

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Monroe Charter Academy's Request for Relocation Over 10 miles and to a New LEA

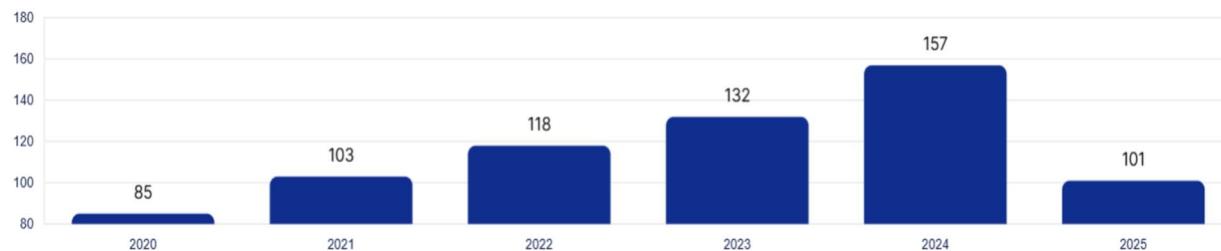
Monroe Charter Academy (“MCA”) is a public charter school in Union County, currently serving approximately 100 students in grades K-8. The school has been in operation since 2019. MCA is a Title I charter school, serving approximately 78% of economically disadvantaged students (EDS).

MCA’s Charter Agreement expires June 31, 2025, and will appear before CSRB at its December 2025 meeting. The school has renewal stipulations from its 2023 renewal. As of this date, it has met the stipulations. There are no current compliance issues.

On October 29, 2025, the Monroe Charter Academy Board of Trustees (“MCA Board”) voted to approve the school’s relocation and to enter into a lease agreement with Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. **The proposed new site, located at 381 Crestdale Road, Matthews, NC 28106, is approximately 11.8 miles from the school’s current location at 7513 Broomes Old Mill Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173.** Because the new facility is more than ten miles from the current campus and is situated in Mecklenburg County rather than Union County, MCA is requesting approval for this relocation.

ADM trends

90D-Monroe Charter Academy-ADM



Background and Rationale for Relocation

Monroe Charter Academy (MCA) is requesting relocation due to ongoing challenges in obtaining an Educational Certificate of Occupancy (ECO) at its current site. Since relocating to New Living Word Discipleship and Worship Center in July 2024, MCA has invested over \$116,000 in upgrades to meet Union County requirements, including addressing issues with the well water system. Despite significant efforts—such as hiring engineers, conducting water testing, and securing easement agreements—the property owner, New Living Word, declined in October 2025 to provide the financial documentation required by NCDEQ and refused to complete the necessary well system installation for ECO approval.

If the ECO is not secured by November 14, 2025, when the current Temporary Certificate of Occupancy expires, MCA will be unable to continue operating at this site. To ensure continuity of instruction, the school has identified a new facility at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church that meets occupancy requirements without requiring additional well system upgrades and offers lower monthly rent. The new site is located 11.8 miles from the current campus.

Relocation Logistics

MCA plans to move between November 13, 2025, through November 21, 2025. The planned last day of instruction at the current location is Friday, November 14, 2025. If MCA obtains Charter School Review Board authorization to relocate, MCA will resume instruction at the Mt. Moriah location on Monday, November 17, 2025.

The current ADM is 104, and MCA has confirmation from all families that they are moving to the new location. Family intent was confirmed through a survey asking whether families planned to relocate or withdraw their child(ren), supplemented by direct conversations with parents, revealing that 100% of families are moving to the new location. Personal conversations with families over the past week confirm full support for the relocation, with many noting that the new location is actually closer to where they live. Staff and families have expressed enthusiasm about the move, with staff members, parents, and spouses committing to volunteer their time to assist with the relocation.

Input Process

Monroe Charter Academy's Board of Directors and School Leadership

All required documentation has been submitted to the Office of Charter Schools