

2026 Renewal Cohort Preview

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Review and Renewal of Charters

§ 115C-218.6.

(a) The Review Board shall review the operations of each charter school at least once prior to the expiration of its charter to ensure that the school is meeting the expected academic, financial, and governance standards.

(b) The Review Board shall renew a charter upon the request of the chartering entity for subsequent periods of 10 years, unless one of the following applies:

(1) The charter school has not provided financially sound audits for the immediately preceding three years.

(2) The charter school's student academic outcomes for the immediately preceding three years have not been comparable to the academic outcomes of students in the local school administrative unit in which the charter school is located. For purposes of this section, if a school's charter results in it providing services to certain targeted subgroups, the school's academic performance shall be judged in comparison to the academic outcomes of students in the same subgroups in the local school administrative unit where the school is located.

(3) The charter school is not, at the time of the request for renewal of the charter, substantially in compliance with State law, federal law, the school's own bylaws, or the provisions set forth in its charter granted by the Review Board.

If one of the conditions set forth in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection applies, then the Review Board may renew the charter for a period of less than 10 years or not renew the charter.

Charter School Renewal Process

[Policy CHTR-007](#)

A. **Process for Renewal**

Section 1: Office of Charter
Schools Actions

Section 2: Department of Public
Instruction Portfolio

B. **Guidelines for Decisions**

10 Years

7 Years

5 Years

3 Years

Non-Renewal or Assumption

Renewal Process + Timeline

Renewal Process Timeline

July 2024

Begin Renewal Process

OCS sent notification to schools with Charter Agreements that end June 30, 2025. All Schools Sent Requests to enter the renewal process.

August -
October
2024

Renewal Training

OCS conducted a Renewal Process Training for school leaders. The Q1 Compliance Team Meeting was held with all DPI divisions to discuss Renewal schools (held quarterly).

November
2024

Renewal Self-Study

Schools completed and submitted the Renewal Self-Study as required by [16 NCAC 06G.0507](#). The self-study provides information on the school and its commitment to fulfilling its mission.

December
2024

Renewal Fee

Schools submitted the Renewal Fee of \$500, per NCGS 115C-218.1.(c). Additionally, OCS consultants worked with schools to schedule the upcoming Renewal Site Visits.

January -
May 2025

Renewal Site Visit

All renewal schools received a site visit from the OCS Renewals Team. Schools were sent feedback following the visits.

September -
October
2025

Final Renewal Data Collection

Once the final accountability data from 2024-2025 is approved, OCS creates the DPI Portfolio and makes Renewal Placements. OCS will schedule and prepare schools for the renewal presentations to the Review Board.

November -
December
2025

Renewal Presentations to CSRB

Review Board Renewal Discussions will be conducted including a report from OCS along with individual school presentations. Any school that does not qualify for a 10-year renewal will speak before the Review Board, along with any schools under special circumstances. .

January -
February
2026

Voting on Renewal Terms

School Business will present on renewal schools' financial compliance/health. The Review Board will vote on the final renewal terms for each school.

March -
June 2026

Execute New Charter Agreements

Schools will receive new Charter Agreements and be required to sign, notarize and then return through postal mail. The state superintendent then signs Charter Agreements and final agreements are emailed to schools.

Renewal Site Visits

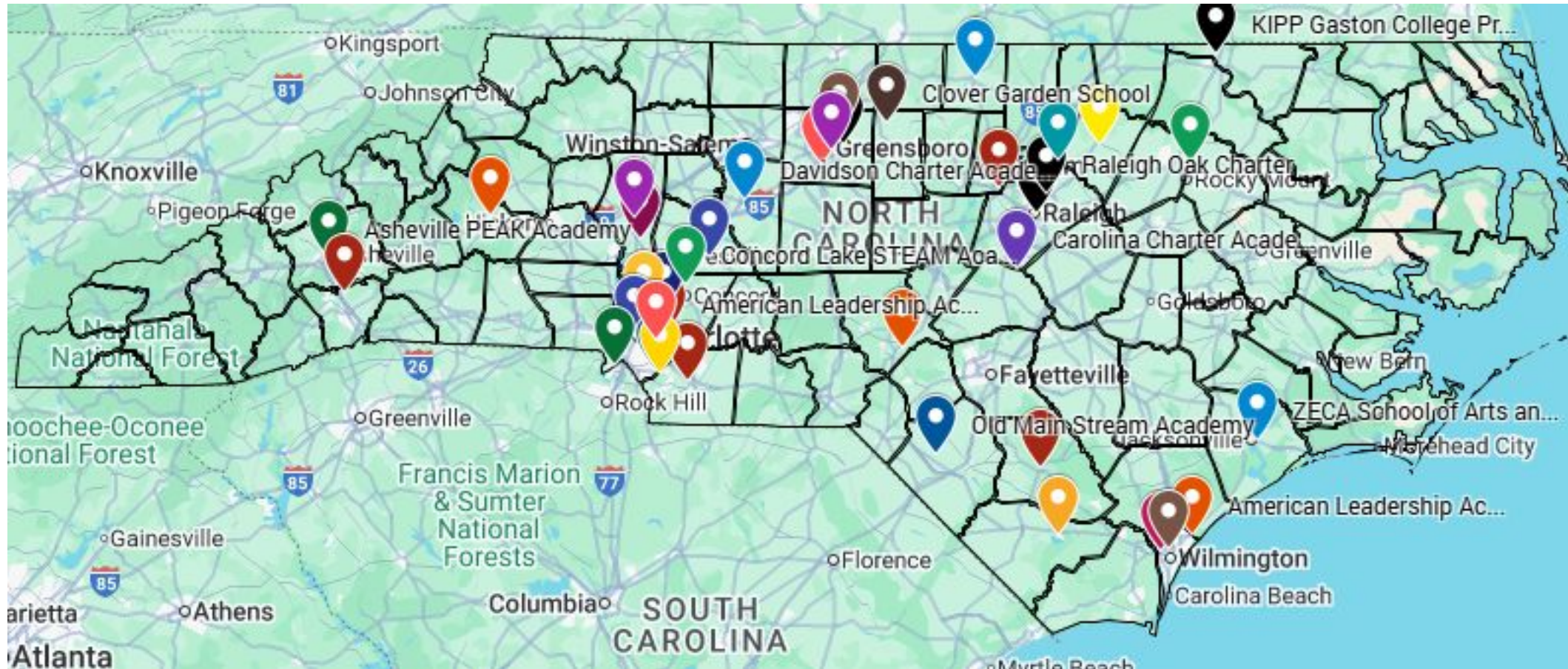
- All schools received either an in-person or a virtual visit.
- Prior to the site visit, OCS completed a Pre-Site Visit Report for each renewal school including reviewing academics, the self-study, and compliance.
- All visits consisted of focus group interviews with 4 separate groups of stakeholders:
 - Families
 - Teachers + Support Staff
 - Administrators
 - Board Members
- Schools received feedback following the site visit that included required action items as well as glowing practices from the visit and considerations for growth.

Cohort 2026 At A Glance

Renewal Cohort 2026

#	School Name	#	School Name
00A	NC Cyber Academy	60S	Bradford Preparatory School
00B	NC Virtual Academy	60U	Commonwealth High School
01C	Clover Garden	60Y	Pioneer Springs Community School
09A	Paul R Brown Leadership Academy	61L	Stewart Creek High School
11F	Asheville PEAK Academy	61S	Unity Classical Charter School
12A	The New Dimensions School	62L	Telra Institute
13D	Concord Lake STEAM Academy	63C	Moore Montessori Community School
24B	Thomas Academy	64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory
29A	Davidson Charter Academy	65C	Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington
32P	The Institute for the Development of Young Leaders	65F	American Leadership Academy-Costal
35A	Crosscreek Charter School	65G	Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington
35C	Wake Preparatory Academy	66A	KIPP Gaston College Preparatory
41L	Gate City Charter Academy	67B	Z.E.C.A. School of Arts & Technology
41M	Next Generation Academy	73B	Roxboro Community School
41N	The Experiential School of Greensboro	78C	Old Main STREAM Academy
41R	Summit Creek Academy	80C	Faith Academy Charter School
45B	FernLeaf Community Charter School	90B	Union Day School
49D	Success Institute Charter School	90D	Monroe Charter Academy
49G	Iredell Charter Academy of Arts & Sciences	93Q	Carolina Charter Academy
60N	American Leadership Academy Charlotte	93R	Raleigh Oak Charter School

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40 Schools

- 15 Schools Meet Preliminary Requirements for a 10-Year Renewal
- 2023 Renewal Stipulation Schools (5)
- Virtual Charter Schools (2)
- Alternative Charter Schools (3)

Renewal Placements

- OCS will place schools at a renewal term, primarily based on Academics using the Renewal Guidelines in [SBE Policy CHTR-007](#).
- It is the responsibility of the Charter Schools Review Board to decide and approve a final renewal term for each school using the Renewal Statute, Renewal Guidelines, the data and information presented, and interviews with the schools.

DPI Renewal Portfolio

The Office of Charter Schools will prepare and make available the DPI Portfolio for the Review Board to consider as they make their Renewal Decision. The following items will be included in the portfolio:

- School Data Sheet
- Renewal Self-Study
- Renewal Site Visit Feedback
- Performance Framework Results
- Letters of Non-Compliance (if applicable)

Presentations

November 2025

- Interviews With
 - Remote Charter Academies
 - Stipulation Schools
 - Alternative Charter Schools
 - 3-Year Placements

December 2024 Meeting

- Interviews With Remaining Renewal Schools
- 10 Year Data from OCS

January/February 2026

- Any Remaining Interviews
- School Business Presentation
- Voting on Final Renewal Terms

Questions?

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