

## **Enabling Legislation: Cooperative Innovative High School Programs**

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Early College High Schools are authorized by the North Carolina General Statutes in Chapter 115C: Elementary and Secondary Education, Article 16 – Optional Programs. Early College High Schools are administered through the North Carolina State Board of Education, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and the North Carolina New Schools Project. Higher education partners also have to follow additional rules established by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges and the North Carolina Community College System, as approved by the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges in the Cooperative Innovative High School Program application, by Numbered Memos from the North Carolina Community College System Office, and by the Memo of Understanding signed by the local Board of Education and the local Community College Board of Trustees.

1. **Chapter 115C: Elementary and Secondary Education**  
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/StatutesTOC.pl?Chapter=0115C>
2. **Part 9. Cooperative Innovative High School Programs. § 115C-238.50. Purpose.**  
[http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_115C/GS\\_115C-238.50.pdf](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-238.50.pdf)
3. **§ 115C-238.50A. Definitions.**  
[http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_115C/GS\\_115C-238.50A.pdf](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-238.50A.pdf)
4. **§ 115C-238.51. Application process.**  
[http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_115C/GS\\_115C-238.51.pdf](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-238.51.pdf)
5. **§ 115C-238.52. Participation by other education partners.**  
[http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_115C/GS\\_115C-238.52.pdf](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-238.52.pdf)
6. **§ 115C-238.53. Program operation.**  
[http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_115C/GS\\_115C-238.53.pdf](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-238.53.pdf)
7. **§ 115C-238.55. Evaluation of programs.**  
[http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter\\_115C/GS\\_115C-238.55.pdf](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-238.55.pdf)