



Christie Administration Approves Four Charter School Applications

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Trenton, NJ - The New Jersey Department of Education today approved four new charter school applications. The approved charter school applicants must now complete the Department's preparedness review before being granted charters. This review determines whether the approved charter school applicants have the academic, fiscal and organizational components in place to ensure high quality educational outcomes for all students.

If the charters are granted in July 2017, three new charter schools would open for the 2017-18 school year: College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School, College Achieve Paterson Charter School, and Ocean Academy Charter School in Lakewood. The Ailanthus Charter School in Franklin Township in Somerset County was approved with a planning year, and would open for the 2018-19 school year if granted a charter in July 2018.

There are currently 88 charter schools operating in New Jersey, with 50,723 authorized seats.

The approved charter applications are:

Charter Schools (Date approved to open)	District(s) Served	Year 1 Grades (Enrollment Projection)	Year 4 Grades (Enrollment Projection)
College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School (September 2017)	Asbury Park, Neptune Township	K-1 and 5-6 (276 students)	K-9 (961 students)
College Achieve Paterson Charter School (September 2017)	Paterson	K-1 and 5-6 (276 students)	K-9 (961 students)
Ocean Academy Charter School (September 2017)	Lakewood	K-2 (160 students)	K-5 (340 students)
Ailanthus Charter School (September 2018)	Franklin Township, New Brunswick	K-1 (120 students)	K-4 (300 students)