

2018 Charter Application Timeline
Adopted May 3, 2018 by the State Board of Education

<u>June 28, 2018</u>	<p><u>2018 Application Accessible to New Applicant Groups (Fast Track schools opening 2019 & schools opening 2020-21)</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 28, 2018</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 date and 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 28, 2018</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 2018 - November 2018 -</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><u>In-Person Clarification</u> – the CSAB may offer up to a 30-minute in-person 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 questions/concerns posed by the committee</p>
<u>December 2018 - May 2019</u> (tentative schedule)	<p>CSAB Committee Review/Interview of Applicant</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 • Interview – for each applicant, members of the Board of Directors (BOD) for the proposed school make themselves available to address questions/concerns posed by the committee/CSAB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSAB conducts in-depth one-hour interviews of each invited applicant Board of Directors (BOD) before 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 (SBOE) 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 2020-21 opening</i>
<u>January 2019</u>	CSAB Fast-Track Applicant Recommendations forwarded to SBE
<u>February 2019</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 of the SBE decision (<i>via the online application system</i>)</p>
<u>April 2019</u>	<u>CSAB recommendations for schools to open in 2020-21 forwarded to the SBE</u>
<u>May 2019</u>	<u>SBE considers CSAB recommendations for each applicant opening in 2020-21 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 2019</u>	<p>Fast-Track Approved Schools open upon SBE approval of the successful completion of the Planning Year (also known as “Ready to Open” Process)</p> <p>Applicant notified of the SBE decision (<i>via the online application system</i>)</p>
<u>June 2019</u>	CSAB reconsiders SBE initially denied applications
<u>August 2020</u>	<p>Approved Schools for <u>2020 – 21</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 of the SBE decision (<i>via the online application system</i>)</p>