

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: North East Carolina Preparatory's Request to change RCA enrollment from regional to statewide

Detailed Item Description

North East Carolina Preparatory School (NECP) is a K-12 public charter school located in Edgecombe County. The Charter Schools Review Board (CSRB) approved a regional Remote Charter Academy (RCA) for NECP, which opened in the 24-25 SY and serves about 43 students in grades 6-12. The NECP Board of Directors requests approval to amend the scope of its RCA, **NECP Remote Academy**, from a **regional model**—limited to Edgecombe County and its contiguous counties—to a **statewide RCA**. The academy's grade levels (6-12) and instructional model will remain unchanged. Students attend in person for testing, but otherwise are virtual.

Rationale

Over the past year, the school has experienced a substantial increase in interest and enrollment from students well beyond its originally intended service area. While the regional RCA was designed to serve specific counties, demand for the virtual program has expanded considerably, with applicants representing a broad geographic range. Of the 43 completed applications received to date, 32 are from outside the designated region, including 4 from out of state. NECP is in the process of finalizing a policy for admitting out-of-state students and does not plan to enroll international students. Additionally, 140 prospective applicants have expressed interest but have not yet finalized enrollment decisions, many of whom also reside outside the region or state.

Transitioning to a statewide structure will enable the school to more effectively serve a diverse and growing student population while maintaining access to high-quality, flexible educational options, and expanding to a statewide RCA will promote equitable access for students across all counties and support more strategic allocation of resources to meet increasing demand.

Original Enrollment Projection (Regional)

Charter Year	School Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment Projection
YEAR 1	2024-2025	9-12	25
YEAR 2	2025-2026	6-12	50

YEAR 3	2026-2027	6-12	75
YEAR 4	2027-2028	6-12	100
YEAR 5	2028-2029	6-12	125

NEW Enrollment Projection (Statewide)

Charter Year	School Year	Grade Levels	Enrollment Projection
YEAR 1	2024-2025	9-12	25
YEAR 2	2025-2026	6-12	50
YEAR 3	2026-2027	6-12	90
YEAR 4	2027-2028	6-12	110
YEAR 5	2028-2029	6-12	130

Documents

North East Carolina Preparatory School has submitted all required documentation to the Office of Charter Schools and requests approval for a statewide remote academy.

Input Process

North East Carolina Preparatory School Board of Directors