

2017 Charter Application Timeline

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<u>June 23, 2017</u>	<p><u>2017 Application Accessible to New Applicant Groups (Fast Track schools opening 2018 & schools opening 2019-20)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application link posted on Office of Charter Schools (OCS) website• Potential applicant registers for NCID to access application (https://ncid.nc.gov)• Potential applicant uses NCID Credentials created to access Application
<u>September 22, 2017</u>	<p>Online Application due – 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-refundable \$1,000 application fee and Application Fee Payment Form must have been received by the Office of Charter Schools by this time• Application link goes to <u>Read Only</u> Status at 5:00:01 pm (EST) <p>NOTE: Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the application and non-refundable fee prior to <u>September 22, 2017</u></p> <p>*An application submitted without the non-refundable fee or submitted after 5:00 pm EST will be considered <i>incomplete</i>*</p>
<u>September 2017 - November 2017 -</u> (tentative schedule)	<p>Application Initial and CSAB Committee Review</p> <p>External evaluators and Department of Public Instruction (DPI)/Office of Charter Schools (OCS) staff use an evaluation rubric to provide feedback on each application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OCS compiles the list of clarification items and forwards the list to each applicant <p>Clarification Request - within five working days of receiving the written notification of items for clarification, applicant may provide clarifying information to OCS <i>via the online application system only</i> - <u>should not exceed 5 pages</u></p> <p><u>In-Person Clarification</u> –the CSAB may offer an in-person 30 minute clarification opportunity in lieu of written communication for each applicant, the Board of Directors (BOD) and contracted service providers for the proposed school make themselves available to address <u>questions/concerns posed by the committee</u></p>
<u>December 2017 - May 2018</u> (tentative schedule)	<p>CSAB Committee Review/Interview of Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All information from the Initial Application Review (external comments plus the responses from the applicants; and completed evaluation rubrics, which <u>may</u> include initial recommendations regarding whether application should move forward) submitted to the CSAB committees• CSAB committee members discuss each application in depth• Staff presents the information from the initial review, answers questions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview – for each applicant, the Board of Directors (BOD) for the proposed school make themselves available to address questions/concerns posed by the committee/CSAB • CSAB conducts in-depth one hour interviews of each invited applicant Board of Directors (BOD) in front of the full CSAB • The full CSAB deliberates following each applicant interview • The full CSAB votes to recommend whether or not the State Board of Education (SBE) should grant approval/initiate the Planning Year for each applicant • Applicant receives official written notification (<i>via the online application system</i>) of the CSAB recommendation <p><i>*Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Any applicant group being considered for Fast Track Replication or <u>Acceleration</u> will receive a priority review</i> • <i>Should an applicant apply for Fast Track Replication <u>or Acceleration</u> and not meet the criteria in the established policy, the group will be considered for the 2019-20 opening</i>
<u>January 2018</u>	CSAB Fast Track Applicant Recommendations forwarded to SBE
<u>February 2018</u>	<p>SBE considers Fast Track Applicant CSAB recommendations for each Fast Track applicant and may grant approval of the charter contingent upon successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process)</p> <p>Applicant notified in writing (<i>via the online application system</i>) of the SBE decision</p>
<u>April 2018</u>	<u>CSAB recommendations for schools to open in 2019-20 forwarded to the SBE</u>
<u>May 2018</u>	<u>SBE considers CSAB recommendations for each applicant opening in 2019-20 and may grant approval of the charter contingent upon successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process)</u>
<u>August 2018</u>	<p>Fast Track Approved Schools Open upon the SBE approval of the successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process)</p> <p>Applicant notified in writing (<i>via the online application system</i>) of the SBE decision</p>
<u>June 2018</u>	CSAB reconsiders SBE initially denied applications
<u>August 2019</u>	<p>Approved Schools for <u>2019 – 20</u> Open upon the SBE approval of the successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process)</p> <p>Applicant notified in writing (<i>via the online application system</i>) of the SBE decision</p>