

Stephens County School District

Timeline for Charter School Applications for Schools Opening 2026 -2027	
December 1, 2025	Letters of Intent must be received by December 1, 2025, by the GADOE and Stephens County School District..
January 21, 2026 (Tentative)	An information session will be held for all charter applicants in January, 2026. You will be contacted with more detailed information on the specific date and time. This session will be coordinated by the Superintendent's office and key district staff. The applicant, the head of the school (if designated), the budget officer, and at least two members of the governing board should attend.
March 9, 2026	Original and 20 additional copies of the completed application and USB drive must be received by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026. Please have the original in a separate folder. ATTN: Superintendent Connie Franklin Stephens County School District 191 Big A School Road Toccoa, GA 30577
April-May 2026	The Charter Review Committee may request by email or in writing clarifying information from the applicant. These clarifications must be submitted by email or in writing and will become part of the application submitted to GADOE Charter Division. The District also reserves the right to request revisions to the Charter application before sending it to DOE.
June 10, 2026	Board of Education Action
June 19, 2026 (tentative date)	Certified letters sent to all applicants with Board decision and information from review of applications.
June 30, 2026 (tentative date)	Charter applications and Board decision with reasons submitted to GADOE, Charter Division.
First Come-First Serve Basis	Georgia Board of Education action