Clayton County Public Schools

SY2026-2027 Charter School Start-Up Petition Timeline

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CCPS Charter Department Website-
https://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/charter-school-petition-guidelines

Petitioners' Workshop via Zoom. Potential petitioner workshop to learn more about the petition process. Start-up Application and Resources-https://scsc.georgia.gov/https%3A/scsc.georgia.gov/office-charter-school-compliance/local-start-petition	September 1, 2026
Letter of Intent Submission Due to Clayton County School District and GADOE by 5:00 PM.	November 13, 2026 5:00pm
Petitioners Workshop via Zoom (Optional for those who submitted Letters of Intent by the deadline).	December 9, 2026 11:00 a.m.
New Charter Petition Submission due by 5:00 pm to the Office of Charter Schools.	January 1, 2027 5:00pm
CCPS Reviews for Completeness. Only petitions from Governing Boards that filed a letter of intent with CCPS and who meet the January 1, 2026 deadline for petition submissions will be reviewed for completeness.	January 4- 15, 2027
Notice of Completeness: Petitioner will be informed via email of the outcome of the review for completeness. Complete petitions will be evaluated by the review committee.	January 22 ,2027 via email
Founding Board Capacity Interview(s): All Founding Board members are required to attend. Virtual meeting options are available upon request.	February 1- 5, 2027
Initial Memo: Office of Charter Schools issues the Initial Memo via email. The Memo includes feedback and instructions on how to submit the final revised petition.	February 22, 2027
Petitioner submits a written itemized response to the Initial Memo	March 22, 2027

and the revised petition via DropBox by 5:00 PM.	
CCPS Charter School Committee Recommendation Letter(s) of Approval/Denial Sent to Petitioners	April 2, 2027
CCPS Superintendent recommendation for approval or denial presented and voted upon by Clayton County Board of Education (CCPS BOE).	May/June 2027
Approved Petitions Submitted to Georgia Department of Education for Review and Recommendation to State Board of Education (SBOE) Charter Committee	May/June 2027
Clayton County School District Charter School Agreement Finalized	TBD based on State Approval
State Board of Education Action	TBD by SBOE
New Approved Start-up Petitions Pre-Opening Period	October 2027-July 2028
New Approved Start-up Petitions Expected Opening	August 2028

Note: ***Only petitions from Governing Boards that filed a letter of intent with CCPS by November 13, 2026 and who meet the January 1, 2027 deadline for petition submissions will be reviewed for completeness.***

No exceptions will be made. Be advised that this timeline is based upon the tentative 2026-2027 meeting schedules of the CCPS BOE and SBOE, and is subject to change.

Clayton County Public Schools **SY2026-2027 Renewal Petition Timeline** Dr. Chantara Rumph-Carter, Director of External Affairs and Charter Schools email:ccps_charters@clayton.k12.ga.us	
Initial Renewal Meetings/petitioner workshop to learn more about the renewal petition process and discuss renewal concerns. Renewal petition resources posted on the website. Letter of Intent Renewal Application Resources--https://scsc.georgia.gov/https%3A/scsc.georgia.gov/office-charter-school-compliance/local-charter-renewal	Week of August 1, 2026
Letter of Intent Submission Due to Clayton County School District and GADOE by 5:00 PM.	September 30, 2026 5:00pm
Comprehensive Renewal Site Visits-Required for all schools annually.	September 1, 2026-November 30, 2026
Renewal Charter Petition Submission due by 5:00 pm to the Office of Charter Schools.	November 1, 2026 5:00pm
CCPS Reviews for Completeness. Only petitions from Governing Boards that filed a letter of intent with CCPS and who meet the November 1, 2027 deadline for petition submissions will be reviewed for completeness.	November 2nd-6th, 2026
Notice of Completeness: Petitioner will be informed via email of the outcome of the review for completeness. Complete petitions will be evaluated by the review committee.	November 9, 2026 via email

Renewal Meeting/Founding Board Capacity Interview(s): All Founding Board members are required to attend. Virtual meeting options are available upon request.	November 11-16, 2026
Initial Memo: Office of Charter Schools issues the Initial Memo via email. The Memo includes feedback and instructions on how to submit the final revised petition.	December 9,2026
Petitioner submits a written itemized response to the Initial Memo and the revised petition via DropBox by 5:00 PM.	January 11, 2027
CCPS Charter School Committee Recommendation Letter(s) of Approval/Denial Sent to Petitioners	January 25, 2027
CCPS Superintendent recommendation for approval or denial presented and voted upon by Clayton County Board of Education (CCPS BOE).	February 1, 2027
Approved Petitions Submitted to Georgia Department of Education for Review and Recommendation to State Board of Education (SBOE) Charter Committee	March 1, 2027
Clayton County School District Charter School Agreement Finalized	TBD based on State Approval
State Board of Education Action	TBD by SBOE

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