

2021 Charter Application Timeline
Adopted April 8, 2021 by the State Board of Education

<p>May 28, 2021</p>	<p><u>2021 Application accessible to new applicant groups (Acceleration/Fast-track schools opening 2022 and Regular Timeline schools opening 2023)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants may begin the charter application process. • Application resources are posted on Office of Charter Schools (OCS) website. • To begin the 2021 online application click here.
<p>July 30, 2021</p>	<p align="center">***<u>ALL ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE</u>***</p> <p><u>Fast-track and Acceleration (2022 school opening) and Regular Timeline (2023 school opening) online applications are due by 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable \$1,000 application fee and Application Fee Payment Form must have been received by the Office of Charter Schools by this date and time. • An application submitted without the non-refundable fee or submitted after 5:00 PM EST will <u>not</u> be considered. • Online submissions only. Applications sent through mail or hand-delivered will not be accepted.
<p>September - October 2021</p>	<p>Round One Interviews for Fast-track and Acceleration Begin* Round One Interviews for Regular Timeline Applications Begin</p> <p><i>*Fast-track Replication and Acceleration applications will receive a priority review. Applicants will be notified of their status at the conclusion of Round One interviews.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview – for each applicant, members of the Board of Directors (BOD) for the proposed school make themselves available to address questions/concerns posed by CSAB. • CSAB conducts one-hour interviews of each invited applicant BOD before the full CSAB (Round One Interviews). • The full CSAB deliberates following each applicant interview

	<p>with three recommendation options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSAB forwards recommendation for approval to SBE 2. CSAB advances application to Round Two interview 3. CSAB denies application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast-track recommendations are forwarded to SBE for final approval at its October 2021 meeting. <p><i>* Fast-track applications will be prioritized based on statutory deadlines. Decisions by the State Board of Education on whether to grant a charter through the replication process are completed in less than 120 days from the application submission date. The State Board shall provide a decision no later than October 15 of the year immediately preceding the year of the proposed school opening. GS § 115C-218.3.</i></p>
<p>November 2021 – January 2022</p>	<p>Round One Interviews for Acceleration Applicants Continue, if needed*</p> <p>Round One Interviews for Regular Timeline Applications Continue Round Two Interviews, if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSAB continues review of Regular Timeline Applicants. • Round Two Interviews scheduled as needed. • Interview – for each applicant, members of the Board of Directors (BOD) for the proposed school make themselves available to address questions/concerns posed by CSAB. • CSAB conducts one-hour interviews of each invited applicant BOD before the full CSAB (Round One Interviews). • The full CSAB deliberates following each applicant interview with three recommendation options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CSAB forwards recommendation for approval to SBE ○ CSAB advances application to Round Two interview ○ CSAB denies application • Upon concluding all acceleration interviews, CSAB recommendations will be forwarded to SBE for discussion.

<p>February 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBE considers CSAB recommendations for each acceleration applicant opening in 2022-23 and may grant approval of the charter contingent upon successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process). SBE may consider accelerated applications prior to February; timeline will depend on the number of accelerated applications received. • CSAB continues regular timeline interviews as necessary.
<p>March 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBE votes on Accelerated Timeline applicants. • CSAB makes final recommendations on all applications and forwards regular timeline applications to SBE for discussion. SBE may consider regular timeline applications prior to March; timeline will depend on the number of applications received.
<p>April 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBE discusses the regular timeline recommendations forwarded by CSAB.
<p>May 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBE votes on the regular timeline recommendations.
<p>June 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSAB reconsiders SBE initially denied applications, if applicable. • CSAB forwards reconsidered recommendations to SBE, if applicable.
<p>July – August 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBE reviews and makes final approvals or denials of reconsidered applications, if applicable.

Applicant training information and resources available at the [Office of Charter Schools](#).