

2025 Charter School Applications

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Overview

- Statutes, Rules & Policies
- 2025 Application Process
- 2025 October Interviews
- Questions/Closing Remarks

2025 CSRB

Committee Assignments

Performance	Policy
Rita Haire (Committee Chair)	John Eldridge (Committee Chair)
Todd Godbey	Stephen Gay
Eric Sanchez	Hilda Parlér
Jeremy Wall	Lindalyn Kakadelis
Shelly Shope	Bruce Friend
Eric Guckian	Gerald McNair

Statutes, Rules and SBE Policies

G.S. 115C-218

- Purpose of charter schools; role of State Board of Education; establishment of North Carolina Charter Schools Review Board and Office of Charter Schools.

115C-218(b)(10) (Powers and Duties)

- To **propose, recommend, and approve** rules and **policies** regarding all aspects of charter school operation, including timelines, **processes**, standards, and criteria for acceptance and approval of applications, monitoring of charter schools, and grounds for revocation of charters.

G.S. 115C-218.5(a)

- The Review Board shall not consider any alleged impact on the local school administrative unit or units in the area served by a charter school when deciding whether to grant, renew, amend, or terminate a charter."

Statutes, Rules and SBE Policies

G.S. 115C-218.2

- **§ 115C-218.2. Opportunity to correct applications; opportunity to address Review Board.**
- (a) The Review Board shall provide timely notification to an applicant of any format issues or incomplete information in the initial application and provide the applicant at least five business days to correct those issues in the initial application. If the applicant submits the corrections within the five business days, equal consideration shall be given to that application.

• G.S. 115C-218.9

- **§ 115C-218.9. Appeals to the State Board of Education.**
- (a) An applicant or charter school may appeal a final decision of the Review Board to grant, renew, revoke, or amend a charter by submitting notice to the Chair of the State Board of Education within 10 days of the Review Board's decision. Copies of the notice shall be sent to the Executive Director of the Office of Charter Schools, State Superintendent, the Chair of the Review Board, and the applicant or charter school affected.

Statutes, Rules & SBE Policies

16 NCAC 06G .0508

CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

16 NCAC 06G .0509

PLANNING YEAR ACCELERATION

16 NCAC 06G .0512

FAST TRACK REPLICATION– PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

16 NCAC 06G .0513

FAST TRACK REPLICATION – ELIGIBILITY

16 NCAC 06G .0514

FAST TRACK REPLICATION – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

16 NCAC 06G .0515

FAST TRACK REPLICATION – ACCOUNTABILITY

Application Summary Feedback

- OCS assigned each application 3 evaluators
 - 2 external/1 OCS evaluator
- NCDPI Exceptional Children evaluation
- NCDPI Multilingual Learner evaluation

Application Summary Feedback

- Summary feedback is compiled and distributed to applicant boards ahead of capacity interview.
- Each section is rated, commentary provided with observed strengths/weaknesses.
- Highlight areas that require clarification and any outstanding questions.
- Highlight areas that may have the appearance of conflict of interest.

Round One Interviews

Procedure	Time
OCS Introduction	5 minutes
Applicant Board Intro/Opening Statement	10 minutes
Full CSRB Discussion/Questions	25 <i>or</i> *55 minutes
Applicant Closing Statement	10 minutes
Full CSRB deliberates, motions and vote	10 minutes

Total Time = 60 or 90 mins
reserved for CMO/EMO applicants only

Round Two Interviews

- If second round is granted, applicants may only submit items specifically requested by a CSRB member.
- Committee Lead is responsible for generating and/or collecting 2nd round questions from fellow committee members.
- OCS will provide the line of questioning to the respective applicant boards.
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to provide requested documentation.

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Applicant Closing Statement	5 minutes
Full CSRB deliberates, motions and vote	10 minutes

Total Time = 50 mins

Duties of OCS and CSRB

Office of Charter Schools Responsibilities

- Collect Application & Fees
- Notify Applicants of Status Updates
- Provide evaluators training on review specifics
- Provide CSRB an application review schedule
- Release evaluated applications to CSRB committee members prior to Round #1 interviews
- Provide a general overview of each application prior to interview
- Notify applicants at each stage of the process

Charter School Review Board Responsibilities

- Provide an interview opportunity for each applicant with a complete application & submitted application fee
- Conduct Round #1 Interview (60 minutes)
- Make 1 of 3 Votes
 - Review Board Approval
 - Review Board Denial
 - CSRB Round #2 interview

2025 Applicant Cohort

School Name	County	Year 1 Grade Span	Year 5 Grade Span	Year 1 Student Enroll	Year 5 Student Enroll	CSRB Decision
IDYL - Wake	Wake	K-6	K-8	350	450	Approved
Ascent Classical of Moore County	Moore	K-8	K-12	512	768	Denied
Focus Academy Charter	Wake	K-4	K-8	200	390	Approved
Ryze Academy	Forsyth	K-4	K-8	250	450	Approved
BH2 Stream School	Edgecombe	K-6	K-8	280	360	Approved
Carolina Scholars Academy	Franklin	K-5	K-8	520	772	Withdrew
Encompass Montessori	Wake	K-1	K-5	144	528	Denied
Preparatory Leadership Academy	Gaston	K-5	K-5	250	350	Denied
Little Rock Prep for Young Men	Mecklenburg	Grade 9	9-12	125	500	Pending
Celeste Beauty Academy	Mecklenburg	9-11	9-12	100	230	Pending
Myrtis Simpson Walker Academy	Mecklenburg	K-5	K-8	270	472	Pending
Somerset Preparatory Academy	Union	K-2	K-5	300	600	Pending
Cape View Leadership Academy	Pender	6-10	6-12	298	414	Pending
			TOTAL	3,301	6,284	



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County Distribution

1. Edgecombe – 1	6. Moore – 1
2. Forsyth – 1	7. Pender – 1
3. Franklin – 1	8. Union – 1
4. Gaston – 1	9. Wake – 3
5. Mecklenburg – 3	

Proposed School Name and County (Q1, Q3)	Little Rock Preparatory Academy for Young Men (Mecklenburg)
Proposed Timeline (Q10)	Standard - August 2027
Mission (Q112)	<i>To empower young men to become fearless explorers and independent thinkers who embrace challenges with humility and courage. We are dedicated to fostering positive contributors who value their unique identities while committing to continuous learning and making meaningful impacts in their communities and the world.</i>
Proposed Grade Levels/Enrollment (Q12-13)	Year 1 9 125 Year 2 9-10 250 Year 3 9-11 375 Year 4 9-12 500 Year 5 9-12 500 At Capacity: Year 4
Food Service (Q217)	NSLP; CEP
Transportation (Q216)	Free transit passes (CATS) w/ valid student identification; carpool coordination; EC transportation provided via partnership w/ Little Rock AME
Weighted Lottery (Q209)	No
Facility (Q5; Q223-228)	None identified; 28201 zip code; estimated ~55K sq.ft
Repeat Applicant	No
Assistance Provided/Partnering with EMO or CMO? (Q7; Q70)	Yes/Yes; application assistance provided by the proposed management organization

Little Rock Preparatory Academy for Young Men

LEA Demographic Comparison

Comparison County

County Name (Public School)
Mecklenburg County

Application Projections

Enter as percentage (0.##)

ETHNICITY/RACE

American Ind or AK Native
0%

Asian
1%

Black or African American
50%

Hispanic
35%

Native HI or Pacific Islander
0%

Two or More Races
4%

White
10%

EDS SUBGROUPS

Economically Disadvantaged
72%

Students with Disabilities
12%

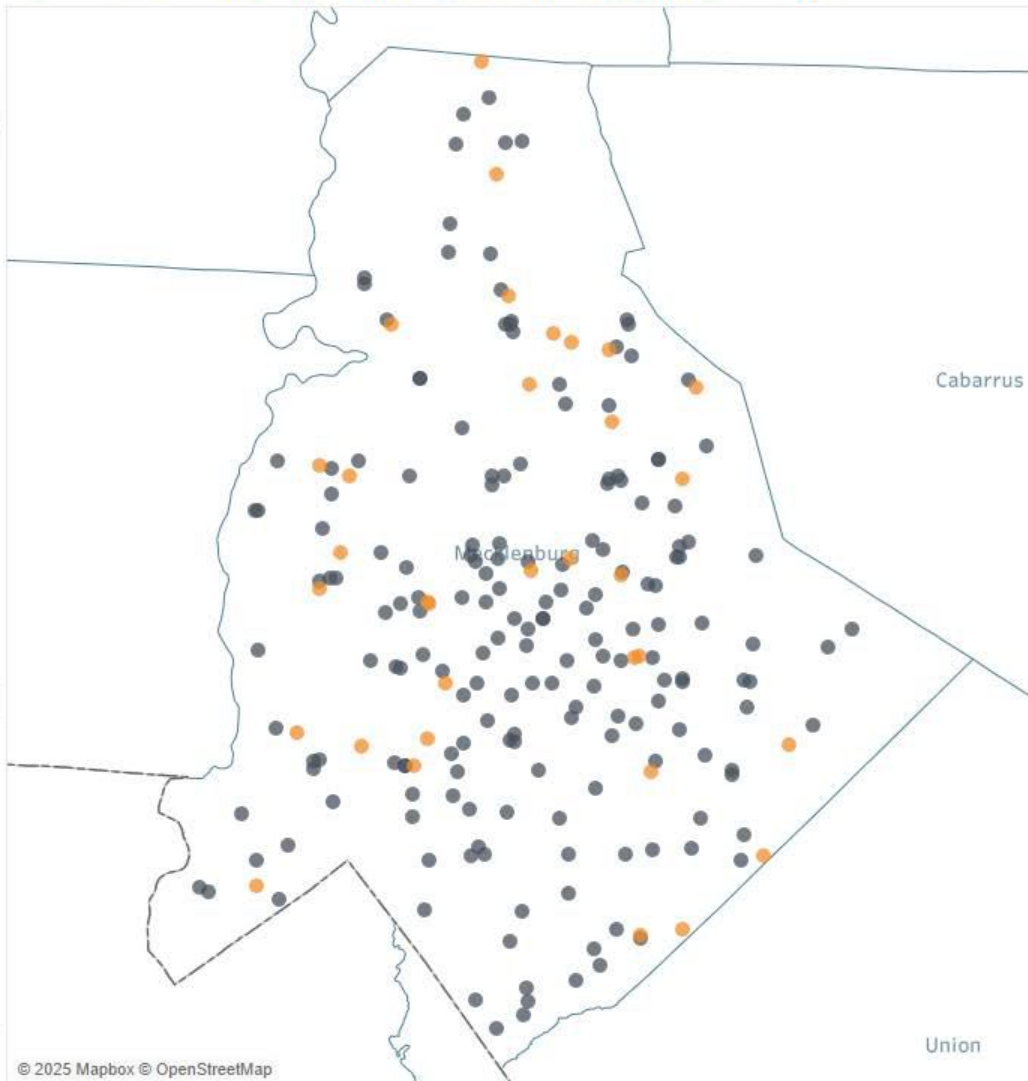
English Learners
10%

Homeless
5%

School Type Legend

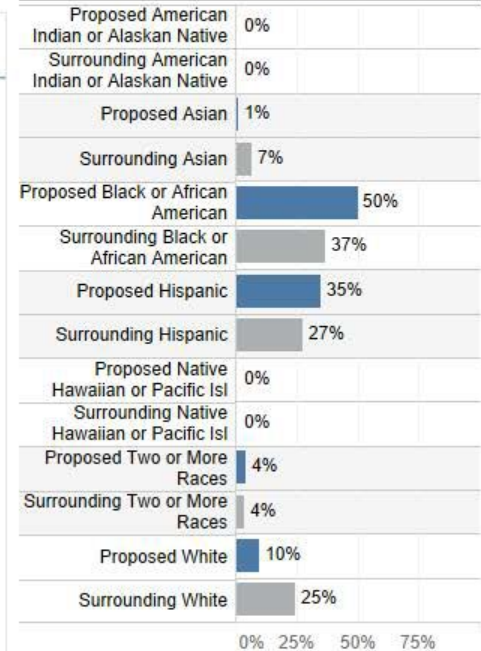
Charter
Traditional

Charter and Traditional Public Schools in Mecklenburg County

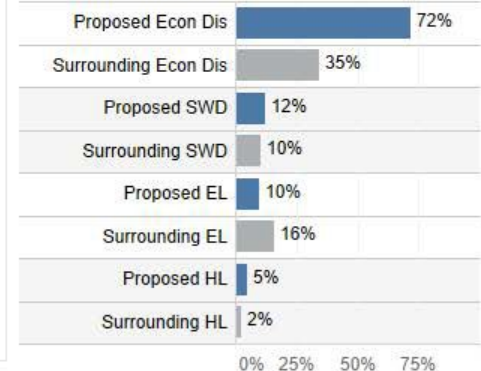


*Schools are plotted using 2020-21 data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Schools that opened after the 2020-21 school year are not included in the map.

Projected Racial Comparisons



Projected Subgroup Comparisons



December 2025: CSRB Interviews

Standard Timeline Applicants

Performance Committee

- **Myrtis Simpson Walker Academy (Mecklenburg)**

Policy Committee

- **Somerset Preparatory Academy NC (Union)**
- **Cape View Leadership Academy (Pender)**
- **Celeste Beauty Academy (Mecklenburg)**

Questions/Closing Remarks

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