



2026 Charter Application Timeline

January 30, 2026	<p><u>2026 Application accessible to new applicant groups (Acceleration/Fast-track schools opening 2027 and Regular Timeline schools opening 2028)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants may begin the charter application process.• Application resources are posted on the Office of Charter Schools website.• To begin the 2026 online application click here.
April 24, 2026	<p><u>***ALL ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE***</u></p> <p><u>Fast-track and Acceleration (2027 school opening) and Regular Timeline (2028 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 payable by certified check or money order 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 <u>not</u> be accepted.
September – December 2026	<p><u>Interviews for Regular/Standard Timeline Applications</u></p> <p><u>Interviews for Fast-track and Acceleration*</u></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 CSRB.

September – December 2026 (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSRB conducts interviews of each invited applicant BOD before the full CSRB. • The full CSRB deliberates following each applicant interview with three recommendation options: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSRB approves application 2. CSRB holds application for second interview 3. CSRB denies application • The Review Board <i>shall</i> provide a decision for Fast-Track Replication applications no later than October 15th. <p><i>* Fast-track applications will be prioritized based on statutory deadlines. Decisions by the Review Board on whether to grant a charter through the replication process are completed in less than 120 days from the application submission date. The Review Board shall provide a decision no later than October 15 of the year immediately preceding the year of the proposed school opening. Session Law 2023-110 HB 618.</i></p> <p><i>*The Review Board prioritizes and considers each acceleration applicant slated for opening in 2027 and may grant approval of the charter contingent upon successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process). The Review Board Acceleration calendar will depend on the number of accelerated applications received.</i></p>
January 2027	CSRB continues any second-round interviews, if necessary.

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