



Greenville County Schools

A Great Choice!

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A Great Choice!

Greenville County Schools is a great choice for you, your company and your families, and we appreciate your interest in joining our business-and family-friendly community. This electronic publication provides a “one stop” location for information about our school system, schools, and students, and our comprehensive academic and extra-curricular offerings.

Our goal is to graduate every student with world-class knowledge and skills and life and career characteristics to be successful whether a student chooses to continue his or her education in a post-secondary institution or directly enter the workforce.

We appreciate your interest in our school system and look forward to working with you. Should you require additional information, please contact our Communications Department at 864-355-8870 or email infoline@greenville.k12.sc.us.

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GCS 2015-16 Teacher of the Year
Shiree Turner Fowler, Hollis Elementary Academy



GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

By the Numbers

Students | 76,000

- 44th Largest School District in Nation; Largest in South Carolina
- State's Largest School Choice Program with 10,000+ Students (15%)
- *Raise \$700,000 Plus for Local Charities*

Employees | 9,800

- 99% of Teachers are Highly Qualified
- 667 National Board Certified Teachers; 13th in Nation
- Payroll of \$16.3 Million (2x/Month)
- Annual Economic Impact of \$500 Million
- Support of United Way Ranks 9th of Nation's 13,500 School Districts

State-of-the-Art Facilities

- 101 Schools and Centers
- *Long-Range Plan to Address Facility and Infrastructure Needs*
- 12.2 Million Square Feet
- 3,000 Acres

General Fund Budget | \$536 Million

- Low Administrative Cost of 1.3 Cents per Dollar Maximizes Funding for Instruction
- 5th Lowest Per Pupil Expenditure in South Carolina

For additional information, check out our [Facts and Stats](#).



GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Indicators of Success

- Class of 2015 Scored **above the National and State Averages** on both the **ACT** and **SAT** College Entrance Tests.
- Percentage of Advanced Placement Exams with Score of 3-5 is **Higher than the Nation and State** in 10 Subjects.
- **Nine out of Ten** GCS Juniors are “**Career Ready**” per WorkKeys, with 28% Earning a Platinum or Gold Certificate.
- Class of 2015 Earned Record **\$118.5 Million in Scholarship** Offers; \$537.9 Million in Scholarship Offers over 5 Years.
- Graduation Rate at **All-time High of 84.2%** - up 16.3% Since 2012.
- District Received **Grade of B** (High) on Federal Accountability Report.
- 80% of Schools Received a **Grade of A or B** on Federal Accountability Report.
- District Received **Excellent Rating** on State Report Card.
- 75% of Schools Received Rating of **Excellent or Good** on their State Report Card.

For additional information, check out our [2014-15 Progress Report](#).



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Academic Offerings

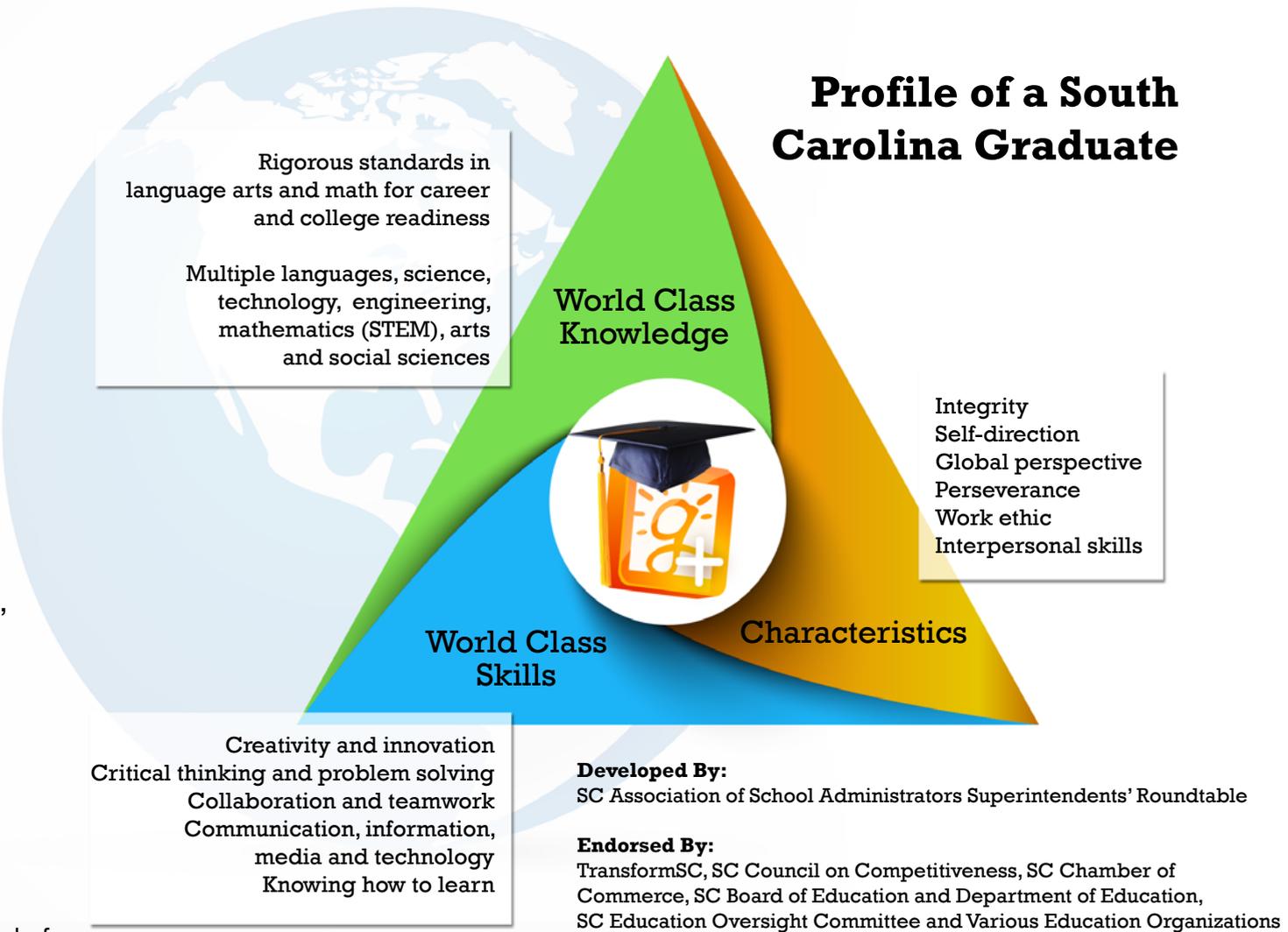
GCS provides a wide range of academic courses to meet the needs of each student. Our efforts are focused on graduating students with the knowledge, skills and characteristics identified for success by the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate.

Profile of a South Carolina Graduate

- **World-Class Knowledge** – Rigorous Academic Standards in Language Arts and Mathematics for Career and College Readiness, Multiple Languages, Emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), the Arts, and Social Studies
- **World-Class Skills** – Creativity and Innovation, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Collaboration and Teamwork, Communication, Information, Media and Technology, Knowing How to Learn
- **Life and Career Characteristics** – Integrity, Self-Direction, Global Perspective, Perseverance, Work Ethic, Interpersonal Skills

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TransformSC, SC Council on Competitiveness, SC Chamber of Commerce, SC Board of Education and Department of Education, SC Education Oversight Committee and Various Education Organizations



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Academic Offerings

Graduation Plus

Graduation Plus is a district-wide initiative from Pre-K through high school to ensure all students are college and career ready.



Pre-K

Assurance of school readiness for ALL children in Greenville County

Elementary (K-5)

Sound foundation in basic disciplines

Initial exposure to variety of careers

Connection between education and career choices

Middle (6-8)

Enhanced academic rigor

Exposure to college/career opportunities

Begin developing future direction in one of 16 career clusters

Expansion of high school offerings to students

High (9-12)

College and Career Ready as defined by Graduation Plus...

+Significant progress toward a college major and/or two-year degree

+Completion of freshman level college courses

+Completion of post-secondary vocational and technical advanced certification

+Completion of a vocational/technical certificate



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Academic Offerings

Graduation Plus

Pre-K: School Readiness for all Children

- [Serve More Students in 4-Year-Old Kindergarten](#)
- Train Private Daycare Workers in Teaching Basic Skills
- Parent Outreach to Encourage Literacy

Elementary (Grades K-5): Building Strong Foundations, Initial Career Exposure

- Career Awareness Programs
- Student Interest Inventories
- [Business Partnerships](#) (Mentoring, Guest Speakers, Field Trips, Etc.)
- Summer and Extended Day Academic Programs
- All Students on Reading Grade Level by End of 2nd Grade

Middle (Grades 6-8): Connecting Careers to the Classroom

- Continue to Expand High School Offerings, which Now Include Algebra 1, Art 1, Computer Apps, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media Arts, Financial Literacy, French 1 & 2, Geometry, Google Basics, Intro to Engineering, PE, Spanish 1 & 2, Etc.
- STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics
- Interest Exploration and Selection of Career Cluster; Adjusted Annually; Students Explore Interests through Electives and Core Classes
- [Junior Achievement: "It's My Future" Class](#)



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Academic Offerings

Graduation Plus

High (Grades 9-12): Significant Progress toward College Major, Two-Year Degree

- College Credit Courses through Advanced Placement in All High Schools and International Baccalaureate in Four Cluster High Schools
- *Accelerate Engineering Virtual Courses to Earn 36 College Engineering Credits*
- Dual Credit Courses through Greenville Technical College
- * *Art of Architecture – The Fine Arts Center*
- 14 Programs Moved from Career Centers to High Schools; Enrollment up 400%
 - *Health Science and Law Enforcement Courses*
- *Health Science Program with Greenville Hospital System*
- *Introduction to Manufacturing*
- New Tech High Schools

Career and Technical (Grades 9-12, Based on Program): Work-Ready Certification

- **Basic Certifications:** Auto Tech and Collision Repair, Carpentry, Childcare, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Fire Safety, HVAC, Machine Tool Technology, Mechatronics, Nail Tech, Nursing and Welding
- 350 Industry Certifications awarded in 2014-15
- Basic Career Center Certification Translates to a Job making Double the Minimum Wage
 - Vocational and Technical Advanced Certifications: Automotive Collision, Automotive Tech, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Food Service, Nail Tech, Nursing, Welding
 - Programs Continue to Expand



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Individual Graduation Plan and 16 Career Clusters

Graduation Plus

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Career Clusters

- Arts, AV/Technology, and Communications Cluster
- Business, Management & Administration
- Finance
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Manufacturing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
- Health Science
- Education and Training
- Government & Public Administration
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Human Services

For additional information, check out our [Personal Pathways to Success](#).



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Extra-Curricular Offerings

Our extra-curricular offerings feature academic clubs and competitions at all school levels, athletics at high schools and middle schools, fine arts such as drama, band and chorus, speech and debate, and various student organizations including Student Council, Beta Club and National Honor Society.

Examples of Extra-Curricular Offerings

- Academic Clubs
- Athletics at Middle and High Schools
- Band
- BETA Club
- Chorus
- Drama
- Fundraising for Local Charities
- Intramurals
- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- Robotics and Technology Clubs
- Running and Walking Clubs
- Service Learning
- Speech and Debate
- Strings
- Student Council
- Youth in Government



GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

“Choice” School District

Greenville County Schools is a “choice” district, offering quality schools at all levels across the 800-mile school system. Approximately 15% of our students attend school on choice.

School choice is made through several options. You “choose” your child’s home-based school based on where you reside. Parents may also request that their child attend another school through a request for Change in Assignment Choice and/or application to one or more of the school system’s 11 magnet academies. Parents may also enroll their children in a charter school.

For additional information, check out our [School Choice Page](#).



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Schools and Programs

Check out our wide selection of schools, special centers and programs.

Elementary School Basics Overview – Introduction to curriculum, daily schedule, and more

Middle School Basics Overview – Introduction to curriculum, daily schedule, and more

High School Basics Overview – Introduction to curriculum, schedules, and more

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs Overview – Summary of the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programs

Magnet Academies Overview – Overview of each of the 11 Magnet Academies

Non-Traditional School Programs Overview – Descriptions of various programs, including Lifelong Learning, Twilight High School Program, Virtual School, and Star Academy

New Tech Schools – Project-based learning approach that engages students in a dynamic, rigorous curriculum

Special Focus Schools and Centers Overview – Descriptions of Career Technology Centers, The Fine Arts Center, Roper Mountain Science Center, and Sterling School

Specialized Programs and Centers Overview – Overview of Medical Homebound, Hospital School, Teen Parent, Special Education, and West Greenville School

Want to learn more about a specific school? Check out the [Schools Page](#) for a complete listing of schools and centers and links to each School Profile and website.





Need additional information or have questions?

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