

Application Timeline for Schools to Open in Fall 2026-27

Deadline for ERCO to receive application	August 15th, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone interview(s)/discussion(s) with ERCO leadership • ERCO due diligence, materials compiled, report prepared • Vetting process of applicants 	Can take place prior to, during, or following application submission
Advisory Board Interviews, Evaluation of Applications	October 30th, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School receives written notification of Decision • Developer receives 9 months Planning Stage (date of written notice through first date of instruction) 	November 15 th 2025 November 15 th to August 15th or later
<p>If sponsorship is offered, the following is distributed to the applicant’s governing authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary agreement • Orientation materials (“Start Strong: Things to Know”) • Contract • Contract formatting instructions • Checklist of required appendices and attachments 	Within 30 calendar days
<p>Deadline for ERCO to submit to ODE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed preliminary agreement adopting contract • Documentation required by ODE • Board resolution adopting contract 	March 15
Deadline to submit to ERCO signed, completed, formatted contract with attachments and appendices	May 1
Contract reviewed for completion, information requested to correct deficits, if any	May 1-May 14
Deadline for ERCO to submit signed, completed contract to ODE Office of Community Schools	May 15
Opening Assurances Site Visit	By appointment- Summer
Deadline for ERCO to submit opening assurances to ODE Office of Community Schools	10 – 20 business days prior to the first day of instruction

Please submit the completed application and associated materials:

By postal mail to: **Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio, Inc.**
Attn. Sonya Lunsford
3401 Hamilton-Mason Rd. Suite A
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Any questions regarding this application, please contact ERCO at 513-771-4006