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.

Greenville County's Schools
Where Enlightening Strikes

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

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

- J. 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.

School Construction Program

12.4 million square feet & 3,000 acres

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19.2 Our students' average ACT College Entrance Test Score exceeds the state average of 18.5.
34,500+ likes on Facebook 13,800+ Twitter Followers
3.1 Million Visitors to GCS Website.

Praise for Our School's

State's Lasting School Choice

15% of students attend a GCS school.

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

ACT WorkKeys (Grade 11)
89.7% of Students Earned BRONZE or Higher

Graduation Rate
86.8%
20% increase (14.4 percentage points) since 2012.

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Greenville, SC 29601

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.

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30,109 Employees

76,951 Students

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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 extracurricular 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.

Outstanding Teachers

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

School Offerings

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 job-related skills.

Non-traditional School Programs

The Greenville Early College Program serves sixth through eleventh graders in a personalized 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.

School Choice

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

Special Needs Programs

The Greenville Early College Program serves students who are recovering at home and who 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

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Satellite Diploma Program

The Satellite Diploma Program, housed at the district’s four career centers, serves students who are 17 or older and have fewer 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.

Twillight 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 13 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 grade students.

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 Centers

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

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs

Programs are offered at four high schools that are 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.

Special Needs Programs

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 age 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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