

Twenty-one Charter Schools Seek Approval to Open in either 2022 or 2023

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Twenty-one non-profit boards submitted applications to open public charter schools on or before the July 30th application deadline. Of these, five boards are seeking approval for Fast-Track replication or Acceleration to open in the 2022 school year with another sixteen aiming for 2023.

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 a fast-track replication schedule, applicants must meet certain conditions as outlined in the State Board of Education [Policy - CHTR-016](#), and 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 performed criminal background checks on its proposed board members. In addition, applicants provided a detailed description of the proposed school's mission, goals, education plan, operations, governance and financial plan. Applications were submitted via the Edlusion application platform. The applications then undergo a mandatory completeness check and are assigned to external evaluators before being submitted to the N.C. Charter Schools Advisory Board (CSAB). CSAB will begin reviewing applications in mid-August in preparation for applicant interviews to begin at the September CSAB meetings.

By statute, Fast-track applications must be either approved or denied within 120 days of the date of the application. Accelerations receive priority review and must participate in the Office of Charter Schools Ready to Open (RTO) planning year prior to opening.

North Carolina currently has 204 charter schools serving over 126,000 students and ten schools participating in the planning year and scheduled to open in 2022.

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.