

# Remote Charter Academies | Spring 2026

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# **Remote Charter Academy (RCA) Statutes + Application Process**

# § 115C-218.120. Remote charter academies

## Full Virtual OR Face Virtual

- (A) As part of an application or modification of a charter, a nonprofit may apply to the Review Board for approval to include a remote charter academy that meets the requirements of this Part as part of the nonprofit's charter.
  - (1) Provide only remote instruction to enrolled students served by the charter...
  - (2) Provide remote instruction to students enrolled in the remote charter academy and provide in-person instruction to other students served by the charter.
  - (3) Provide enrolled students both remote instruction and in-person instruction. A student who receives more than half of the student's instruction through remote instruction shall be classified as enrolled in the charter's remote charter academy.

(1)  
Full  
Virtual

(2) & (3)  
Face  
Virtual

# § 115C-218.120.

## Remote charter academies

### Statewide OR Regional

- (B) As part of the application or modification of a charter, the nonprofit shall designate which of the following enrollment areas the remote charter academy will use to enroll students:
  - (1) A **statewide** remote charter academy that admits students in accordance with G.S. 115C-218.45.
  - (2) A **regional** remote charter academy that, notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218.45(a), admits students only from the county in which the charter school facility is located and the counties of the State geographically contiguous to that county.

# RCA Application Process

- **Application** opened in October 2025
- **Deadline** of January 16, 2026
- **Feedback** provided on application by OCS staff
- **CSRB approval** including interview process + vote
- **Requirements:**
  1. Application
  2. Remote Instruction Plan
  3. Budget
  4. Board meeting minutes that reflect approval
  5. Cover letter signed by school leader and board chair

# RCAs: By the Numbers

**11 total** approved Remote Charter Academies (RCAs)

- **8 operating**

- **5** began operating in **SY 2024–25**
- **3** began operating in **SY 2025–26**
- **7** Statewide, **1** Regional
- **5** Full Virtual, **3** Face Virtual

- **1** scheduled to open in **SY 2026–27**

- **2** in second-year deferment (opening status TBD)

# 8 Currently Operating RCAs

Code	School Name	Full Virtual/ Face Virtual	Statewide/ Regional	Grade Levels	Projected 25-26 Enrollment	*Actual 25-26 Enrollment Best 1 of 2 ADM
<b>Opened 24-25 SY</b>						
53B	Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	Full	Statewide	6-10	120	98
33A	Northeast Carolina Preparatory School	Face	Regional	6-12	50	21
93N	Pine Springs Preparatory Academy	Full	Statewide	K-12	750	3,913
62L	Telra Institute	Face	Statewide	7-9	100	3
76A	Uwharrie Charter Academy	Face	Statewide	6-12	120	156
<b>Opened 25-26 SY</b>						
63B	STARS Charter	Full	Statewide	4-9	200	6
62A	Tillery Charter Academy	Full	Statewide	6-8	15	2
98B	Wilson Preparatory Academy	Full	Statewide	K-12	100	2

\*[School Business Data Analytics and Reporting Tool](#)

# Approved RCA Status Updates

Code	School Name	Full Virtual/ Face Virtual	Statewide/ Regional	Grade Levels	Projected Enrollment
<b>Approved 2025</b>					
11B	ArtSpace Charter [Planning Year 25-26] Open 26-27	Face	Regional	6-8	75
<b>Deferrals</b>					
92U	Longleaf School of the Arts	Full	Statewide	4-5	Approved 2024 2nd Deferral to 26-27
93Q	Carolina Charter Academy	Full	Regional	9-12	Approved 2024 2nd Deferral to 26-27

# February 2026 RCA Requests

Code	School Name	Full Virtual/ Face Virtual	Statewide/Regional	Projected Grade Levels	Projected 5 Year Enrollment
01F	Alamance Community School	Full	Statewide	5-12	160
11D	Franklin School of Innovation	Face	Regional	9-12	87
45A	The Mountain Community School	Full	Statewide	4-8	375
92W	CSUSA: Cardinal Charter	Face	Statewide	9-12	120
93T	CSUSA: Cardinal Charter Academy at Wendell Falls	Face	Statewide	9-12	120
55B	CSUSA: West Lake Preparatory Academy	Face	Statewide	9-12	120

### REMOTE CHARTER APPLICATION AMENDMENT INTERVIEW

This is the guidance and time guidelines for operating schools seeking an amendment to offer a Remote Charter Academy (RCA). Applicants should attend the CSRБ interview with the appropriate staff – the school leader and any other critical RCA staff. Board representation is also encouraged.

Each applicant is allotted 30 minutes as follows:

Time	Procedure
5 mins.	Applicant gives a brief opening statement introducing the school and answering questions such as:  Why does the school need an RCA? What is the proposed RCA structure (full-time remote students, mixed remote/in-person, or separate remote and in-person cohorts)? What is the projected enrollment? and any other basics needed to understand the request.
15 mins.	Full CSRБ discussion of application/presentation of questions to school leader/staff/board members.
5 mins.	Applicant Closing Statement – this is an opportunity for the applicant board to close its interview and wrap up any final statements to the CSRБ.
5 mins.	Full CSRБ deliberation and vote.  At this time, applicants <u>SHOULD NOT</u> speak unless directly asked a question.



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