

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 list of CIHS seeking a location waiver 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: 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	Waiver Rationale
Mayland Community College	Avery High School STEM Academy/ Avery High School Viking Academy	2010	401 High School Road PO Box 1300 Newland, NC 28657	The Avery High School Stem Academy and Avery High School Viking Academy have access to a customized program of instruction in a college preparatory academic core as well as in-depth studies in career and technical fields that will lead to advanced degrees or employment opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics related fields. Students have access to a commercial grade greenhouse and micro-propagation lab, as well as a CNC machine, 3-D printers, Programmable Logic Controllers and pre-engineering software and labs. Because they are located in a very rural mountain community with limited highway access, many students do not have the means to travel to the main campus of Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine, NC (17 miles from the high school campus).
College of the Albemarle	JP Knapp Early College High School	2008	2966 Caratoke Highway Currituck, NC 27929	JP Knapp Early College High School is located in Currituck County. Due to the travel distance between the service area of Currituck County Public School District and College of the Albemarle's Elizabeth City campus, a location waiver is requested.
Durham Technical Community College	Hillside New Tech High School	2008	3727 Fayetteville Street Durham, NC 27007	Hillside New Tech High School has been in operation since 2008 as a Cooperative Innovative High School. The location waiver was not required for Cooperative Innovative High Schools at the time this school was originally approved. Therefore, a location waiver is required for Hillside New Tech High School to continue to operate as a Cooperative Innovative High School in compliance of updated requirements for the Career and College Promise Program.