



26-27 Charter School Start-Up Petition Timeline (for schools seeking to open SY28-29)

Letter of Intent Due to DeKalb County School District and GADOE by 12:00 PM	July 1, 2026
Start-Up Petitioners' Workshop	July 24, 2026
Petition Due to School Innovation Department via DropBox by 12:00 PM	February 10, 2027
DCSD Review for Completeness	February 10-11, 2027
Notice of Completeness: Petitioner informed via email of the outcome of the review for completeness. Complete petitions will be evaluated by the review committee.	February 12, 2027
Founding Board Capacity Interview(s): All Founding Board members are required to attend.	February 26 - March 1, 2027
Initial Memo: School Innovation Department issues the Initial Memo via email. The Memo includes feedback and instructions on how to submit the final revised petition.	March 8, 2027
Petitioner submits written itemized response to the Initial Memo and the revised petition via DropBox by 12:00 PM	March 22, 2027
DCSD Superintendent recommendation for approval or denial presented and voted upon by DeKalb Board of Education (DBOE). Recommendations will be published in Simbli (the public record of the DBOE) at least one week prior to the DBOE meeting. An invitation to an optional meeting to discuss the recommendation will be extended to the Founding Board. Petitioner(s) should prepare a brief presentation for the Committee of the Whole meeting.	May 2027
Letter(s) of Denial Sent to Petitioners (Electronic and U.S.P.S.)	May 2027
Approved Petitions Submitted to Georgia Department of Education for Review and Recommendation to State Board of Education (SBOE) Charter Committee	May-June 2027
DeKalb County School District Charter School Agreement Finalized	TBD based on State Approval
State Board of Education Action	TBD

Note: Only petitions from Founding Boards that filed a letter of intent with DCSD by July 1, 2026, and that meet the February 10, 2027, deadline for petition submissions will be reviewed for completeness. No exceptions will



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be made. Be advised that this timeline is based upon the tentative 2027 meeting schedules of the DBOE and SBOE and is subject to change.