



NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Just How In-Demand Are Charter Schools? We Collected the Data.

*In some cases, the ratio of applications to available slots
rivals Ivy League universities*

Public charter schools select students by random lottery

Raleigh, N.C. – As National Charter Schools Week comes to an end, the N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools is sharing some data about the high demand for public charter schools.

In some parts of the state, admission rates to public charter schools rival those of Ivy League universities (the difference, of course, is charter schools select students via random lottery.)

Lindalyn Kakadelis, Executive Director of the N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools, said, "**In just the past 10 years, the population of public charter school students has tripled, and the trend does not appear to be slowing down. Thankfully, the General Assembly lifted the charter school cap years ago, and parents across the state are grateful for the legislature's support for school choice.**"

At Piedmont Community Charter School in Gaston County, **1,569 students applied for 297 available spots.**

At Greensboro Academy in Guilford County, **2,201 students applied for 76 open seats.** All of the open seats are for kindergarten only.

Bradford Preparatory School in Mecklenburg County received **2,905 applications for 252 spots.**

Pine Lake Preparatory in Iredell County received an astonishing **4,142 applications for just 168 spots.**

This is but a snapshot. The same dynamic exists in Buncombe County, Harnett County, Pasquotank County, Wake County...the list goes on.

Statewide, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction reports a charter school waiting list of 77,000 names (some are surely duplicates as students may apply to multiple schools).

Public charter schools give families an option in their public schooling. Through innovative curricula like drone pilot licensing programs, manufacturing certifications, and more, public charter schools offer something different.

And families are responding.

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The N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools promotes and protects public charter schools. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

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