

13 Charter Schools Seek Approval to Open in either 2025 or 2026

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Thirteen non-profit boards submitted complete applications to the Office of Charter Schools on or before the annual application deadline. Of the thirteen applicant boards, two boards are seeking approval for Acceleration to open in the 2025-26 school year with 11 aiming for open in the 2026-27 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 NC Administrative Code [16 NCAC 06G .0509](#).

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. All applications then underwent a mandatory completeness check phase. Each application deemed complete is then assigned to external evaluators before being distributed to the NC Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) for review. CSRB will review applications from June to August 2024 in preparation for charter applicant interviews to begin during the September CSRB meeting.

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 210 charter schools serving over 140,000 students and two schools participating in the planning year that are scheduled to open in Fall 2024.

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.