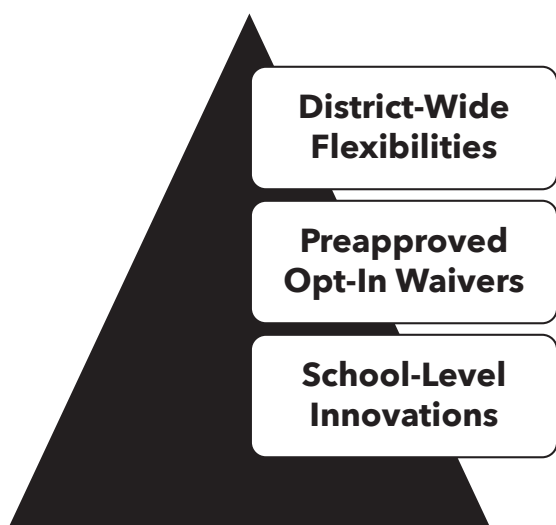


# Tiered Flexibility Model

As a Charter System, Fulton is afforded flexibility around many State laws and educational policies. FCS leverages this flexibility in a unique way offering a tiered system. This system promotes district-wide innovations while also providing schools opportunities to request individual waivers around both State and District policies when trying to implement solutions to local challenges. These Value-Added Flexibilities (VAFs) give our School Governance Councils the opportunity to promote community-driven approaches and tailored strategies to meet their goals. In addition, FCS provides schools with a menu of pre-approved opt-in waivers that have been widely requested and have been deemed scalable to schools throughout the district.



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*“The Science Course Replacement Opt-In waiver allows us to grow the IB Diploma Programme at Westlake High School and provides access to higher educational opportunities for our students by allowing them to pursue this course of study.”*

– School Administrator, Westlake High School

*“The ability to transition to a tiered-flexibility model for TAG at Barnwell ES was driven by our commitment to meet the diverse needs of our students. We have found that this model has given our students more individualized learning paths, an enhanced depth of knowledge and consistent, sustained progress.”*

– Principal, Barnwell Elementary School

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 Unique Value-Added Flexibility Approvals
- 29 Opt-In Waiver Adoptions
- On-Line Application Forms
- Value-Added Flexibility Training & Guidance Resources
- Iterative Feedback Process
- Design Thinking Training for SGC Members

## OPT-IN WAIVERS

- Physical Education Course Replacement
- Elementary Special Areas Class Size Waiver
- Closed-Campus Attendance Requirements
- Science Course Replacement

## FLEXIBILITY WAIVERS

- Instructional Minutes
- TAG Delivery Models
- Graduation Requirements
- Credit Recovery
- Class Size