

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Location Waiver Request for Cooperative Innovative High Schools**

**Request:** At the request of staff, the State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the location waiver request for established Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS) that are not located on a N.C. Community College campus. The CIHS program seeking a location waiver is indicated in the chart on the next page.

**Strategic Plan Reference(s):**

Theme: Economic and Workforce Impact

Goal 3: Ensure the educational pipeline prepares a workforce possessing the interest, knowledge, skills, and abilities to meet the needs of employers, now and into the future.

- Objective 3.1. Collaborate with stakeholders to promote a workforce system that fosters innovation and establishes seamless connections among community colleges, K-12 education, universities, workforce and economic development partners, and business and industry.
  - Strategy 3.1.2. Partner with high schools, universities, and workforce development entities and engage with employers and industry associations at the regional/local levels to identify workforce needs and establish educational and training programs collaboratively and comprehensively.

**Background:** During the 2011 legislative session, the General Assembly established the following criteria to define a cooperative innovative high school (G.S. 115C-238.50A):

- a) It has no more than 100 students per grade level;
- b) It partners with an institution of higher education to enable students to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and begin or complete an associate degree program, master a certificate or vocational program, or earn up to two years of college credit within five years;
- c) **It is located on the campus of the institution of higher education, unless the governing Board . . . specifically waives the requirement through adoption of a formal resolution.**

Additionally, S.L. 2011 Section 7.1A.(k) requires that “Cooperative innovative high schools . . . shall meet the requirements of G.S. 115C-238.50A no later than July 1, 2014. **Any cooperative innovative high school which fails to meet the requirements by that date shall no longer be authorized as a cooperative innovative high school.**”

**Rationale:** If the community college partners with a local school board to offer a cooperative innovative high school (i.e., early college, middle college, STEM high school, etc.) that is not located on the college’s campus, the CIHS may request a State Board waiver for the location of the school. This waiver request applies only to a cooperative innovative high school that has already been approved by the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges and that is not located on the community college campus.

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CIHS Location Waiver Request (for Existing CIHS Programs not on N.C. Community College Campuses)					
College Name	CIHS Name	Approval Year	Current Location	New Location	Waiver Rationale
Beaufort County Community College	Washington County Early College	2017	5337 US Hwy 264 East, Washington , NC 27889	102 NC Hwy 32, Roper, NC 27970	Because of the geographic distance from Washington County to Beaufort County Community College's (BCCC) main campus, the site located in Roper is the optimal location for Washington County Early College. This site is adjacent to BCCC's regional center in Washington County which is equipped to receive classes broadcast from BCCC via the NC Information Highway. Additionally, students can receive on-site instruction, academic advising, counseling, and referral to other appropriate BCCC services at this location.