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About PSPA

- Opened in Fall 2017 with 450 students.
- 2025-26 enrollment of 1425. 1500+ on wait-list.
- Traditional option is grades K-8. (1275 students / 1900 wait-list).
Blended option is grades 4-10. (150 students).
Virtual Academy option is grades K-12. (3000+ students).
- Granted 10-year renewal in 2021.





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And we continue to grow...

High school with a focus on life sciences / bio-medicine opening in August 2026

- Through a partnership with WTCC, students may graduate with a diploma and BioWork certificate.
- Apprenticeship and internship opportunities with local Biotech companies.





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Successes

Academic

- PSPA (Traditional) earned a school grade of **B** for 2024-25 school year
- **Exceeded** Growth / Top 25% of schools in North Carolina

Other Accomplishments

- Awarded “Purple Star School” status for third consecutive year for our work in supporting military families
- Conference champions in Cross-Country, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer
- Fourteen staff traveled to Tanzania to assist a new school opening
- Secured financing for a 100,000 sq. ft. high school



PURPLE STAR AWARD
NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS

First charter in NC to receive approval to offer traditional, blended, and fully virtual (state-wide) learning options



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About PSPA Remote Academy

- Approved by CSRB in 2024 for statewide virtual option.
- Structured as a separate school number under original PSPA charter.
- First year enrollment exceeded 2000; Currently at 3685 from 115 LEAS in NC.
- As large or larger than the original two virtual charter schools in NC.

Chart Your Own Course

Pine Springs Preparatory Virtual Academy (PSPVA) encourages teens to create, discover, and find their voice. In addition to core courses, they can explore career options while charting their own path to graduation and beyond. And it's their unique education experiences that help shape and motivate students to become who they're meant to be—which is the greatest achievement of all.





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About PSPA Remote Academy Students

Families and Students select Blended or Fully Virtual options for a variety of reasons:

- Preferred learning environment
- Medical reasons
- Pursuing athletics and other careers
- Balancing home, job, family obligations
- Behind in credit attainment, but still have goal of graduating



Pine Springs has gone above and beyond to support our family. The teachers provide detailed plans and are always responsive when questions arise. The counselors have exceeded our expectations, ensuring Maria had everything she needed for her CCP application. Their excellent communication, consistent follow-ups, and care for my daughter have made all the difference!

Nikki, PSPVA Parent 2025*



I have a chronic illness that made it hard for me to continue attending my brick-and-mortar school. I need more flexibility than other kids, and PSPVA makes that possible for me. Virtual education also gives me the time to pursue activities I'm passionate about, like coaching the local high school's swim team and participating in my church group.

Maria, PSPVA Student 2025*





About PSPA Virtual Academy Students

Grade Level and EDS summary

Elementary: 911 students (55% EDS)
Middle: 1112 students (56% EDS)
High School: 1652 students (53% EDS)

Proficiency of incoming students

Grade	Math	Reading
4	18%	36%
5	13%	25%
6	4%	29%
7	11%	42%
8	15%	23%

Math I: 6%
Math III: 26%
English II: 36%
Biology: 54%





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Our Request Today

Convert PSPA Virtual Academy to its own charter, as allowed by State Statute.

Current governance, operations, oversight remains intact

Name change from Pine Springs Virtual Academy to Dogwood Virtual School

SECTION 9. G.S. 115C-218.123 passed into legislation in 2025 reads as follows:

"(c) If a school is operating under a charter that allows for a remote academy as part of the charter, and the school enrolls or intends to enroll 250 or more students in the remote academy, the school may request that the Review Board grant the remote academy portion of the school a separate charter by submitting the information listed under subsection (a) of this section with the request. Requests submitted pursuant to this section shall be reviewed through an expedited process to be established by the Review Board. The Review Board shall not require a planning year for remote academies granted a charter pursuant to this subsection."

Key Points:

1. Current governance, operations, oversight that *CSRB already approved* remains intact
2. Name will change from Pine Springs Virtual Academy to Dogwood Virtual School



Rationale for Request

1. Meets legislative criteria
2. Size: Virtual Academy is 2x as large as our traditional academy option
3. Very different student populations being served
4. Alleviate confusion for parents, LEAs, and divisions within DPI
5. Greater accountability / clearer accountability

Triangle Education Organization

(Non-Profit Governing Board)

Charter A

Current PSPA charter
(93N) Renewal in 2031

Charter B

New Charter (Virtual)
Renewal in 5 years



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Thank you for hearing our request