

**§ 115C-238.50A. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) Constituent institution. – A constituent institution as defined in G.S. 116-2(4).
- (1a) Cooperative innovative high school. – A high school approved by the State Board of Education and the applicable governing Board that meets the following criteria:
  - a. It has no more than 100 students per grade level. This criterion shall not apply to a regional school as defined in G.S. 115C-238.61.
  - 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 partner institution of higher education, unless the governing Board or the local board of trustees for a private North Carolina college specifically waives the requirement through adoption of a formal resolution. This criterion shall not apply to a regional school established as provided in Part 10 of this Article.
- (1b) Cooperative innovative high school allotment. – Funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department of Public Instruction to provide additional resources to approved cooperative innovative high schools.
- (2) Education partner. – An education partner as provided in G.S. 115C-238.52.
- (3) Governing Board. – The State Board of Community Colleges or the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina.
- (3a) Local board of education. – A local board as defined in G.S. 115C-5(5) or a regional school board of directors as defined in G.S. 115C-238.61(5).
- (4) Local board of trustees. – The board of trustees of a community college, constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, or private college located in North Carolina.
- (5) Partner institution of higher education. – A community college, constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, or private college located in North Carolina. (2005-276, s. 7.33(a); 2010-31, s. 7.21(c); 2011-145, s. 7.1A(j); 2011-241, s. 4; 2012-142, s. 7.11(a); 2014-100, s. 8.36(a).)