

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Cooperative Innovative High School Applications**

Request: At the request of staff, the State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the applications for new Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS) for the 2015-2016 school year. The list of CIHS applications seeking approval are indicated in the chart on the next page.

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.

Rationale: New cooperative innovative high school (CIHS) applications are submitted to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. CIHS Applications are reviewed by the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC), which includes members from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the North Carolina Community College System, and the University of North Carolina General Administration. Representatives from North Carolina New Schools also attend the JAC meetings, but are not voting members of the JAC.

The JAC members review each of the cooperative innovative high school applications and then make recommendations for application approvals to the State Board of Education. New cooperative innovative high schools (CIHS) must be approved by the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges. New CIHS applications were presented to the State Board of Education for information at their December meeting and are anticipated to be approved at their January 7-8, 2015 meeting. Cooperative innovative high school applications now include location waivers if the school is not located on a community college campus.

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CIHS recommended for approval for 2015-2016

College Name	LEA Partner	CIHS Name	Located on a Community College Campus	Current Location
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Watauga County Schools	Watauga Career Academy	No – location waiver included in application	300 Go Pioneers Drive Boone, NC 28607
Guilford Technical Community College	Guilford County Schools	The Academy at High Point Central	No – location waiver included in application	700 Chestnut Drive High Point, NC 27262
Guilford Technical Community College	Guilford County Schools	The Academy at Smith	No – location wavier included in application	2225 South Holden Road Greensboro, NC
Pitt Community College	Pitt County Schools	Pitt County Schools Early College	Yes – main campus	1986 Pitt Tech Road, Winterville, NC 28590
Wake Technical Community College	Wake County Schools	Vernon Malone College and Career Academy	Yes – satellite campus for WTCC	2200 South Wilmington Street Raleigh, NC 27603
Wilson Community College	Wilson County Schools	Wilson Academy of Applied Technology	No – location waiver included in application	4510 Old Stantonsburg Road Wilson, NC 27893

CIHS not recommended for approval for 2015-2016

College Name	LEA Partner	CIHS Name	Reason school is not recommended for approval at this time
Martin Community College, Beaufort County Community College, Pitt Community College and North Carolina State University	The school serves students from five counties within the northeast region of North Carolina (Beaufort, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell, & Washington)	Northeastern Regional School for Biotechnology and Agriscience (NERSBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete application – missing signatures from some higher education partners (Pitt Community College and North Carolina State University)
South Piedmont Community College	Anson County Schools	Anson Youth Career Connect: STEM Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements of Anson Youth Career Connect: STEM Academy USDOL affiliation precludes the school from receiving an assigned school code. • GS115c-238.54 (a) states that the Department of Public Instruction shall assign a school code for each cooperative innovative high school that is approved.