

New School Application



The New School Application is intended for applicants who wish to apply for authorization from the Charter School Institute (CSI) as a new charter school. An application may be submitted by one or more individuals, or by a nonprofit, governmental, or other entity or organization.

Application Process Overview

CSI's mission is to foster high-quality education options, with a focus on serving all students and closing the opportunity gap. To this end, CSI prioritizes applicants proposing to serve similar or higher percentages of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, minority students, English learners, and students with special needs to that of local schools.

Applicants proposing to locate in districts that retain exclusive chartering authority should obtain a release from the geographic district prior to applying to CSI.

*For more information, email:
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New School Application Timelines

New School Application Process	Fall Cycle Timeline	Spring Cycle Timeline
Orientation	~2-6 months prior to LOI	~2-6 months prior to LOI
Letter of Intent Due	Mid-July	Early March
Application Due	Early August	End of March
Geographic Meeting	August or September	April or May
Presentation to CSI Board Committee	Early September	Early May
Interview with CSI Review Team	August or September	April or May
CSI Board Committee Discussion of Recommendation	Early October	Early June
CSI Board Action	Mid-October	Mid-June