

**South Carolina Education Oversight Committee  
Annual Standards Assurance Form  
S.C. Budget Proviso 109.15  
2016-2017  
Document A**

Please complete the information requested below concerning your Independent school. This information will be listed on the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee's website, [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov).

Independent School Name:	Thomas Sumter Academy
Independent School Contact Person:	Heather Gore, Mary Shannon
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City, State, Zip Code:	Rembert, SC 29128
Independent School Telephone Number:	(803)-499-3378
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Independent School E-mail Address:	www.thomassumter.org
Independent School Website Address:	www.thomassumter.org

Please review the standards below based on the 2016-17 General Appropriation Act. An "Eligible school" is defined in the Proviso as "an independent school including those religious in nature, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirement of Section 59-65-10 may be met and that does not discriminate based on the grounds of race, color, religion, or national origin." Please indicate whether your school has met each standard to ensure the following academic requirements are being met. The S.C. Education Oversight Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation to show the school is in compliance with the 2016-17 General Appropriation Act.

STANDARDS	YES	NO
1. Offers a general education to primary or secondary school students.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is located in this state.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Has an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements, graduation certificate requirements (for special needs children), and where the students attending are administered national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, at progressive grade levels to determine student progress.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is a member in good standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools or the South Carolina Independent Schools Association.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provides a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students or provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students, or is a school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities. Provide evidence of services or supports.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Did this school receive any grants last fiscal year (July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016) from any nonprofit scholarship funding organization under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program? If Yes, then Complete Document B.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will your school provide student test data from school year 2015-16? If Yes, then Complete Document C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will your school provide a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm? If Yes, then Complete Document D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I assure that all documents submitted to the SC Education Oversight Committee for the purpose of applying as an eligible school, as defined by the Proviso, is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10.

Signature: Mary Shannon

Date: 8/11/16

Print Name of Signature Above: Mary Shannon

Title: Business Manager

Email: mary.shannon@thorassurter.org

**Return this form to Melanie Barton**

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August 22, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Thomas Sumter Academy is partnering with Discovery Therapies, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year. Discovery Therapies is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 8807 Two Notch Road, Suite 1, Columbia, SC 29223, that provides intervention for struggling learners.

Thomas Sumter Academy students who need the services of Discovery will receive either one-on-one or small group therapy at the TSA campus from a trained Discovery therapist. Depending on each student's grade and schedule, he/she will receive the therapy either during the school day or after school.

Although the faculty and staff of Thomas Sumter Academy might refer a student for evaluation and will be a part of organizing the logistics for each student's therapy, the decisions concerning the application, treatment plan, analysis and intensity of the therapy will be conducted between the parent(s) and Discovery Therapies as well as the financial payment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Debbie Nix'.

Debbie Nix

Head of School

Thomas Sumter Academy

[debbie.nix@thomassumter.org](mailto:debbie.nix@thomassumter.org)

**Document B  
Grants Received**

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Application  
2016-2017**

**Independent School Name:** Thomas Sumter Academy

An independent school applying for or continuing to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is required to submit the following information:

Number and total amount of grants received from each nonprofit scholarship funding organization from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Please complete the following chart. If no grants were received from a nonprofit scholarship funding organization indicate with "0" and "\$0."

<b>Nonprofit Scholarship Funding Organizations</b>	<b>Total Number of Grants Received</b>	<b>Total Amount of Grants Received</b>
Advanced Carolina SFO		\$
Donors Enriching Students' Knowledge (DESK)		\$
Palmetto Kids FIRST Scholarship Program, Inc.	8	18 \$844. <sup>00</sup>
St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Funding Organization		\$

Total number of grants is the number of individual children/students who received a grant even if the school received more than one grant for a specific child/student. The total amount of grants per child/student should not have exceeded \$10,000.

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**Document C**

**Student Assessment Data**

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Application 2016-2017**

**Independent School Name:** Thomas Sumter Academy

An independent school applying for or continuing to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is required to submit the following information:

Student test scores, by category, on national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, for all grades tested and administered by the school.

In working with its nine-member advisory committee, the EOC has determined that, to maintain student privacy and to recognize the educational needs of students, each school must submit the following:

- Summative assessment data from the 2015-16 school year that documents for *each grade tested* and for *each grade with at least 10 students in the grade*, the English language arts (reading) and mathematics achievement of students in the grade. Examples include: *TerraNova, Stanford 10, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, etc.*
- *For schools with less than 10 students per grade level, whole school results should be used for reporting purposes.*
- For grades 9-12, the school may provide average PSAT, SAT, ACT, or other scores as appropriate.
- For Support Level III schools, those schools that specifically exist to meet the need of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities, the EOC will work with the Support Level III schools to provide information (including formative assessments, portfolios, etc.) that document the students' academic and social development
- Please DO NOT provide personally identifiable student information.

The following is a **template** that you may use for reporting purposes. For questions, contact the EOC.

**2015-16 School Year Results for \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment  
National Percentiles Mean Scale Scores, Average Scores, Grade Equivalents, etc.**

Grade	English language arts (Reading)	Mathematics
1		
2	Please see attached document	
3		
4		
5		
6		
7 etc.		

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## Educational Credit for Exceptional needs Children

Thomas Sumter Academy  
2015-2016 School Year Test Results

GRADE	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (READING)	MATHEMATICS	ASSESSMENT TOOL
1	71*	85*	Stanford 10
2	73*	81*	Stanford 10
3	78*	68*	Stanford 10
4	78*	81*	Stanford 10
5	71*	63*	Stanford 10
6	69*	72*	Stanford 10
7	67*	75*	Stanford 10
8	74*	81*	Stanford 10
9	470	447	PSAT
10	498	473	PSAT
11	496	472	PSAT

\*National Percentiles

PSAT grade level scores are the averages for all students who took the test.

**Document D**

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Application 2016-2017**

**Independent School Name:** Thomas Sumter Academy

An independent school applying for or continuing to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is required to submit the following information:

A copy of a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm. By law, the compilation, review or compliance audit will be posted online at [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov).

Please answer the following questions:

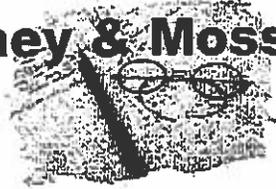
	YES	NO
Did your school receive any grants last fiscal year, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, under the ECENC program?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If <b>Yes</b>, are you attaching a compilation, review or compliance audit conducted by a certified public accounting firm to this Document and submitting it to the EOC by <b>December 30, 2016</b>.</p> <p>Does the audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document and verify that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program in 2015-16 were for eligible children enrolled in the school?</li> <li>• Document the total amount of each grant per child from every scholarship funding organization (SFO)?</li> <li>• Document that no grant exceeded \$10,000 during school year 2015-16?</li> <li>• Document that the independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to the SFO if any student withdrew during the school year?</li> </ul> <p>Also, document that the total amount of each grant was used for tuition which is defined as "the total amount of money charged for the cost of a qualifying student to attend an independent school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school and school-related transportation."</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If <b>No</b> , will your school submit a compilation, review or compliance audit conducted by a certified public accounting firm by <b>June 30, 2017</b> to the EOC if you receive tuition grants this fiscal year, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors  
Thomas Sumter Academy  
5265 Camden Highway  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated in Attachment A, which were agreed to by Thomas Sumter Academy, solely to assist your organization with the request from SC Education Oversight Committee regarding the requirements of the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016. These agreed-upon procedures were requested by your organization and referenced in our engagement letter. We preformed the requested procedures on the financial information of Thomas Sumter Academy in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report and the scope of this engagement was limited to performing the agreed-upon procedures at your direction as set forth in Attachment A. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described in Attachment A either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. Attachment A also identifies the findings noted as a result of the procedures performed.

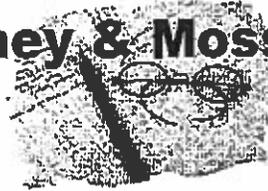
We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit or any other examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion as to the appropriateness of the results summarized at Attachment A. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors of Thomas Sumter Academy, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hamilton, McKinney & Moss  
Columbia, South Carolina  
August 24, 2016

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## ATTACHMENT A

Our procedures and findings were as follows:

### Procedure 1:

The independent school can document and verify that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program in 2015-16 were for eligible children enrolled in the school.

### Results / Findings:

The independent school was able to document and verify that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program in 2015-16 were for eligible children enrolled in the school.

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### Procedure 2:

The independent school can document the total amount of each grant per child from every scholarship funding organization (SFO).

### Results / Findings:

The independent school was able to document the total amount of each grant per child from every scholarship funding organization (SFO).

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### Procedure 3:

The independent school can document that no grant exceeded \$10,000 during the school year 2015-16.

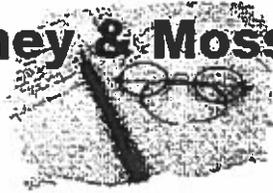
### Results / Findings:

The independent school was able to document that no grant exceeded \$10,000 during the school year 2015-16.

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## ATTACHMENT A (continued)

### Procedure 4:

Determine if the independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to SFO if any students withdrew during the school year.

### Results / Findings:

The independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to SFO for students who withdrew during the school year.

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### Procedure 5:

Determine if the total amount of each grant was used for tuition which is defined as "the total amount charged for the cost of a qualifying student to attend an independent school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school and school-related transportation".

### Results / Findings:

The total amount of each grant was used for tuition which is defined as "the total amount charged for the cost of a qualifying student to attend an independent school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school and school-related transportation".

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