2025 Remote Charter Application Instructions for Operating Schools

Please read this in its entirety if your school is interested in applying to operate a Remote Charter Academy. This is for operating schools only to add a Remote Charter Academy for the 2025-2026 school year. New charter schools must apply through the standard charter application.

Per recent legislation, operating charter schools can elect to apply for a Remote Charter Academy (RCA). If you would like to submit an application, please follow these instructions:

1. Review the application and legislation attached here as PDFs. **Do not use this application; this is an example so you can see what you will need to complete.**
2. Determine if your school can meet the requirements and would like to apply.
3. Obtain board approval to apply; board minutes will be required for the application.
4. Email Julie Whetzel (Julie.Whetzel@dpi.nc.gov) to request an Epicenter task.
5. Upon receipt of your request to apply, OCS staff will assign the task in Epicenter. This task will require you to upload several documents including the Remote Academy application, budget, and other supporting documents outlined within the Epicenter task. In other words, you cannot apply until you've made a request because that will prompt the task assignment.
6. Completed applications will be reviewed by OCS staff and where necessary, feedback provided. Applications deemed complete will be forwarded to the Charter Schools Review Board which must approve all RCAs. Your board/school leader must attend the interview which will take place at either the February 10th or March 10th CSRB meetings. Interviews will be scheduled in order of receipt of completed materials.
7. You may wish to view previous RCA submissions here or livestream previous RCA interviews here or here. Livestream of past meetings are available here.
8. After reviewing all the materials attached here, if you have additional questions, please contact Julie.Whetzel@dpi.nc.gov.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 at 5PM EST.