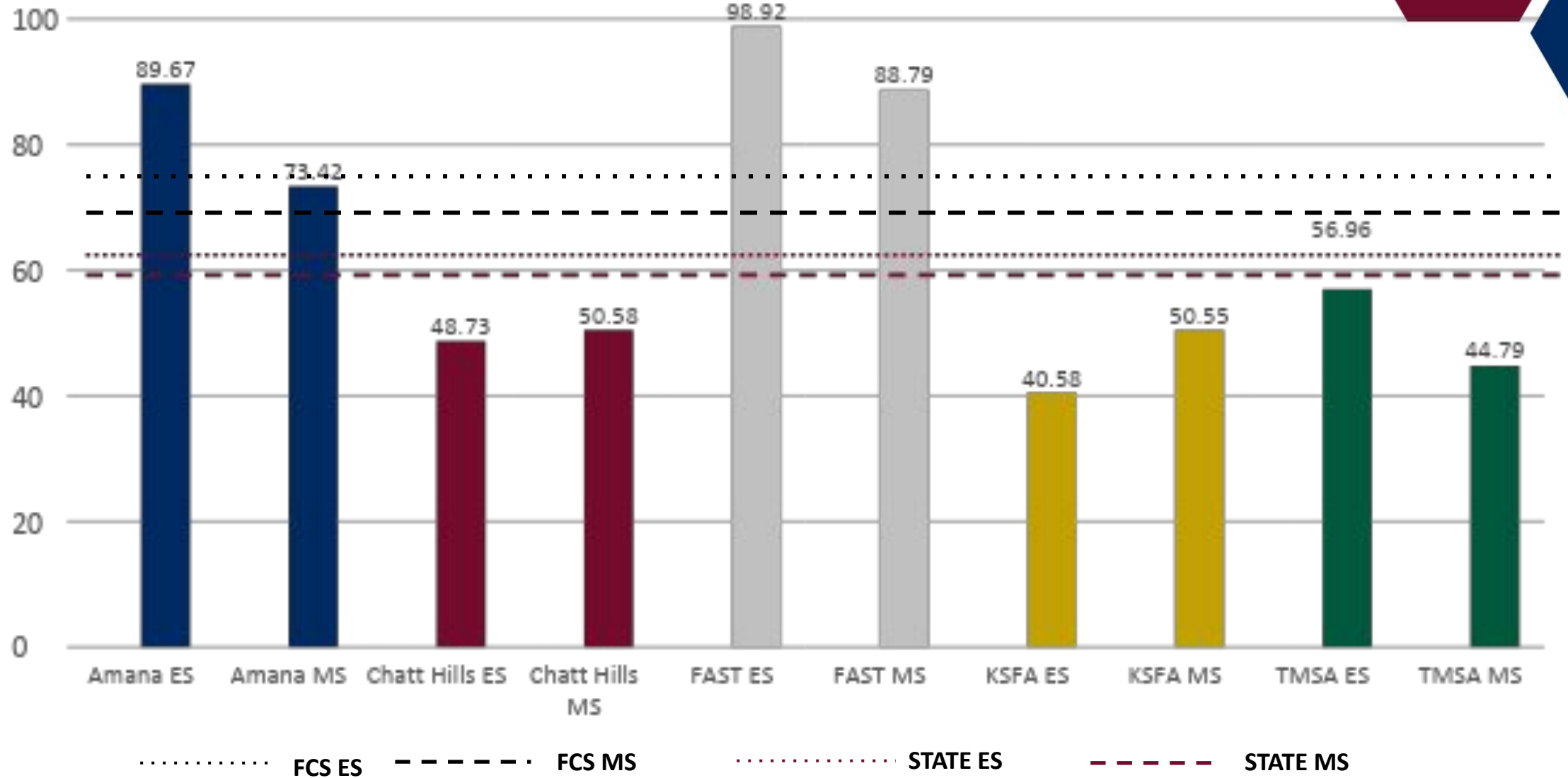(~5% of FCS Student Population)*

Academics

Content Mastery ELA SY 2023

School	Score
Amana ES	86.28
Amana MS	87.4
Chatt Hills ES	52.55
Chatt Hills MS	62.21
FAST ES	96.38
FAST MS	94.24
KSFA ES	58.7
KSFA MS	61.54
TMSA ES	58.98
TMSA MS	65.14

Legend: FCS ES · FCS MS · STATE ES · STATE MS

Academics

Content Mastery Math SY 2023

- Amana ES: 89.67
- Amana MS: 73.42
- Chatt Hills ES: 48.73
- Chatt Hills MS: 50.58
- FAST ES: 98.92
- FAST MS: 88.79
- KSFA ES: 40.58
- KSFA MS: 50.55
- TMSA ES: 56.96
- TMSA MS: 44.79

Legend: FCS ES, FCS MS, STATE ES, STATE MS

Academics

Progress SY 2023
ELA Progress SY 2023

School	Value
Amana ES	92.58
Amana MS	88.39
Chatt Hills ES	81.19
Chatt Hills MS	75.49
FAST ES	96.25
FAST MS	90.8
KSFA ES	89.53
KSFA MS	89.1
TMSA ES	91.99
TMSA MS	82.02

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Academics

Progress SY 2022-2023

School	Value
Amana ES	87.02
Amana MS	79.87
Chatt Hills ES	62.38
Chatt Hills MS	100
KSFA ES	88.18
KSFA MS	87.5
FCS ES	53.23
FCS MS	94.94
STATE ES	53.6
TMSA MS	81.7

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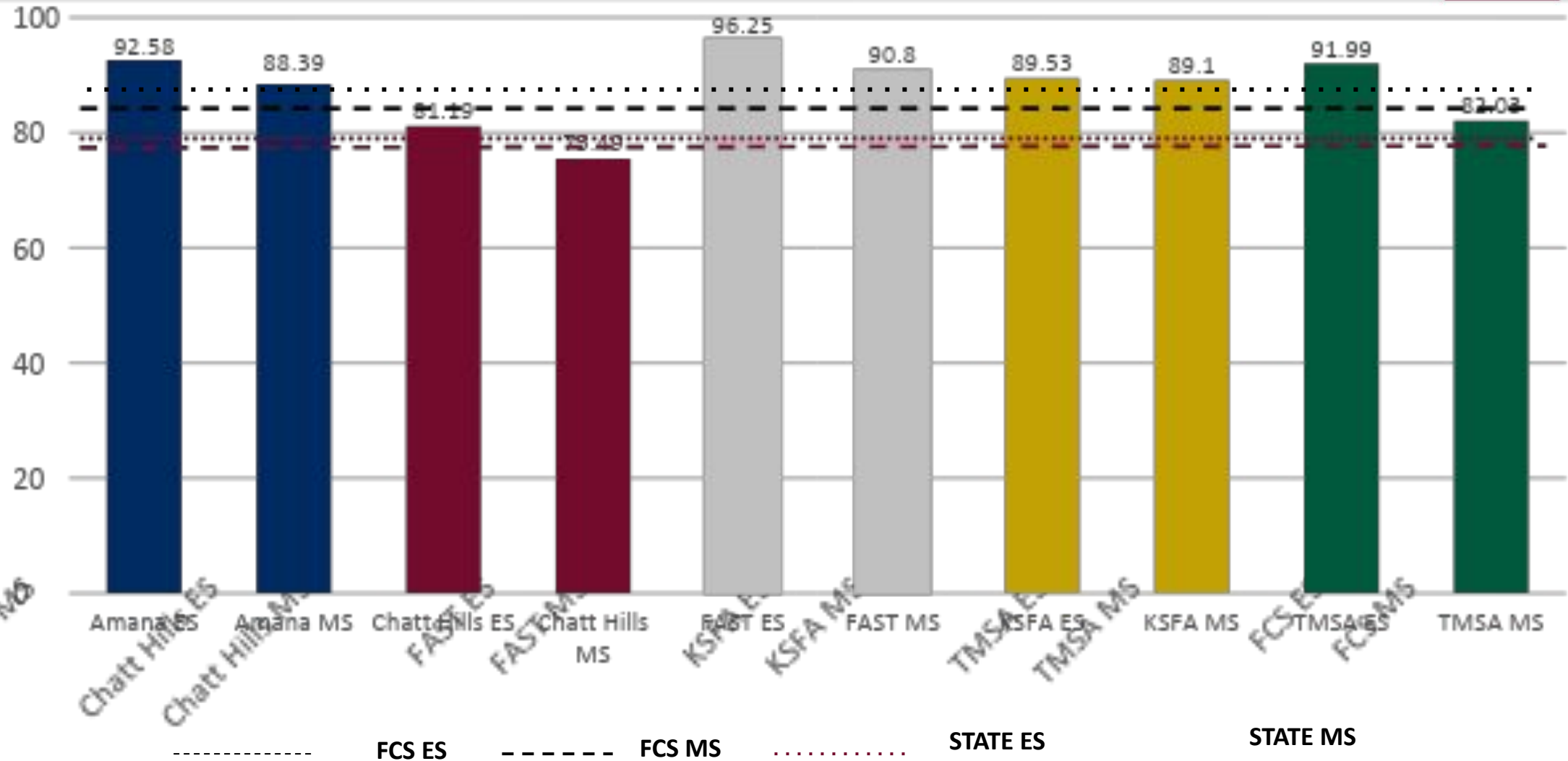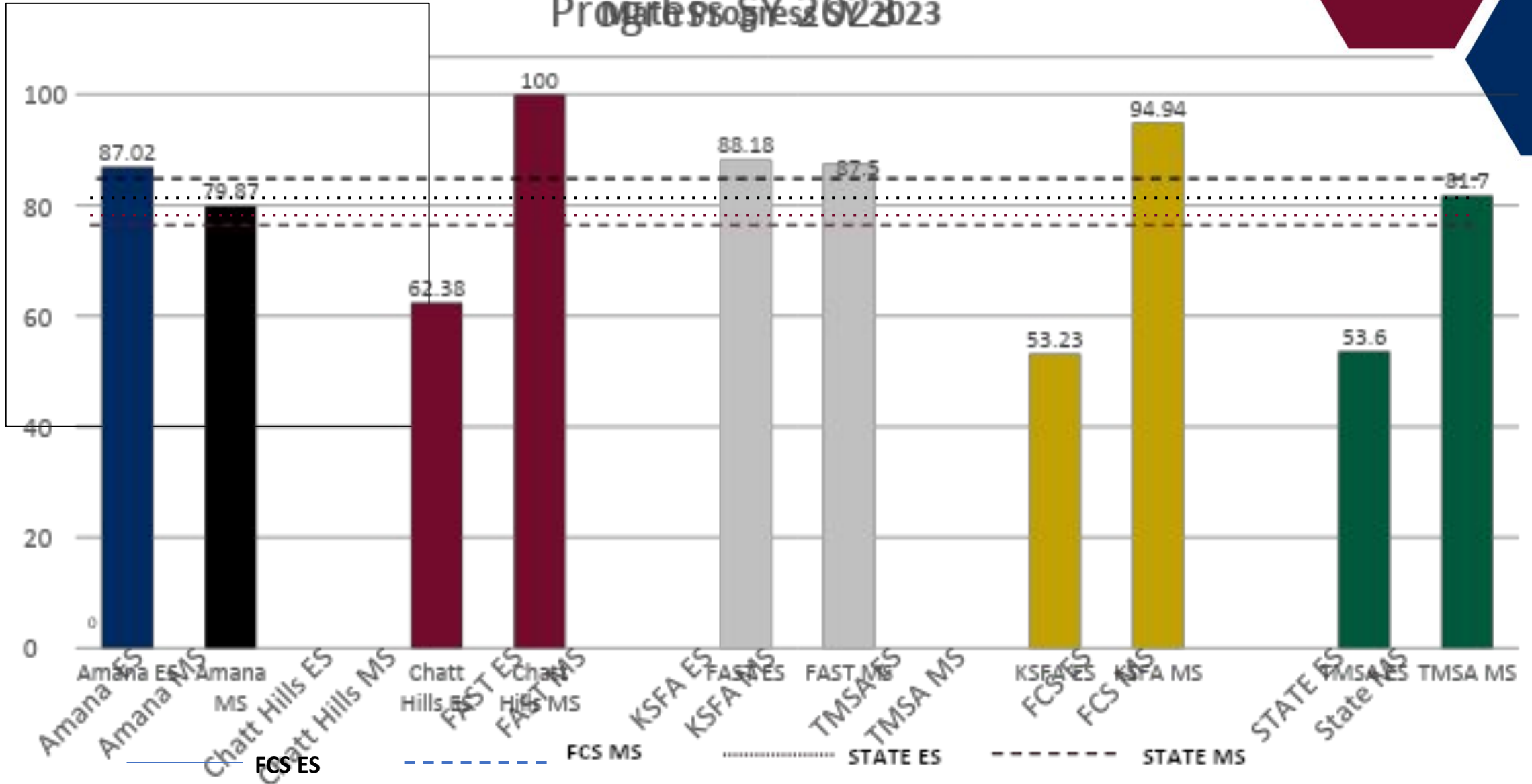
Financial Stability

Sustainability Ratio

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	Skyview	TMSA
3.38 ⬆	1.97 ⬆	4.17 ⬆	5.36 ⬆	-4.38 ⬇ 2.33-Metro ⬇	5.40 ⬇	1.99 ⬆

Sustainability ratio is measured as unrestricted net assets divided by average monthly expenses. Sustainability ratio should indicate more than a 2-month reserve.

Liquidity Ratio

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	Skyview	TMSA
0.32 ⬆	0.15 ⬆	0.29 ⬆	0.41 ⬆	-.33 ⬇ .49-Metro ⬆	0.43 ⬇	0.18 ⬇

Liquidity ratio is measured as (current assets less current liabilities) divided by total expenses. Liquidity ratio should be greater than 0 and less than 1.

Debt to Assets Ratio

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	Skyview	TMSA
0.79 ⬇	0.06 ⬇	0.12 ⬇	0.45 ⬇	1.02 ⬆ .17-Metro ⬇	0.08 ⬆	0.09 ⬇

Debt to Asset Ratio is measured as total liabilities (excluding net pension liability) divided by total assets. The Debt to Asset ratio should be less than 0.90.

Financial Stability

Occupancy Expenses Ratio*

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	Skyview	TMSA
2.65% ⬇	5.65% ⬇	13.88% ⬆	6.97% ⬆	14.10% ⬇ 4.18%-Metro ⬇	11.30% ⬆	5.57% ⬆

Occupancy expense is measured by rent, taxes and insurance on building, depreciation and amortization expense (total occupancy costs) divided by total revenue. Occupancy expense should be 15% or less.

Occupancy Expenses Ratio*

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	Skyview	TMSA
9.74% ⬇	15.06% ⬇	20.05% ⬆	13.27% ⬆	20.37% ⬆ 10.98%-Metro ⬆	17.18% ⬆	8.83% ⬆

Occupancy expense is measured by utilities, repairs and maintenance, and interest on mortgage (total occupancy costs) divided by total revenue. Occupancy expense should be 15% or less.

*Occupancy costs are defined to ways: (1) as rent, taxes and insurance on building, depreciation and amortization expense: (2) additionally, utilities, repairs and maintenance, and interest on mortgage.

Charter Petition Process

New Charter Petition Timeline

- **3rd Friday in June – Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission**
- **3rd Friday in January – New Petition Application Submission**

Friday June 16, 2023	Friday January 19, 2024

Renewal Petition Timeline

- **3rd Friday in March – Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission**
- **3rd Friday in September – Renewal Petition Application Submission**

Friday March 17, 2023	Friday September15, 2023

One petitioner has sent in LOI for a start date of August 2025:
1. Excelsior Village Academies

APPENDICES

Charter Innovations

Amana Academy
- Harvard-Based EL Education Approach to STEM Design Thinking
- Middle School Single-Gender Classroom Instruction
- Integrated Culture & Character Programming

Chattahoochee Hills Charter School
- Tri-focus in the Arts, Agriculture, and the Environment
- Aligned Campus Design
- Extensive use of Local Resources as Outdoor Classrooms

Fulton Academy of Science and Technology (FAST)
- Incorporating Design Thinking
- Weekly "Genius" Hour"
- 8th Grade Capstone
- Coding and Computer Science for All Grade

Hapeville Charter Career Academy
- Career Preparedness: Aviation and Avionics
- Expansion/Enrollment Growth in Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement
- CTAE: Cloud Computing Pathway
- Early College

Charter Innovations

KIPP South Fulton

- Focus on 5-8th Grade Underserved Communities
- Intervention/Enrichment Blocks Four Times a Week
- KIPP Forward Alumni Support for 6 Years Post- Graduation

Skyview High School

- Modified Instructional Block Scheduling
- Blended Learning Instructional Model
- Wraparound Services for Students

The Main Street School Academy

- Flex Time for Extended Student Learning
- Project Based STEAM Learning
- Schoolwide Enrichment Model Connects Instruction to Real-World

State Commissioned Charter Schools in Fulton County

School	Address	Grades Served
Atlanta Unbound Academy	1743 Hardin Avenue College Park, GA 30337	K-6
Destinations Career Academy	Virtual	
Fulton Leadership Academy	2575 Dodson Drive East Point, GA 30344	6-12
GA Cyber Academy	1745 Phoenix Blvd #100, Atlanta, GA 30349	K-12
Georgia Connections Academy	Virtual	
International Charter School of Atlanta	1335 Northmeadow Pkwy, #100 Roswell, GA 30076	K-3
International Charter School of Atlanta	1675 Hembree Road Alpharetta, GA 30009	4-7
Resurgence Hall ES Resurgence Hall MS	1743 Hardin Avenue College Park, GA 30337	K-5 6-8
The RISE School	2626 Hogan Road East Point, GA 30344	K-8

Grant Funding (FY24)

- ARP Act – ESSER III
  - **$1,835,665.47**
  - Award amounts varied (formula-based)
- State Facility Grant
  - **$551,026**
  - Each school received $78,718
- School Security Grant
  - **$350,000**
  - Each school received $50,000
- Math/Science Supplements
  - **$79,907**
  - Award amounts varied (formula-based)