TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

Statewide Charter School Application Decision History

2025-2026 Cycle

Cycle Summary

Total number of charter school applications	Total number of charter school applications approved	Total number of charter school applications denied	Total number of charter school applications appealed	Total number of charter school appeals approved
16	8	8	8	2

Detailed Cycle History – Applications

Year Letter of Intent (LOI) Submitted	Sponsor	School Name	District	District Decision (If Applicable)	Appellate Decision (If Applicable)
2025	Trimble Forward Alliance	Trimble Academy	Dyer County Schools	Deny	Deny
2025	Empowerment Academy	Empowerment Academy - East Tennessee	Hamilton County Schools	Deny	Deny
2025	All Things Family, Inc.	Digitech Academy of Excellence	Jackson-Madison County School System	Approve	N/A
2025	Gestalt Community Schools	East Jackson Academy	Jackson-Madison County School System	Approve	N/A
2025	Gestalt Community Schools	North Jackson Academy	Jackson-Madison County School System	Approve	N/A

Year Letter of Intent (LOI) Submitted	Sponsor	School Name	District	District Decision (If Applicable)	Appellate Decision (If Applicable)
2025	Union University	Union Academy	Jackson-Madison County School System	Approve	N/A
2025	Empowerment Academy	Empowerment Academy - Wet Tennessee	Memphis-Shelby County Schools	Deny	Deny
2025	Opportunity Youth Network TN	Opportunity Youth Academy (Formerly Frayser Leadership Academy)	Memphis-Shelby County Schools	Deny	Deny
2025	Urban Dove Tennessee	Urban Dove Team Charter School Memphis I	Memphis-Shelby County Schools	Approve	N/A
2025	Urban Dove Tennessee	Urban Dove Team Charter School Memphis II	Memphis-Shelby County Schools	Approve	N/A
2025	Empowerment Academy	Empowerment Academy - Middle Tennessee	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools	Deny	Deny
2025	Music City Academy	Music City Academy	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools	Deny	Approve
2025	Read Foundation	Nashville School of Excellence	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools	Deny	Deny
2025	The Gate School	The Gate School	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools	Deny	Approve

Year Letter of Intent (LOI) Submitted	Sponsor	School Name	District	District Decision (If Applicable)	Appellate Decision (If Applicable)
2025	ReThink Forward	Rutherford Prep	Rutherford County Schools	Approve	N/A
2025	Board of Trustees of Libertas School of Memphis	Libertas High School	Tennessee Public Charter School Commission	Approve	N/A

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Detailed Cycle History – Letter of Intent submission only (no application)

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2025	Lane College	Lane All-Male Academy	Jackson-Madison County School System
2025	Dr. Angelica Jones, Ed.D.	Memphis Elites STEAM Academy	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	Stellar '19 Foundation Inc.	Stellar University Charter School	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	The Scholar Institute	The Scholar Institute	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	Alliance One Foundation	Wilma G. Rudolph Agricultural, Industrial & STEM High School	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	Harmon Brownlow	Mountaintop Leadership Academy	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	BlueprintEd, Inc.	Blueprint College and Career Prep	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	BlueprintEd, Inc.	Blueprint Rising	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	Memphis Mentors	Memphis At Work Charter School	Memphis-Shelby County Schools
2025	Brooks Enterprise	Kings and Queens Charter Academy	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
2025	VINE Signature Academies	VINE Academy	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
2025	ReThink Forward	Volunteer Collegiate Prep	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
2025	The Wilberforce Academy of Knoxville	The Wilberforce Academy of Knoxville	Knox County Schools