

Nationally Recognized District and Schools

Greenville County Schools earned National Accreditation from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, recognizing the school system as a high quality school district.



School Construction Program



12.4 million square feet & **3,000 acres**

The Long Range Facilities Plan and Capital Improvement Program provides for construction of additional schools to meet growth, renovation projects to extend the useful life of facilities, modifications to schools to accommodate growth and academic changes, and maintenance of facilities. Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School opened in August 2014. Previously, 70 schools and centers were constructed or renovated as part of the BEST School Construction Program.

Future Planned Projects

JL Mann High Academy Expansion – 2017-18

Sara Collins Elementary Expansion – 2017-18

Rudolph Gordon ES (Conversion to K-8) – 2018-19

Fountain Inn High (New) – 2021-22

Greenville County, South Carolina

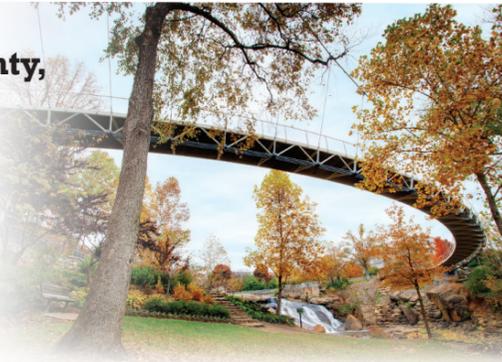
Ten Best Emerging Destinations
USA Today, January 2016

12 Great Places to Go on a Budget
Money, 2017

Third Most Scenic Bike Trail Across America
New York Post, 2016

Under the Radar Southern Food Destination
Zagat, 2016

Greenville County, South Carolina is a vibrant, exciting place to call home! With suburban areas, dynamic downtowns, and rural areas, Greenville County offers something for everyone. The quality of life is second to none, with abundant choices in outdoor activities, cultural events, and sports.



Greenville County Schools Education Plan

Five Goal Areas

- Goal 1:** Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.
- Goal 2:** Ensure quality personnel in all positions.
- Goal 3:** Provide a school environment supportive of learning.
- Goal 4:** Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources.
- Goal 5:** Improve public understanding and support of public schools.



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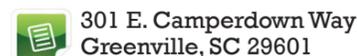
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To Find Out More

You can find detailed information on the Parent page of our website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us. If you would like to talk to a Customer Service Representative or request information on a specific topic, please call our Service Center at 864-355-3100.



Greenville County Schools Building a Better GRADUATE



Creating Career and College Ready Students

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ACT WorkKeys (Grade 11)

89.7%

of Students Earned **BRONZE or Higher**



Graduation Rate

at an all-time high of

86.8%



20%

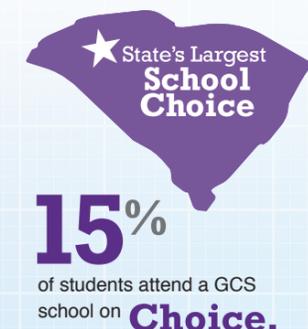
increase (14.4 percentage points) since 2012.



19.2

Our students' average **ACT College Entrance Test Score**

exceeds the state average of 18.5.



A-1+ Aa1

GCS received the highest possible credit ratings for SC school districts: A-1+ by Standard & Poor's and Aa1 by Moody's.

About Greenville County Schools (SC)

Greenville County Schools is an exciting place to learn with high student achievement, outstanding teachers, and a wide variety of academic offerings. We have the state's largest school choice program with 15% of our students attending a GCS school on choice.

Our schools are widely recognized for excellence at the state and national levels, earning awards such as National Blue Ribbon and Palmetto's Finest. Our schools boast numerous state academic and athletic champions.

Size

National Rank in Size	44
Student Enrollment	76,951
Employees	10,095

Schools and Centers

Elementary	50
K-8	1
Middle	19
High	14
Career Technology Centers	4
Child Development Centers	6
Special Centers	7
Average Age of Schools	13 Years
Square Miles	800

Schools

National Blue Ribbon Schools (Outstanding Academic Achievement)	13
Newsweek's Best High Schools	9
Palmetto's Finest Schools (State's Top Schools)	21

District

General Fund Budget	\$575.9 Million
Financial Reporting Award of Excellence	30 Years (Consecutive)
School Construction Program	Nationally Recognized

Community

PTA Membership (Largest in SC)	28,280
Local PTA Units	85
School Improvement Councils	90

LOW
Administrative Cost
of **1.5 Cents**
per dollar maximizes
funding for instruction
and support of students.

Outstanding Teachers

Outstanding teachers are at the center of student achievement. GCS has more National Board Certified (NBC) teachers – 684 – than 24 states, and we rank 13th of 14,000 school districts in the nation for total number of NBC teachers.

Quality teaching is supported and enhanced in modern school facilities equipped with cutting-edge technology, such as Promethean Boards with Internet access, Chromebooks, iPads, and computer labs where students connect to resources both within the District and around the world.

Teachers continue to expand their content knowledge and teaching practices. Teachers must earn a minimum of 120 renewal credits every five years through college credit hours, a combination of graduate level classes and renewal credits, or through professional development courses.

GCS is
13th
of
14,000
districts nationwide
for number of
**National Board
Certified Teachers.**

Teachers

Total	5,323
Average Years of Experience	12.4
Master's Degree or Higher	65.5%
Average Salary	\$49,785

**GREENVILLE COUNTY
SCHOOLS**
Where Enlightening Strikes!

Student Achievement (2015-16)

- Our students' average ACT College Entrance Test score of 19.2 outscore the state average of 18.5.
- GCS students outscore the state and nation on the SAT College Entrance Test with an average score of 1483 versus 1446 (SC) and 1453 (nation).
- 3,984 AP Exams scored 3-5 (possible college credit)
- 1,687 Dual Credit Hours earned
- 478 Industry Certifications earned

The Class of 2016
received

\$121.7
million
in college
scholarships offers.

2015-16 Graduates | 4,570

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Greenville County Schools
We're Building a Better **GRADUATE!**

high school diploma + college credit + industry certification =

Graduation Plus provides GCS students with opportunities to graduate with a diploma **PLUS** college credits and/or industry certifications!

School Offerings

Child Development Centers

Four-year-old students with the greatest educational need may enroll in 4K programs at six child development centers and some elementary schools.

Elementary Schools

Elementary schools serve students in five-year-old kindergarten through fifth grade. In addition to core subject areas, students receive instruction in health, art, music, physical education, and computer use. The Challenge Program serves academically gifted and talented third, fourth and fifth grade students.

Middle Schools

Sixth through eighth grade students are served in GCS middle schools offering a variety of academic and athletic programs. The middle school curriculum includes core offerings of language arts, social studies, science, and math. Students may also explore special interests such as drama, foreign language, music, and art. Middle school students have the opportunity to take high school courses toward graduation.

High Schools

High schools serve students in grades 9 through 12. Students must earn 24 units of credit in approved courses to graduate. Our high schools offer a wide range of academic offerings such as Advanced Placement to earn college credit, Honors, foreign languages, arts and humanities, and technology courses. High school students and their parents develop Individual Graduation Plans.

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular offerings feature athletics at middle and high schools, academic clubs and competitions, fine arts such as strings, band and chorus, speech and debate, and various student organizations such as Beta Club and National Honor Society. Elementary students can participate in after-school activities such as Student Council, robotics, and book, fitness and writing clubs.

School Choice

Students may attend a school other than their assigned school through a Change in School Assignment Choice Request or by applying to a Magnet Academy. About 15% of our students attend a GCS school on choice.

INFOline
864.355.3100

Website
www.greenville.k12.sc.us

Non-traditional School Programs

Greenville Early College

The Greenville Early College Program serves 6th-10th graders in a personalized learning environment that provides the skills and tools to assist them toward becoming the first in their families to attend college. Greenville Early College is a partnership between Greenville County Schools, Clemson University, Furman University, the University Center, and USC Upstate.

Group Homes & Residential Treatment Facilities Program

The Group Homes and Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) program provides educational services to students who reside in state-regulated group homes, residential treatment facilities, and detention centers. The curriculum is based on South Carolina standards where students take online courses as well as classes taught by teachers in the classroom.

Home School

Parents may home school through the school district by completing an application and providing a copy of their high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) to the Home School Office.

Lifelong Learning

The Lifelong Learning Program (Adult Education) provides academic and pre-employment education and training opportunities for students 17 years of age and older who wish to continue their basic education or improve work-related skills.

Satellite Diploma Program

The Satellite Diploma Program, housed at the district's four career centers, serves students who are 17 or older and have few credits toward graduation. Students and parents interested in the program should contact their school principal for more information.

Star Academy

Star Academy is an academic acceleration program for students who have failed one or two grades prior to the eighth grade. Any GCS student may attend. An application and interview process are required.

Twilight High School Program

The Twilight High School Program offers an option to traditional high school for students who have failed a class, need credits to graduate, or need a more flexible schedule. Students must be 15 years of age or older and attend a GCS high school or career center at least a half-day.

Virtual School

Virtual School courses are taught online for qualified 7th-12th grade students. The South Carolina Virtual School Program offers online courses for rising 9th-12th graders.

Special Focus Schools & Centers

Career Technology Centers

Four career technology centers offer a variety of courses that prepare students for postsecondary training or the workforce.

Fine Arts Center

The FAC provides advanced arts instruction in theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, architecture, fiber arts, and digital film-making.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Programs are offered at four high schools located in different geographic areas of the county.

Magnet Academies

The academic program of each magnet academy gives students an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent, or skill.

Roper Mountain Science Center

Roper Mountain Science Center offers programs for students in all areas of science that reinforce concepts studied in the classroom.

STEM and STEAM

A.J. Whittenberg Elementary, Fountain Inn Elementary, Hughes Middle Academy, Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle, Rudolph Gordon Elementary, Sevier Middle, and Summit Drive Elementary have implemented a school-wide focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) or STEAM (STEM plus the Arts) education.

Sterling School (K-8)

Sterling School serves as an elementary school of choice (4K-5th grade) and is also the home of Charles Townes Gifted Center for gifted students in grades 3 through 8.

Special Needs Programs & Centers

Medical Homebound

Medical homebound instruction is provided for students who are recovering at home due to illness, accident, or pregnancy.

Special Education

Options are provided for students with disabilities ranging in age from 3-21. Each student follows an Individual Education Plan (IEP) developed by the school and parents.

Washington Center

Washington Center serves moderate to severe mentally or physically disabled students ages 3 to 21.

West Greenville School

West Greenville is a school for students with behavioral challenges, providing curriculum based on SC standards and intensive social and emotional supports.

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