

TO: Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB)
RE: 2026 Application Updates - For CSRB Review

Application Review Calendar

Application Sections	CSRB Discussion Date
Sections 1-6	Monday, March 10, 2025
Sections 7-9	Monday, April 7, 2025
Sections 10-17	Monday, May 5, 2025
September 2025 - reconvene after summer application evaluations and vote on changes to 2026 cycle application.	

CSRB Pre-work: Please review the proposed schedule below in order to make suggestions for revisions to the 2026 charter application. Please review and provide feedback of the specified sections on or before the proposed CSRB review due dates. Please review this document in tandem with the current charter application (2025) which is provided [online with this document](#).

CSRB Action: CSRB should discuss and approve any proposed revisions to the charter application in a public meeting. OCS must have an approved application to get to the platform developers in Fall 2026. The 2026 application window will open on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Public Comment: The public is welcome to provide comment on these proposed changes and/or the application in general. Please send comment to the Office of Charter Schools Executive Director ashley.baquero@dpi.nc.gov. They will be provided to the CSRB prior to its discussion each month per the schedule above.

- Notes on each section's proposed revisions are below. Deletions (-) are in Black font. Blue font indicates additional questions (+) or revisions (+) to existing questions.
- These revisions are brought to CSRB by OCS after a full review of the existing application and internal discussions regarding areas we often see cause confusion and/or areas that routinely come up in interviews, but are not asked or need clarification in the existing application. OCS's goal in CSRB authorizing support is to facilitate a transparent, understandable, and rigorous process that holds charter boards to high expectations resulting in quality charter schools.

Section 10 (Educational Plan)

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q124	
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Q162	
Q163	OCS suggests - add " <i>and exclusion</i> " at 163.3 , " <i>or excluded</i> " at 163.4 *Rationale - aligns with language utilized in General Statute
Q164	
Q165	
+	Add a question after Q163 Please explain if the school intends to utilize exclusion as a disciplinary consequence under its code of conduct. Exclusion or expulsion must abide by the due process required under N.C.G.S. § 115C-218.60 and the Charter Agreement. If the school intends to utilize exclusion or expulsion, please summarize the procedures by which students can be excluded from the charter school. Reference: § 115C-218.60.
+	Add new Qs here
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Section 11 (Governance and Capacity) Q 184

+CSRB members have previously expressed the need to include a line of questioning specific to teacher evaluation and corrective action in addition to the current set of licensure questions. CSRB members also previously discussed separating questions on teacher licensure and teacher evaluation.

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
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Q184	(-) Q184 - OCS suggests - Remove Q184 Articles of Incorporation - Appendix K and relocate to Section 2 (Non-Profit Organization Information)
Q185	
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Section 12 Operations

- + OCS suggests - In Subsection 12.6 replace SBE with [CSRB](#)
- + [CSRB members have previously expressed the need to include more specificity in the facilities section. Discussion at previous meetings included consideration to include total # classrooms, total square footage, cost per square footage, square footage per classroom, etc. to this section. Short and long term facility plan costs, types of classrooms, gymnasiums, cafeterias, labs and media centers.](#)

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q216	
Q217	
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Q225	
Q226	OCS suggests - add additional language, " Include sources used to arrive at these figures " in reference to cost per square foot of proposed facility and comparables.
Q227	
Q228	
Q229	

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Section 13 Financial

+OCS suggests - addition of RCA line items specifically for positions legislatively mandated within Budget Template (Appendix N)

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q230	
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+	In the budget template OCS, included RCA staff line items for those positions legislatively-mandated on the Personnel Tab
+	In the budget template , OCS included line items for classroom/student devices, software/SIS/LMS, wifi access (RCA applicants)
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Section 14 Other Forms

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q251/2	
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Section 15 Third Party Application Preparation

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q253	
Q254	
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Section 16 Application Fee

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q256	
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Section 17 Signature Page

Question	Suggested Addition, Revision or Deletion
Q257	
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