

# 2026 Renewal Cohort

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# 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

# Review and Renewal of Charters

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## § 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

## A. Guidelines for Decisions

10 Years

7 Years

5 Years

3 Years

Non-Renewal or Assumption

# Key Definitions (SBE Policy CHTR-007)

- **Compliance Issues** – May include findings from Exceptional Children, Federal Programs, Beginning Teacher Support, Child Nutrition, School Business, or Accountability divisions.
- **Comparable** – A school's proficiency score is within **5 points** of its local district's composite score (based on EOG/EOC results).
- **Targeted Subgroups** – A charter serves targeted subgroups if its application or self-study shows intent to do so and enrollment reflects that intent.
- **Local School Administrative Unit (LEA)** – Typically the LEA named in the approved charter; however, the Review Board may also consider location, cross-county proximity, and where most students reside.
- **Alternative Schools** – For schools designated under CHTR-020, performance is reviewed using the accountability model approved in ACCT-038.

# Renewal Guidelines - CHTR-007

Term	Academics	Compliance	Finance
<b>10 Years</b>	3 Years of Comparability	In compliance for immediately preceding 3 years	Financially sound audits for immediately preceding 3 years
<b>7 Years</b>	2 Years of Comparability OR 3 Years of Met or Exceeded Growth  Not Currently CLP	No evidence of Compliance Issues in the past 2 years that would show a pattern of unresolved or persistent issues.	Financially sound audits for immediately preceding 2 years  Not on Financial Non Compliance Disciplinary Status in immediately preceding 3 years
<b>5 Years</b>	1 Year of Comparability OR 2 Years of Met or Exceeded Growth  Not Currently LP	No evidence of Compliance Issues in the past year that would show a pattern of unresolved or persistent issues.	Financially sound audits for immediately preceding 2 years  Not on Financial Non Compliance Disciplinary Status in immediately preceding 2 years
<b>3 Years</b>	Not comparable, but 1 year of Met or Exceeded Growth + Making Progress on Strategic Improvement Plan	If Compliance Issues exist, there is a strategic improvement plan in place and making measurable progress toward meeting it.	Inability to provide sound audits for the immediately preceding year, but the strategic improvement plan to address issues.

## Additional Factors Considered

- Site visit feedback
- Trends in ADM (declining or increasing)
- Student or staff attrition patterns

*Note: The table above is a summarized reference. For complete requirements, refer to SBE Policy CHTR-007.*

# Non-Renewal or Assumption

Pursuant to [§115C-218.95](#), the Review Board may not renew or seek applicants to assume a charter if:

- Failure to meet the requirements for student performance contained in the charter
- Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management
- Violations of law
- Material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter;
- Two-thirds of the faculty/staff at the school request that the charter be not renewed
- Other good cause identified.

# 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.

# School Presentations

- OCS will present the renewal data
- Schools will be invited up to give their presentations
- 20 minutes is allotted for each school, and should include time for questions from the Review Board at the end.

# Wednesday, November 12

- Thomas Academy (24B)
- Commonwealth High School (60U)
- Stewart Creek High School (61L)
- NC Cyber Academy (00A)
- NC Virtual Academy (00B)
- The Experiential School of Greensboro (41N)
- Summit Creek Academy (41R)
- Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington (65C)

# Alternative Charter Schools

The Alternative Schools' Modified Accountability System allows three ways for schools to participate in the system:

- **Option A:** Alternative schools may participate in School Performance Grades as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15 or
- **Option B:** Alternative schools may participate in Option B as defined in 16 NCAC 06G .0314 of the administrative code or
- **Option C:** An alternative school may propose its own alternative accountability system for approval by the SBE.

# Option B

Option B. Alternative schools electing to participate in this Option shall be evaluated as follows:

(A) The Components used in the overall school score shall be: 20 percent Student Persistence, which is defined as the percent of alternative students who remain enrolled in any North Carolina public school; 20 percent School Achievement, which is comprised of three years of data using the following indicators: End-of-Grade (EOG) English Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics Assessments at Grades 3–8; EOG Science Assessments at Grades 5 and 8; End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments in Biology, NC Math 1, NC Math 3, and English II; ACT®; ACT WorkKeys; 4-year graduation rate; 5-year graduation rate; and math course rigor; 60 percent Growth, which will be calculated using the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS).

(B) A change rating will be assigned to schools comparing their previous year score to the current year score. All schools will receive a rating of either: "Progressing," which indicates a change in the score from the previous year by at least +3 points; "Maintaining," which indicates a change in the score from the previous year by -2.9 to +2.9 points; or, "Declining," which indicates a change in the score from the previous year by at least -3 points.

# Option C

Option C. Alternative schools electing to participate in this Option shall propose modifications to the Accountability System for approval by the SBE. The SBE shall approve the proposed modifications to the system if a preponderance of the evidence proves that the modifications comprise valid and reliable measures of the achievement and growth of the school's students. A request to participate in Option C must be submitted annually to the SBE for approval at its October meeting.

# Virtual Charter Schools - Historical Context

- First granted Charter Agreements, valid July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019, to operate Virtual Charter Schools through a pilot program pursuant to Session Law 2014-100.
- Session Law 2018-5 extended the pilot program through the 2022-2023 School Year
- Session Law 2022-74 extended the pilot program through the 2024-2025 School Year
- Session Law 2023-134 extended the pilot program through the 2025-2026 School Year and added that a virtual charter school that participated in the pilot program authorized by S.L 2014-100 shall be eligible to apply for charter renewal as a remote charter academy.

# Remote Charter Academy Renewal

§ 115C-218.124. Operation and renewal of remote charter academies.

(c) A nonprofit may apply for renewal of the remote charter academy for additional terms of five years. The Review Board shall consider compliance with the requirements of this Part and success of the remote charter academy in the prior five years in determining whether to approve a request for renewal of a remote charter academy.

# Thursday, November 13

- Next Generation Academy (41M)
- Rocky Mount Preparatory (64A)
- Z.E.C.A. School of Arts & Technology (67B)
- Paul R Brown Leadership Academy (09A)
- Concord Lake STEAM Academy (13D)
- Iredell Charter Academy of Arts & Sciences (49G)
- Crosscreek Charter School (35A)
- American Leadership Academy-Coastal (65F)
- Raleigh Oak Charter School (93R)

# Questions?

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