

16 Charter Schools Seek Approval to Open in either 2024 or 2025

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16 non-profit boards submitted applications to open public charter schools on or before the April 28, 2023 application deadline. Of these, two boards are seeking approval for Acceleration to open in the 2024-25 school year with 14 aiming for open in the 2025-26 school year.

A list of all applications can be found at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/alternative-choices/charter-schools/applications/submitted-apps> on the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) Office of Charter Schools' Website <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/alternative-choices/charter-schools>.

To be approved to open on an accelerated schedule, acceleration applicants must meet the conditions outlined in the State Board of Education [Policy - CHTR-013](#).

Each applicant paid a \$1,000 application fee and conducted criminal background checks on all proposed board members. In addition, applicants provided a detailed description of the proposed school's mission, governance, education, operational, and financial plans.

Applications were submitted via the Edlusion application platform. The twenty applications then underwent a mandatory completeness check. Each application is assigned to external evaluators before being distributed to the NC Charter Schools Advisory Board (CSAB) for further review and SBE recommendation. CSAB will review applications from June to August 2023 in preparation for charter applicant interviews to begin at the September CSAB meetings.

Accelerated applications receive priority review and must participate in the Office of Charter Schools Ready to Open (RTO) planning year prior in the year immediately preceding the target open date without any expressed guarantee of approval.

North Carolina currently has 206 charter schools serving over 130,000 students and 8 schools participating in the planning year that are scheduled to open in Fall 2023.

Charter schools are public schools operated by non-profit boards. The schools have open enrollment and no tuition is charged to attend. Tax dollars are the primary funding source for charter schools.

Visit the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction website <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/> for more information.