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EFFECTIVE DATE

06/08/01

Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
409 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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RE: Lake Gibson High School-Academic Research Charter School, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Please file these documents as of the day of receipt and return a certified copy to this office in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope.

Our check, number 1079, in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed for the following:

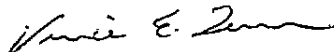
Filing fee, non-profit corporation	\$ 35.00
Certified copy of Articles	\$ 52.50
Registered Agent Designation	\$ 35.00
Total	\$122.50

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Vince E. Turner

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LAKE GIBSON HIGH SCHOOL-ACADEMIC RESEARCH CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under Chapter 617 of the laws of the State of Florida, applicable to corporations not for profit, under the following proposed charter:

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ARTICLE I

The complete legal name of the Corporation is Lake Gibson High School-Academic Research Charter School, Inc. and the street address of the principal office shall be located at 7007 North Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809.

ARTICLE II

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual. The corporate existence will commence with the signing of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III

The corporation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income or profits of the Corporation are distributable to, or inures to the benefit of, its directors or officers; provided however, reasonable compensation as set by the Board of Directors may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation and for the lease of property. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV

This corporation is organized and is to operate exclusively not for profit as a charter school to provide an education to individuals without regard to sex, race, color, creed or ethnic and national origin and such other purposes as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate and which is lawful under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE V

For such purposes, and operating without profit, and in the manner herein stated, the corporation shall have the power to:

- A. Engage in any and all activities which may be deemed necessary or appropriate for the proper and successful attainment of the objects and purposes for which this corporation was created.
- B. Solicit, accept, hold and administer contributions received by deed, gift, will, ordinance, statute or otherwise, either in trust or otherwise; to own, hold, operate and administer or dispose of real and personal property, both in this state and all other states, territories and dependencies of the United States and generally to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes herein stated and permitted to like non-profit corporations by law.
- C. Provided further, that:
 - 1. Assets or property held in trust for the corporation or by the corporation for its corporate purposes as herein stated shall be segregated and identified as being so held, and shall not be held without disclosure of the fiduciary capacity in which they are held.
 - 2. The corporation shall not engage in any transaction prohibited by Section 503(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended.

3. The corporation shall not apply accumulation of income in any manner which may subject it to denial of exemption as provided in Section 504 of the United States Internal Revenue Code as now enacted, or as it may hereafter be amended.
4. In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, any assets of said corporation then remaining shall be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE VI

Except as otherwise provided therein, the Bylaws of this corporation shall be made, altered and rescinded by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors voting at any regular Board of Directors meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII

The name and residence of the incorporator is as follows:

Ralph A. Gilcrest III
1910 Clubhouse Road
Lakeland, FL 33813

ARTICLE VIII

The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights, privileges and responsibilities of members shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Board of not less than three (3) voting Directors and no more than nine (9) voting Directors and by such other officers of the corporation as the corporation may hereafter see fit to name and designate. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time by the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3) voting members or more than nine (9) voting members. The initial Board of Directors shall

consist of five (5) voting Directors and at least one (1) non-voting principal designee. The Board consisting of five (5) voting Directors and at least one (1) non-voting principal designee shall be composed of those persons hereinafter named:

Patricia A. Stoer
4105 Derby Drive
Lakeland, FL 33809

Wilson P. Strouse
6306 Calusa Drive
Lakeland, FL 33813

R. Howard Wiggs
4602 Highland Place Drive
Lakeland, FL 33813

Vivian B. Underwood
901 O'Daniel Drive
Lakeland, FL 33809

Steven Githens
1212 George Jenkins Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33815

Dr. Duane Collins (non-voting member)
8505 N. Campbell Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

The method of election of Directors shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE X

The name and street address of the initial registered agent are:

Ralph A. Gilchrest III
1910 Clubhouse Road
Lakeland, FL 33813

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation this

8 day of June, 2001.

Witnesses:

Debra J. Coffman
Print Name: Debra J. Coffman

Charles C. Fuchs
Print Name: Charles C. Fuchs

Ralph A. Gilchrest III
RALPH A. GILCHREST III

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8 day of June, 2001,
By RALPH A. GILCHREST III, who is personally known to me or who has produced
FL06, as identification, and who did take an oath, and acknowledged
that he executed the same for the purposes contained in the instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign here and set my official seal.



Arlene Rossow
MY COMMISSION # CC640877 EXPIRES
July 18, 2001
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC

Arlene Rossow
NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name: _____
My commission expires: _____

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of Lake Gibson High School-
Academic Research Charter School, Inc., which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 8 day of June, 2001.

Ralph A. Gilchrest III
RALPH A. GILCHREST III
Registered Agent