

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 style="text-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 Standard 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</p> <p>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.

February 2022	<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.
March 2022	<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.
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBE discusses the regular timeline recommendations forwarded by CSAB.
May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBE votes on the regular timeline recommendations.
June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSAB reconsiders SBE initially denied applications, if applicable. CSAB forwards reconsidered recommendations to SBE, if applicable.
July – August 2022	<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](#).