

2026 Charter School Applications Preview

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Recap: Approved Applications (2025 Cycle)

- ✓ **Cape View Leadership** (Pender)
- ✓ **Celeste Beauty Academy** (Mecklenburg)
- ✓ **Somerset Preparatory** (Union)
- ✓ **BH2 Stream** (Edgecombe)
- ✓ **Focus Academy Charter** (Wake)
- ✓ **IDYL Wake**
- ✓ **RYZE Academy** (Guilford*)

2026 Charter Application Timeline

● April 24, 2026

Applications due to NC Office of Charter Schools

● June - August 2026

Evaluators review standard and special request applications.

All evaluations due August 10, 2026

● August 2026

Evaluator summary feedback forwarded to CSRB in preparation of capacity interviews

● September – December 2026

CSRB conducts full interviews with applicants

● January / February 2027

CSRB concludes second-round interviews, where applicable

● January 2027

2027 Application cycle launches for boards seeking to open in 2029-30 (standard) or 2028-29 (accelerated) academic years

CSRB - Before You Begin



Check your Edlusion login credentials

<https://nc.edlusion.com>



Report any login difficulty to OCS



Review the Edlusion Evaluator Training Video linked [here](#).

CSRB Reminder

CSRB members do NOT evaluate via Edlusion. An optional Evaluator Resource Tool is available [here](#) to record feedback.

2026 Reminders

Edlusion Access & Application Submission



Via Edlusion, each CSRB member will have access to all charter applications, all appendices, and budget templates.

All applicants submit the same standard application; **applications with special requests will have additional information and attachments to review.**

Multiple Application Types (Special Requests)

Acceleration

ACC

Remote

REM

Proposed Management
Organization

EMO/CMO

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To maintain the integrity of the 2026 cycle, perform a Conflict of Interest (COI) check **before** beginning any evaluation.

Recommended to check these two sections for *each* application:

1. **Q30: Board Member Roster**
2. **Q44: Board Member Info and Resumes**

If a potential conflict is identified with **any application**, please notify Office of Charter Schools.

Application Summary Feedback



OCS assigns 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 application section is rated by evaluators and 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.

2026 Applications

School	Timeline	County
American Leadership Academy Capeton	Standard	Harnett
Darden-Perry Academy	Accelerated	New Hanover
Encompass Montessori Charter School (repeat)	Standard	Wake
Hawkins Charter	Standard	Guilford
Launch Academy of Lake Hickory WITHDRAWN	Accelerated	Catawba/ Hickory City Schools
Lovira Academy	Standard	Stokes
Myrtis Simpson Walker Academy (repeat)	Standard	Mecklenburg
New H.O.P.E. Technology Preparatory Academy	Standard	New Hanover
Preparatory Leadership Academy (repeat)	Standard	Gaston
Solace Rose Innovation Academy	Standard	Guilford
The Dual-Language Lab of Greensboro	Standard	Guilford
Virtual Active Learning Academy of North Carolina (VALA NC)	Standard	Statewide
Virtus Academy	Standard	Guilford