

SCHOOL CHOICE MATTERS

North Carolina Policy Report

Introduction

PURPOSE

A combination of well-designed policies give all students access to the broadest range of educational opportunities, including key core policies and helpful policy enhancers. The purpose of this document is to provide insight to how well your state is doing at implementing the Ecosystem of School Choice Policies. This state report summarizes evidence across the seven policy buckets, with each policy component detailed in individual cells.

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Key policies expand student opportunities.



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CORE POLICIES



Open Enrollment in North Carolina

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
<p>Transfers Between Districts</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>No policy or policy based on ad hoc agreements</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute does not provide for general open enrollment – however, the state does provide several ways students may transfer between districts.</p> <p>First, a student living in one local school administrative unit may be assigned to another, with or without the payment of tuition, upon the terms and conditions agreed to in writing between the local boards of education involved.</p> <p>Second, students may transfer to a school in another district, without the payment of tuition, if certain conditions are met. This includes if the student resides with an adult, who is a domiciliary of that unit, as a result of: death, serious illness, or incarceration of a parent or legal guardian; abandonment of the student; abuse of neglect; physical or mental condition of the parent or legal guardian is such that they cannot provide adequate care and supervision; the relinquishment of physical custody and control; loss or uninhabitability of the student’s home as a result of a natural disaster; or the parent is a veteran who is severely injured and medically discharged or retired; and others.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-366 Assignment of student to a particular school)</p>
<p>Transfers Within Districts</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>No policy</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute allows parents who are dissatisfied with the assignment made by their local board of education to apply for the reassignment of the child to a different public school, within 10 days of notice of the assignment.</p> <p>Local boards of education have the authority to make the decision on reassignment is final.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-369 Application for reassignment; notice of disapproval; hearing before board)</p>

Year-round Transfer Window	<p>NO</p> <p>No policy</p>	<p>North Carolina policy does not provide for transfer windows to allow students to move schools year-round.</p>
Tuition-Free Public Schools	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Tuition can be charged</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute provides that where a student living in one local school administrative unit is assigned to another upon the terms and conditions agreed to in writing between the local boards of education involved, tuition may be charged.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-366 Assignment of student to a particular school; North Carolina G.S. 115C-366.1 Local boards of education; tuition charges)</p>
School Capacity Transparency	<p>NO</p> <p>No transparency policy</p>	<p>North Carolina school districts are not required to report capacity by school and grade level.</p>
Transfer Data Transparency	<p>NO</p> <p>No transparency in data reporting</p>	<p>North Carolina does not collect and publicly report district-level open enrollment data.</p>
Transparent Appeal Process	<p>NO</p>	<p>North Carolina policy does not have a process to appeal a denial of transfer.</p>

SOURCE CITATIONS

Statutes

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-366 Assignment of student to a particular school](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-366.1 Local boards of education; tuition charges](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-369 Application for reassignment; notice of disapproval; hearing before board](#)



Charter Schools in North Carolina

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
<p>Multiple Charter Authorizers</p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>No real authorizer options</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute allows the Charter School review board to approve applications.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218 Purpose of charter schools; role of State Board of Education; establishment of North Carolina Charter Schools Review Board and North Carolina Office of Charter Schools)</p> <p>Further, the State Board of Education has the final decision-making authority on the approval of charter applications.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.9 Appeals to the State Board of Education)</p>
<p>Charter Appeal Process</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Independent appeals process</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute provides that applicants may appeal a final decision of the Review Board to grant, renew, revoke, or amend a charter. The applicant must submit notice of appeal within 10 days of the Review Board’s decision.</p> <p>The State Board must issue a written decision within 60 days of the date the notice of appeal was submitted. The State Board has the final decision-making authority on the approval of charter applications, renewals, revocations, and amendments.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.9 Appeals to the State Board of Education)</p>
<p>Charter Regulatory Flexibility</p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Some or no exemptions</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute grants charter schools exemptions from statutes and rules applicable to local boards of education or local school administrative units.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.10 Charter school exemptions)</p> <p>North Carolina requires at least 50% of the educators at a charter school to hold teacher licenses. Teachers who teach core subject areas, including mathematics, science, social studies, and language arts must be college graduates.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.90 Employment requirements)</p>

		<p>Note that North Carolina does not permit teachers to engage in collective bargaining.</p>
<p>Equitable Charter Funding</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Students are funded as in a traditional district school</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute provides for the allocation of state and local funds to charter schools, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amount equal to the average per pupil allocation for average daily membership from the local school administrative unit allotments in which the charter school is located; • Plus an additional amount for each child who is a child with disabilities; and • An additional amount for children with limited English proficiency. <p>The State Board also provides for annual adjustments, based on enrollment growth.</p> <p>The Statute limits the use of funds – funds may not be used to obtain an interest in real property or mobile classroom units but may be used for leases.</p> <p>Counties may also provide funds to charter schools by direct appropriation for limited purposes.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.105 State and local funds for a charter school)</p> <p>Charter Schools may apply to the Charter School Transportation Grant Program for reimbursement of up to 65% of the eligible student transportation costs incurred by the school. Eligible charter schools include those that have a student enrollment of at least 50% of its students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the amount required for a student</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.42 Charter School Transportation Grant Program)</p>
<p>Charter Facilities Funding</p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Some or no facilities funding</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute relating to charter school facilities provides that the local board of education must lease any available building or land to the charter school, upon the school’s request, unless the lease is not “economically or practically feasible” or there is not enough adequate space to meet the enrollment needs of the school.</p> <p>Local boards of education also have the discretion to provide a school facility free of charge, with the charter school being responsible for the maintenance and insurance on the facility.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.35 Charter school facilities)</p>

		<p>North Carolina Statute allows the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the issuance of one or more private activity bonds to finance or refinance a charter school facility.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.37 Public approval for private activity bonds)</p>
<p>Options for High-Performing Charters</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>High-performing charter schools receive incentives and a favorable regulatory environment</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute provides for a “fast-track replication” of high-quality charter schools. Through this process, the State Board will not require a planning year for applicants. The decision on whether to grant a charter must be completed within 120 days from the application submission date.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.3 Fast-track replication of high-quality charter schools)</p>
<p>Charter Zoning Exemptions</p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Less than full protections</p>	<p>North Carolina Charter School Statutes do not address exemptions from local zoning and ordinances.</p> <p>North Carolina Statute does make clear that a charter school’s specific location must not be prescribed or limited by a local board, except for a zoning authority.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 218.35 Charter school facilities)</p>

SOURCE CITATIONS

Statutes

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218 Purpose of charter schools; role of State Board of Education; establishment of North Carolina Charter Schools Review Board and North Carolina Office of Charter Schools](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.3 Fast-track replication of high-quality charter schools](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.9 Appeals to the State Board of Education](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.10 Charter school exemptions](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.35 Charter school facilities](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.37 Public approval for private activity bonds](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.42 Charter School Transportation Grant Program](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.90 Employment requirements](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.105 State and local funds for a charter school](#)

Administrative Code

[16 NCAC 06G. 0502, et al. Charter School Administrative Code Sections](#)

State Department of Education

[North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Charter Schools](#)



Private School Choice in North Carolina

POLICY	OVERALL RATING	PROGRAM OVERVIEW
<p>Universal Eligibility</p>	<p>YES</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off % of all students served</i></p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+) The Education Student Accounts program is established in North Carolina Statute (North Carolina G.S. 115C-590 North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program established)</p> <p>Eligible students include students with disabilities, as demonstrated through submission of an eligibility determination form to the student’s local education agency.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-592 Award of scholarship funds for a personal education student account)</p> <p>Eligible students are defined in Statute to include students living in North Carolina, who have not yet received a high school diploma and one who meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is eligible to attend a North Carolina school; • has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution as a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit; • is a child with a disability, as defined in statute; and • has not been placed in a nonpublic school or facility by a public agency at public expense. <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-591 Definitions)</p> <p>A student’s eligibility will be assessed at least every three years by the local education agency or licensed psychologist with a school psychology focus or a psychiatrist.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-593 Student continuing eligibility)</p>

		<p>YES</p>	<p>Opportunity Scholarships Opportunity Scholarships, established in North Carolina Statute, provide private school vouchers to K-12 students.</p> <p>Eligible students include those students residing in North Carolina who have not yet received a high school diploma and who meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is eligible to attend a North Carolina public school; • Has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution as a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit; • Has not been placed in a nonpublic school or facility by a public agency at public expense. <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.1 Definitions)</p>
<p>Comparable Student Funding</p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Funding below 90%</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Opportunity Scholarships)</i></p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+) Scholarships awarded to eligible students may not exceed \$9,000 for the school year for which the application is received. Part-time students are eligible for \$4,500 for the school year for which the application is received.</p> <p>Students with specific disabilities, as defined in statute, may receive up to \$17,000 in scholarship funds, or \$8,500 for part-time students. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism • Hearing impairment • Moderate or severe intellectual disability • Orthopedic impairment • Visual impairment <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-592 Award of scholarship funds for a personal education student account)</p>

		<p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Opportunity Scholarships Eligible students receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program, per year per eligible student, an amount up to 100% of the average state per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year • For students residing in households with an income level between the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program and not in excess of 200% of that amount, per year per eligible student, an amount up to 90% of the average state per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year • For students residing in households with an income level of between 200% of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program and not in excess of 450% of that amount, per year per eligible student, an amount up to 60% of the average state per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year • For all students, per year per eligible student, an amount of up to 45% of the average state per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.2 Scholarship grants)</p>
<p>Uncapped Student Access</p>	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Funding or enrollment cap</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Opportunity Scholarships)</i></p>	<p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+) North Carolina Statute provides a funding cap on Education Student Accounts. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the appropriation will total \$49,943,166. Statute provides that the State must increase the total amount of funds by \$1,000,000 each fiscal year for the next 10 years, through 2033, due to continued growth and ongoing need to provide this opportunity for school choice for students with disabilities.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-600 Funds for Personal Education Student Accounts)</p>
		<p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Opportunity Scholarships The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve has limited funding. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the funds total \$191,540,000. Statute requires an increase in funds for 15 years due to the critical need to provide opportunity for school choice to North Carolina students.</p>

			(North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.8 The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve)
Extended Application Window	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Application period or periods</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Opportunity Scholarships)</i></p>	LIMITED	<p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+)</p> <p>North Carolina Statute provides that applications must be available by February 1 of each year. Applications must then be received by March 1, at which point the scholarships will be awarded according to the criteria.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-592 Award of scholarship funds for a personal education student account)</p>
		LIMITED	<p>Opportunity Scholarships</p> <p>North Carolina Statute provides that applications must be available by February 1 of each year. Applications must then be received by March 1, at which point the scholarships will be awarded according to the criteria.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.2 Scholarship grants)</p>
Student Testing Options	<p>YES</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Opportunity Scholarships)</i></p>	LIMITED	<p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+)</p> <p>North Carolina Statutes for Education Student Accounts do not provide for accountability under this program.</p> <p>Statute requires “at least a portion of the scholarship funds to provide an education, for no less than 70 days of each semester, to the eligible student in, at a minimum, the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.”</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-595 Parental agreement; use of funds)</p>
		YES	<p>Opportunity Scholarships</p> <p>Participating nonpublic schools must administer, at least once in each school year, to students enrolled in grades 3 and higher the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nationally standardized test designed by the Authority in grades 3 and 8; • The ACT in grade 11; • A nationally standardized test or other nationally standardized equivalent measurement selected by the chief administrative officer of the nonpublic school in all other grades 4 and higher.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For grades 4-7, the test must measure achievement in English grammar, reading spelling, and mathematics; For grades 9, 10, and 12, the test must measure either: achievement in English grammar, reading, spelling, and mathematics, or competencies in the verbal and quantitative areas. <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.5 Obligations of nonpublic schools accepting eligible students receiving scholarship grants)</p>
School Autonomy	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Silent language or adverse regulations</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Opportunity Scholarships)</i></p>	<p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+)</p> <p>North Carolina Statute does not address private school autonomy.</p>
		<p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Opportunity Scholarships</p> <p>North Carolina Statute does not address private school autonomy.</p>
Accessible School Participation	<p>YES</p> <p>No accreditation requirement</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Opportunity Scholarships)</i></p>	<p>LIMITED</p>	<p>Education Student Accounts (ESA+)</p> <p>Nonpublic schools are defined in Statute to meet the requirements of Part 1, 2, or 3 of Article 39 of the Education Code.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-591 Definitions)</p> <p>Article 39, Parts 1-3 provides as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1 addresses private church schools and schools of religious charter and does not require accreditation. Part 2 addresses qualified nonpublic schools, which must be accredited by the State Board of Education or a national or regional accrediting agency. Part 3 addresses home schools, which may choose to be accredited if the homeschool elects to operate under the qualifications of Part 2. <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C, Article 39 Nonpublic Schools)</p>

		<p>YES</p>	<p>Opportunity Scholarships Funds through these Opportunity Scholarships may be used for nonpublic schools operating in the state that meet requirements established in statute.</p> <p>Nonpublic schools for this program must meet requirements in Statute relating to Part 1 or 2 of Article 39 of the Education Code.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.4 Identification of nonpublic schools and distribution of scholarship grant information)</p> <p>Article 39, Parts 1-3 provides as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1 addresses private church schools and schools of religious charter and does not require accreditation. • Part 2 addresses qualified nonpublic schools, which must be accredited by the State Board of Education or a national or regional accrediting agency. <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C, Article 39 Nonpublic Schools)</p>
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ESAs and Parent-Directed Spending

<p>Freedom to Customize</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute relating to Education Student Accounts may be used for qualifying education expenses.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-592 Award of scholarship funds for a personal education student account)</p> <p>North Carolina limits expenses to tuition and qualifying expenses as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and fees for a statute-compliant school; • Textbooks required by a nonpublic school; • Tutoring and teaching services provided by an individual or facility accredited by a State, regional, or national accrediting organization; • Curricula; • Fees for nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement tests, advanced placement tests, or nationally recognized college entrance exams; • Fees charged to the account holder for the management of the account;
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees for services provided by a public school, including individual classes and extracurricular programs; • Premiums charged for any insurance or surety bonds as part of the account; • Educational therapies from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider; • Educational technology, as approved for use; • Student transportation; and • Transaction or merchant fees charged to the account holder, not to exceed 2.5% of the cost of the item or service. <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-595 Parental agreement; use of funds)</p>
Freedom to Access	YES	<p>According to North Carolina Statute, funds available under the Education Student Accounts may be used for tuition at nonpublic schools that meet the requirements established in the law.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-596 Identification of nonpublic schools and distribution of personal education student account information)</p> <p>Statute also provides that parents may pay tuition directly to a nonpublic school that does not meet the requirements established in the law and then request reimbursement.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-595 Parental agreement; use of funds)</p>
Carry-Over Funding	LIMITED Most or all unused funds revert to the state	<p>For Education Student Accounts, funds remaining at the end of the school year must be returned to the state.</p> <p>For those students who qualify for scholarship funds for having a certain disability, as defined in statute, \$4,500 of those scholarship funds may be carried forward each year until expended for each school year moving forward. At no time may the funds carried forward exceed \$30,000.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-592 Award of scholarship funds for a personal education student account)</p>
Tax Credits		
Full Tax Credit	N/A No Tax Credit Program	North Carolina does not have an education tax credit program.

SOURCE CITATIONS

Statutes

[North Carolina G.S. 115C, Article 39 Nonpublic Schools](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.1 Definitions](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.2 Scholarship grants](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.4 Identification of nonpublic schools and distribution of scholarship grant information](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.5 Obligations of nonpublic schools accepting eligible students receiving scholarship grants](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-562.8 The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-590 North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program established](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-591 Definitions](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-592 Award of scholarship funds for a personal education student account](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-593 Student continuing eligibility](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-595 Parental agreement; use of funds](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-600 Funds for Personal Education Student Accounts](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-596 Identification of nonpublic schools and distribution of personal education student account information](#)

Other Resources

[EdChoice, The ABCs of School Choice: North Carolina \(2024 Edition\)](#)



Homeschooling in North Carolina

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
<p>Homeschool without Prior Approval</p>	<p>YES No permission required</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute authorizes home schools in the state. Home schools must elect to operate under Part 1 or Part 2 of the North Carolina Nonpublic School Statutes, and then meet the requirements of that particular Part selected.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-564 Qualifications and requirements)</p> <p>Part 1 schools are Private Church Schools and Schools of Religious Charter. Part 2 schools are qualified nonpublic schools. Neither require permission from a local school board or other administrative body to start homeschooling.</p>
<p>No Extra Homeschool Notifications</p>	<p>YES One-time or no notification</p>	<p>North Carolina Statute for nonpublic schools requires any new school provide a notice of intent to operate to state officials. There are no requirements in statute relating to annual notification.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-552 New school notice requirements; termination; North Carolina G.S. 115C-560 New school notice requirements; termination)</p>
<p>No Certification to Homeschool</p>	<p>YES No certification requirement</p>	<p>Parents in North Carolina are not required to possess a teacher certification – Statute requires the persons providing academic instruction to hold at least a high school diploma or its equivalent.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-564 Qualifications and requirements)</p>
<p>Flexible Assessment Options</p>	<p>NO Standardized testing required</p>	<p>Part 1 schools (Private Church Schools and Schools of Religious Charter) must administer a nationally standardized test or other nationally standardized equivalent measurement selected by the chief administrative officer of the school to all students in grades 3, 6, and 9.</p> <p>Schools are required to maintain records for annual inspection by the state.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-549 Standardized testing requirements)</p>

Part 2 schools (Qualified Nonpublic Schools) must administer a nationally standardized test or other nationally standardized equivalent measurement selected by the chief administrative officer of the school to all students in grades 3, 6, and 9.

[\(North Carolina G.S. 115C-557 Standardized testing requirements\)](#)

SOURCE CITATIONS

Statutes

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-549 Standardized testing requirements](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-552 New school notice requirements; termination](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-557 Standardized testing requirements](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-560 New school notice requirements; termination](#)

[North Carolina G.S. 115C-564 Qualifications and requirements](#)

Other Resources

[North Carolina Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education, Home School Information](#)

POLICY ENHANCERS



Part-time Enrollment in North Carolina

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
Resident Course Access	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>By type of student, type of course, or district policy</p>	<p>North Carolina does not provide for part-time enrollment access to individual courses within a local school district. Access may be provided by local districts but is not required in policy.</p>
Nonresident Course Access	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Districts only serve resident students or can impose other restrictions</p>	<p>North Carolina does not provide for part-time enrollment access to public school courses outside a student’s district of residence.</p>
Virtual Course Access	<p>LIMITED</p> <p>Access denied to some resident students, or students must take at least one class in a public school</p>	<p>North Carolina has created the North Carolina Virtual Public School. This is a supplemental program, so homeschool and private school students, in addition to public school students, may participate.</p> <p>Public and charter school students receive an allotment from the state for the cost of enrollment; private school students and homeschool students must pay for access.</p> <p>(North Carolina Virtual Public School)</p>

**Extracurricular
Access**

NO

No requirement to make extra/co-curricular opportunities available to all students

North Carolina Statutes do not address public school access to athletics and extracurricular activities for charter school, nonpublic school, and homeschool students.

SOURCE CITATIONS

Other Resources

[North Carolina Virtual Public School](#)



Learn Everywhere in North Carolina

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
Provider Qualification Standard	<p>NO</p> <p>No program</p>	<p>North Carolina has not adopted a Learn Everywhere program.</p>
Course Credit Standard	<p>NO</p> <p>No program</p>	
Core Course Opportunities	<p>NO</p> <p>No program</p>	
Central State List	<p>NO</p> <p>No program</p>	



Transportation in North Carolina

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
Open Enrollment Transit	<div style="background-color: red; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <p>NO</p>	<p>North Carolina does not offer an open enrollment program for students in the state.</p>
Fair Transportation Access	<div style="background-color: gold; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <p>LIMITED</p> <p>Equitable transportation offered to some charter OR private students</p>	<p>Charter School Students North Carolina charter school statutes provides that these schools may provide transportation for students. The charter school may contract with the local board of the school administrative unit to provide transportation in line with the charter school’s transportation plan. The local board may refuse to provide transportation if there is no available space on buses or if it would not be “practically feasible” to provide transportation.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.40 Charter school transportation)</p> <p>Charter Schools may apply to the Charter School Transportation Grant Program for reimbursement of up to 65% of the eligible student transportation costs incurred by the school. Eligible charter schools include those that have a student enrollment of at least 50% of its students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the amount required for a student</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.42 Charter School Transportation Grant Program)</p> <p>Nonpublic School Students North Carolina transportation statutes allow for the transportation of students with disabilities to and from the nearest appropriate private school having a special education program that has been approved by the State Board.</p> <p>(North Carolina G.S. 115C-242 Use and operation of school buses)</p>
Vehicle Flexibility	<div style="background-color: green; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <p>YES</p>	<p>The North Carolina School Bus Safety Web provides information on school bus passenger loads. Specifications provide for school bus loads for 14, 21, 25, 30 and higher passenger loads as options for schools.</p> <p>(See North Carolina School Bus Safety Web, State Contracts & Specifications)</p>

SOURCE CITATIONS

Statutes	Administrative Code	State Department of Education	Other Resources
<p>North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.40 Charter school transportation</p> <p>North Carolina G.S. 115C-218.42 Charter School Transportation Grant Program</p> <p>North Carolina G.S. 115C-242 Use and operation of school buses</p>	<p>16 NCAC 06B .0100 Student Transportation System</p>	<p>North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Transportation</p>	<p>North Carolina School Bus Safety Web, State Contracts & Specifications</p>

