

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

2015's Hottest New Vacation Destinations
CBS News, January 2015

Best Small Cities for Cycling
Bicycling Magazine, June 2012

Best Places to Retire
AARP, 2013

9th Best Park in the U.S. - Falls Park on the Reedy
Trip Advisor, 2013

Top 10 Tastiest Towns in the South
Southern Living Magazine, February 2013



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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Greenville County Schools

Greenville, SC

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101 schools & centers

72,712 Students

9,506 employees

22.0

Our students' average ACT College Entrance Test score of 22.0 exceeds the state (20.4) and national (21.0) averages.

99% of teachers are Highly Qualified. **100%** are fully certified.

888,042 Volunteer Hours

School Report Cards **97.7%** of schools earned ratings of Excellent, Good or Average on their School Report Card.

State's Largest School Choice Program

15% of students (10,000) attend on Choice.

AA+ Aa1

GCS received the highest credit ratings possible for SC school districts: AA+ 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 (10,000+) attending 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.

46th Largest School System in Nation	72,712
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	11 Years
Square Miles	800

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

District	
General Fund Budget	\$506.9 Million
Financial Reporting Award of Excellence	28 Years (<i>Consecutive</i>)
School Construction Program	Nationally Recognized

Community	
PTA Membership (<i>Largest in SC</i>)	37,795
Local PTA Units	85
School Improvement Councils	95
Volunteer Hours (2013-14)	888,042



LOW
Administrative Cost
of **1.3 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 – 667 – 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, laptop computers, 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.



Teachers	
Total	5,008
Average Years of Experience	12.8
Master's Degree or Higher	65.4%
Average Salary	\$47,394


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

Student Achievement

- Our students' average ACT College Entrance Test score of 22.0 consistently outcores the state (20.4) and national (21.0) averages.
- GCS students outscore their peers in SC on the SAT College Entrance Test with an average score of 1467 versus 1429 statewide.
- 90% of GCS graduates pursue higher education.
- GCS boasts 19 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists (2014-15).
- The GCS graduation rate of 81.7% has increased 12.8% (9.3 percentage points) over two years.

Students	
Total (3K-12) - 15th Day	72,712
Graduates (2013-14)	4,200

The Class of 2014
received
\$113.9
million
in college
scholarships.



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

Fifty 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 19 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

Fourteen 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.

Magnet Academies

Magnet academies offer specialized studies in areas such as communication arts, global studies, health professions, languages, science and mathematics, engineering, law, and other areas.

County-wide International Baccalaureate Program

A comprehensive K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) education is offered to students in the four geographic areas of the county. The IB curriculum focuses on high academic standards, international understanding, citizenship, and second language proficiency.

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. More than 10,000 students (15%) attend school on choice.



Non-traditional School Programs

Greenville Early College

The Greenville Early College Program serves 6th-8th 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 program provides curriculum based on South Carolina standards with innovative instructional delivery models which include blended virtual and traditional classroom approaches.

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, who struggle in traditional high school and have few credits toward graduation. The program is provided online with teachers available to tutor and help students. 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 16 years of age or older and attend a GCS high school or career center at least a half-day each week.

Virtual School

Virtual School courses are taught online for qualified middle and high school students. The South Carolina Virtual School Program offers online courses for high school credit and credit recovery to students under the age of 21.



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. Students take these courses as electives and attend for half-days.

Fine Arts Center

The FAC provides advanced arts instruction in theatre, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing, architecture, and digital filmmaking. Students attend the Fine Arts Center in the morning or afternoon, spending the remainder of their time at their home high school.

Roper Mountain Science Center

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

Sterling School (K-8)

Sterling School serves as an elementary school of choice (4K-5th grade) with children from the school's surrounding neighborhoods provided first choice to attend. The school is also the home of the Charles Townes Gifted Center for gifted students in grades three through eight.

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

Teaching, learning and programming options are provided for students with disabilities ranging in age from 3 to 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. West Greenville provides curriculum based on SC standards, and includes intensive social and emotional supports to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and to prepare them for post-school opportunities.

