

**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 CIHS application seeking approval is 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: Session law 2014-100 Section 8.36.(b) states, “Notwithstanding, the requirements of Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, for the 2014-2015 school year, the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience shall be designated as a cooperative innovative high school. To maintain the designation as a cooperative innovative high school beyond the 2014-2015 school year, the board of directors of the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience shall apply with a local board of trustees for approval as a cooperative innovative high school program as provided under Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.”

The CIHS application for the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience was approved by the State Board of Education March 4-5 meeting. New cooperative innovative high schools (CIHS) must be approved by the State Board of Education and then are sent to the State Board of Community Colleges for approval.

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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
Martin Community College	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)	No – location waiver was included in application	1215 St. Andrews Street Jamesville, NC 27846