

<b>Hall County Schools Start-Up Charter Petition Timeline &amp; Process</b>	
<b>Letter of Intent</b>	A prospective charter petitioner must submit a formal <b>Letter of Intent</b> to both the Hall County Board of Education and the Georgia Department of Education's Office of Charter School Compliance (OCSC) <b>no later than 60 days prior to submitting the final charter petition.</b>
<b>Submission of Petition</b>	<p>The <b>final charter petition</b> must be submitted to the Hall County Board of Education and the OCSC <b>on or before January 1</b> of the year preceding the proposed opening of the school, unless the OCSC has approved an alternative deadline in advance.</p> <p>The Charter Review Committee may request by email or in writing <b>clarifying information</b> from the applicant. These clarifications must be submitted by email or 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.</p>
<b>Pre- Opening Period</b>	Approved charter schools must allow for a <b>minimum pre-opening period of six (6) months</b> between the time of petition approval and the date the school begins serving students.
<b>Local Board Action</b>	The Hall County Board of Education shall, by majority vote, <b>approve or deny the petition no later than June 30</b> of the petition review year.
<b>Approval/Denial of Petition</b>	<p>If the petition is <b>denied</b>, the Hall County Board of Education will issue a <b>detailed written statement of denial</b> within <b>20 days</b> of the denial. This statement will be sent to the petitioner, the State Board of Education, and the OCSC, in compliance with state law.</p> <p>If the petition is <b>approved</b>, the Hall County Board of Education will provide <b>notice of approval</b> to the petitioner and will submit a copy of the approved petition to the OCSC <b>within 30 days</b> of approval.</p>